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Dedication

~To the early settlers and pioneers of the Two Hills District who persevered the adversities of a new land...

~To their descendants who followed in the footsteps of our pioneers and laid a firm foundation for our communities...

~To the present generation whose heritage has been enriched by the contributions of their forefathers

~This history book is gratefully dedicated.

APPRECIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Two Hills history book would not have become a reality without the assistance of many individuals. Among these is the organizational book committee pictured below.

Organizational Committee, 1984. Front row, (L to R) - Elsie Rybak, Earl Wright, Steve Miskiw, Mike Kostek, Andy Gorgichuk, Alice Miskiw; second row - Lillian Basaraba, Anne Shchurek, Steve Orleski, Peter Kachmar, William Buk, Mike Kachmar, Wm. D. Hryciw; third row - Mike Pawliuk, Nestor Hryciw, Stephen P. Mulka, Tony Sawchuk, Mike Romaniuk. Missing from picture: Elsie Choban, Nick Olinyk, George Kachmar, Nick Stoski, Joyce Rosychuk, Mary Teresio.

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This Book Production Committee received valuable assistance from present and former members of the Two Hills community and their contributions are indeed, appreciated. Because a listing of all of these individuals is not possible, a general acknowledgement is offered at this juncture.

Members of the Book Production Committee spent hundreds of hours researching, interviewing, writing, revising, and rewriting family histories and stories which appear in this publication. Their perseverance and dedication is certainly worthy of praise and to them we are indebted for their efforts to record and preserve our local history.

To Steve Miskiw who spearheaded the publication of this history book we pay a special tribute. Without his initiative this book would not have become a reality.

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Most history books contain errors in structure, spelling and in historic fact or detail. Ours is no ception! It is not a literary masterpiece; it is not a flawl document of historic events.

In spite of intense proof-reading and rechecking, know that errors will appear and for that we apolog and ask for your understanding. The little poem wh follows this message may better help to explain plight.

We find satisfaction in the fact that we've done historic bit for posterity. However those of you w assisted in this project should also take pride in accomplishment.

Edi

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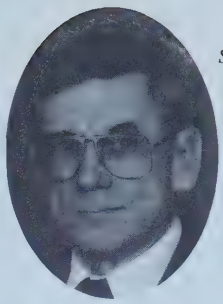
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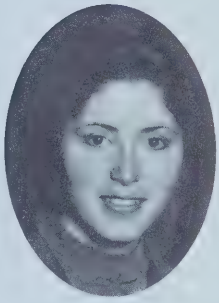
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Thoughts Which Have Kept Us Awake Nights

No book is entirely perfect
For errors will creep in;
Sometimes wrong information sent
Is what commits the sin.

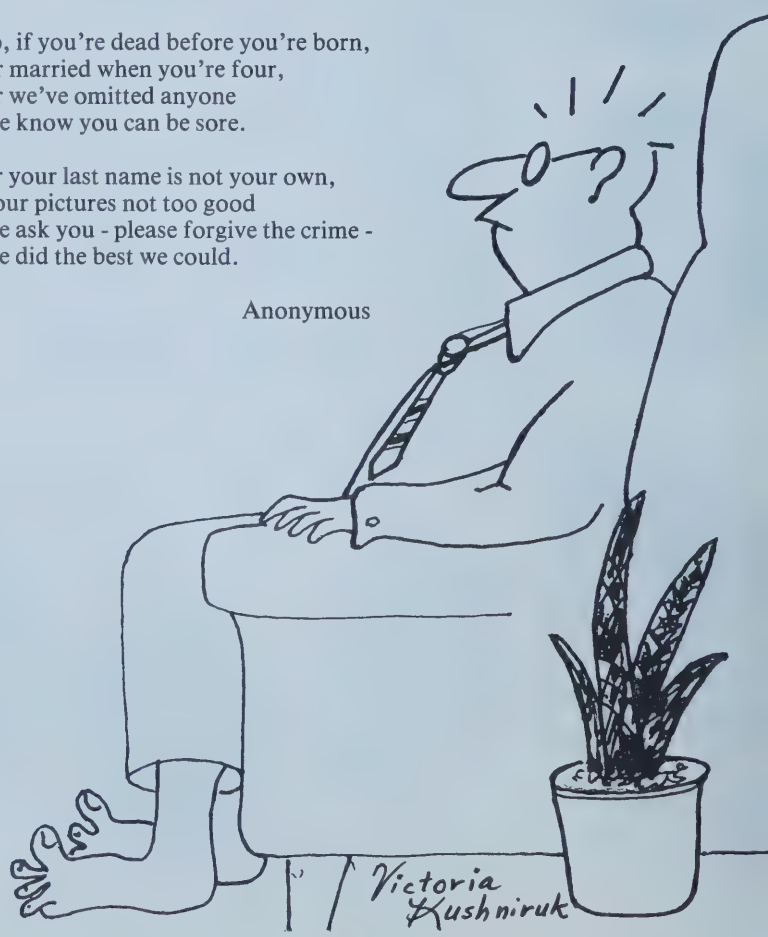
And even printers make mistakes
For which they tear their hair.
Sometimes two people disagree
On who, or when, or where.

It might have been the person
Who wrote the history;
It might have been the typist
For blame can fall so free.

So, if you're dead before you're born,
Or married when you're four,
Or we've omitted anyone
We know you can be sore.

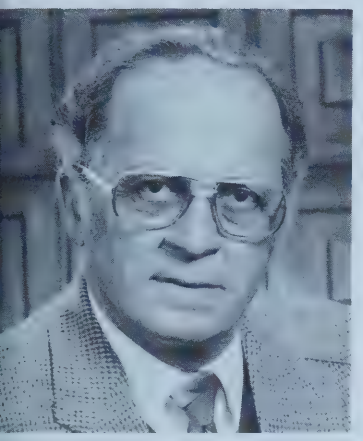
Or your last name is not your own,
Your pictures not too good
We ask you - please forgive the crime -
We did the best we could.

Anonymous



Messages

The Town of Two Hills history began in 1927. The arrival of the early pioneers and the building of the C.P.R. trackage created a need for an agricultural service center. Thus, the start of a community today known as Two Hills.



Memories are often lost due to rapid technological changes in the era we now live. Community history not only brings back the constructive past, but also strengthens our bonds to reach out to achieve a greater future.

The reader of this publication will always treasure and relive the history of days and years gone by.

I would like to express my gratitude to the staff of the History Book Committee who dedicated countless number of tiring hours to the research and editing, but in the final analysis attained their reward by the publication of our memories of yesteryear.

Mayor Wm. Melnychuk

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

County Of Two Hills No. 21

It is my pleasure to offer a message for the Two Hills and District History Book. It is gratifying to see a project of this magnitude being undertaken by interested and dedicated men and women of the community. The history book committee along with the contributors to the anthology are to be congratulated for the important legacy that they will leave to generations which follow.

Any desirable group venture - especially one which requires a high degree of personal commitment and dedication - must be approached with a positive attitude and a great deal of enthusiasm. A positive attitude usually yields positive results and enthusiasm is an attitude. When individuals are given the opportunity to create or build something, their commitment to the task is greater. High expectations toward the fulfillment of a group goal contribute to cohesiveness and goal-centred behavior.

It is my thesis that a group, system or institution must generate a commitment to goal-directed behavior tempered with an attitude of high expectations. If this is not done, a group will not achieve the results of which it is capable. The commitment which the history book committee has made demonstrates a dedication to high ideals and high expectations.

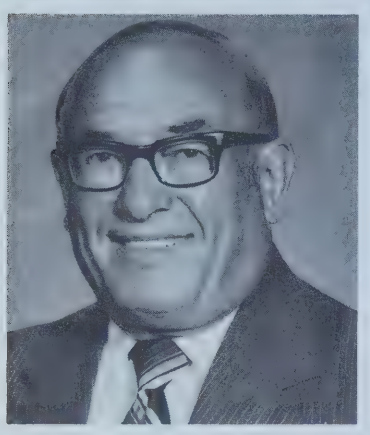
Again I must congratulate all those who have dedicated themselves to the successful completion of this book. I am confident that the project will be successful, the final product of top quality, and the benefits thus offered to future generations immeasurable.

D.L. Yakimowich
Superintendent of Schools

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
ALBERTA

Edmund Burke once wrote that "history is a pact between the dead, the living and yet the unborn".

This quotation could certainly be used to describe the purpose of a community history book - the story of an area written by its present citizens about their forefathers so that future generations may understand and appreciate the sacrifices, efforts and dreams of those who settled in the community and helped it grow.



I am pleased to see that the Two Hills district is producing such a history book and I commend all those who spent many untiring hours in compiling the reams of material needed to make a successful publication. Two Hills is a dynamic community full of public-spirited individuals who have contributed in making the community and region as progressive and well-respected as it is. It is fitting your story should be preserved for posterity.

May I wish the readers of this book many hours of exciting and colorful entertainment.

JOHN BATIUK, M.L.A.

Office of the County Administrator

County Of Two Hills No. 21

Congratulations to all the people who so diligently and with dedication worked so hard compiling all the information to produce this beautiful history book.

Generation after generation see themselves in the eyes of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. This history book is our forefathers legacy, what they worked so hard for, and history for future generations.

This book I'm sure will give many happy hours of reading pleasure with family and friends sharing memories and reminiscing the past.

With sincerity,

Walter Verenka
Reeve

Minister of Transport Ministre des Transports

CANADA

It gives me great pleasure to extend warmest congratulations to all those associated with this publication of the history of Two Hills. There is no doubt that, for many, this book will recall many fond memories of this community since its inception to its present day status.

My good wishes go out to all of you that you will long enjoy Two Hills' growth and prosperity in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Don Mazankowski
Minister of Transport

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MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE MARY J. LEMESSURIER

MINISTER OF CULTURE

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the people of Two Hills and surrounding area for the wonderful job they have done in compiling a history of Two Hills and district.

The hard work and unique history of the early settlers contributed greatly to the development and character of the Province of Alberta, and I know your book will express the pride we all feel in the courage and determination shown by pioneers such as those who settled in this area.

This book will most certainly become a permanent record that will enshrine for future generations and strong sense of community and the tremendous achievements that have been accomplished by these pioneers.

To the Two Hills and District Historical Society, I offer my warmest congratulations.

With Grateful Appreciation

The Two Hills Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the generous donations of clubs, organizations, busir establishments and individuals in the district. These, along with a $5,000 grant from Alberta Culture, are very m appreciated. The financial assistance provided by these benefactors has helped to make the publication of *Do Memory Trails* a reality.

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INTRODUCTION

The days of oxen yokes, of sod-roofed homes, of omemade lye soap, wild rabbit stew, home-sewn sheep-kin garb, felt boots, and wallpaper ordered from the T. aton catalogue are now a memory only to those whose ges exceed threescore years and ten.

Gone are the wooden wagons, the Bennett buggies, the emocrats, as well as the Model Ts which once traversed ne muddy trails and corrugated roads of the com-nunities. Paved highways now crisscross the district, and ne horse-drawn wagons and buggies, which were a com-non sight in the 30s, are now relegated to agricultural nuseums.

Gone, too, is the steam railroad locomotive and the assenger train that once made daily trips to the big city. he livery barn, with its pungent ammonia odors, is no nore; and the village cobbler humped over a hand-driven ewing machine which repaired leather harnesses has also isappeared.

Television antennae now pierce the atmosphere above lmost every home in the district, and modern stereo sets nd video tape-recorders have replaced the harmonica, ne gramophone and the once-monthly flickering motion ictures in the village hall. Battery radios have been eplaced by sophisticated transistorized AM and FM eceivers which are even built into modern tractors that ow do the work of 50 horses in a single day.

No longer visible are the white and green one-room chools and teacherages, the school barns, and the boys' nd girls' outhouses which once fell victim to pranksters ho roamed the district on Hallowe'en night.

Three-act plays, card parties, and dancing to three-piece orchestras in the numerous country halls, are fast disappearing activities. Victoria Day celebrations and country picnics - with their greased pig competitions and foot-races for ages six to 60 - have been replaced by ball tournaments highlighted by thousand dollar prizes awarded to teams whose membership rarely can be traced to pioneer ancestory in the district.

Where merchants such as Jacob K. Olinyk and Henry Pozer once advertised horse harnesses, wooden boxed Japanese oranges and dried fruit, the district now boasts of supermarkets and specialty stores with a wide variety of goods from all parts of the world. No longer can a bare-footed lad buy large three-for-a-cent bubble gum at Krawchuk's store, and the 5¢ ice cream cone is but a memory. Vestiges of four-for-five-cents Turret cigarettes and paper labels from pop bottles can be seen only in the prized collections of antique buffs.

Life has changed significantly in the Two Hills district during the past 80 years, and we are thankful, indeed, to those early pioneers who lived and developed the com-munity during difficult times. It is their perserverance, hard work, and faith in the land, that has made this area one of the most viable and progressive communities in the province.

To those early pioneers of the Two Hills district who laid the foundation for our community, this history book is gratefully dedicated.

- Editor

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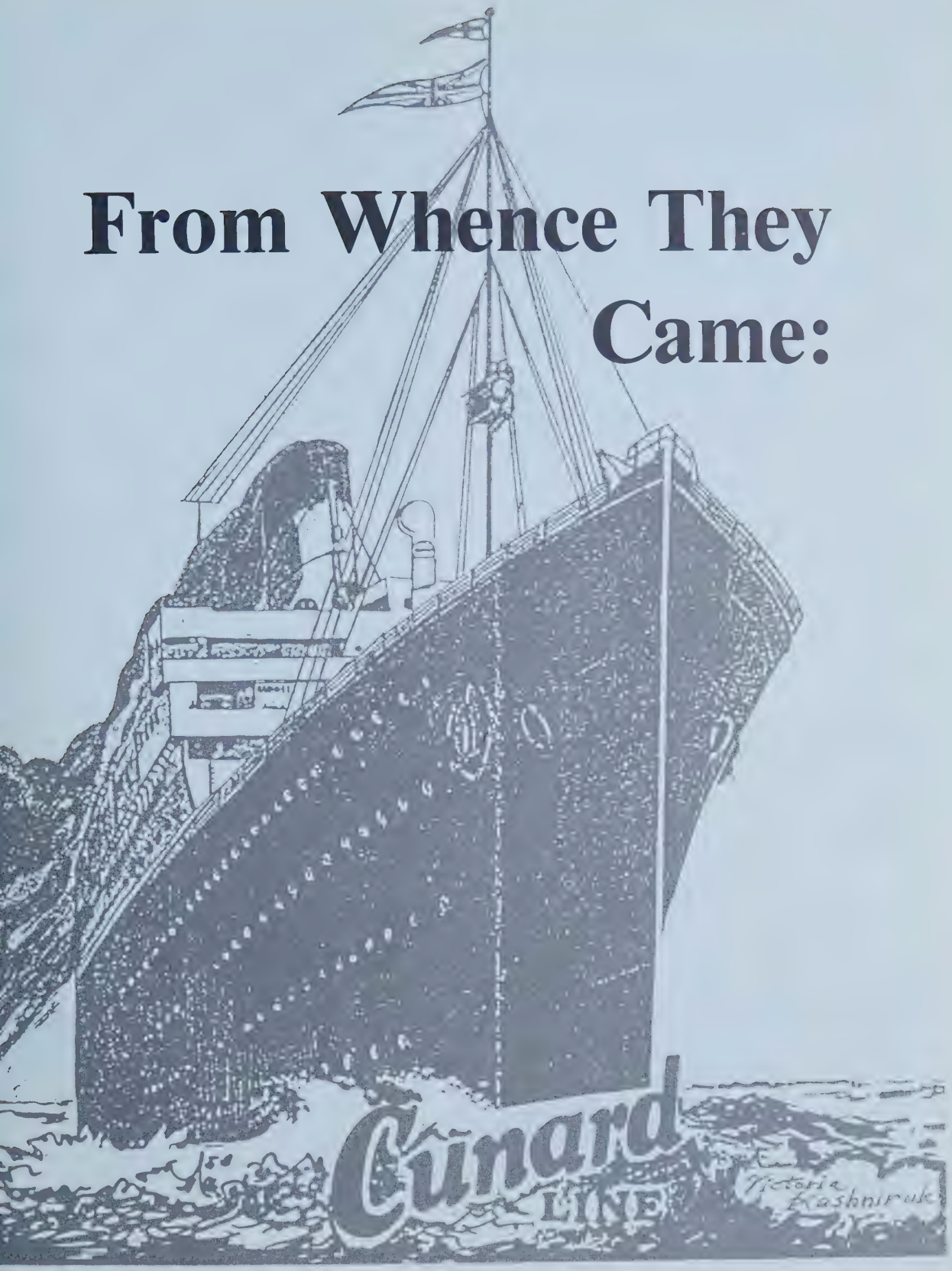

FROM WHENCE THEY CAME

The story of the Two Hills community goes beyond the memories of the thousands of residents who now live in the district. For that reason, we have often had to rely on second and third generation interpretations and recollections of stories relating to events that transpired more than fourscore years ago. As well, thanks to access granted to old *Vegreville Observer* microfilms, some of the newsworthy events in the 1906-1946 period have been reviewed and retrieved to present glimpses of life in the early years of the Two Hills community.

Perhaps the first question to be answered in the writing of a community history is the query "Where did they come from and why did the first settlers come to such an uninhabited and inhospitable area of the Northwest Territories some 90 years ago?" Why did our forefathers sacrifice the comforts of a warmer climate and the security and friendship of their families and friends? Why did they strike out to areas inhabited only by native Indians, and plagued by inclement weather and myriads of mosquitoes which often made pioneer life miserable, indeed?

The first pioneers who arrived in the Two Hills area before the turn of the century settled in the Ben's Lake district some ten miles southwest of the present town of Two Hills. Their ethnic backgrounds included English, Scottish, German, and Scandinavian ancestry. Some of them, as indicated in family histories, came from Eastern Canada, and some from the United States. Their motives for immigrating were diverse, but most journeyed to the Two Hills area to make a new start in life, or for economic gain, or for adventure.

CANADA
The New Home Land.

CANADA presents a strong appeal to all who wish to make a new home in a new land. This is especially true of its appeal to the people of Great Britain and Ireland. Canada is the nearest to the Motherland of all the great Dominions of the British Commonwealth—only a few days' journey lie between Britain and Canada. Modern ocean liners have brought the coast of Canada within five days of Liverpool.

Canada is situated mainly in the North Temperate Zone, in the latitudes in which the people of the United Kingdom have been born and brought up. The climate is particularly suited to the white race. It is a land of homes—the "New Home Land" of the British people—a land where all who are intelligent and industrious may reasonably expect success. British people soon find themselves at home in Canada. It is a British country, with British customs and ideals; Britons going to Canada do not change their allegiance; they are still under the British flag.

Immigration leaflet of the Canadian government, urging British subjects to settle in Canada, circa 1900

The first homestead filed for in the Two Hills distr was registered in the name of Tom Watt, a veteran of Canadian militia active in the Northwest (Riel) Rebelli of 1885. Watt filed for his homestead in 1894, in the lu valley of the Vermilion River some ten miles southwest present-day Two Hills. The area was dotted with ma lakes and grass-growing meadows. Watt and oth pioneers established successful ranches which soon panded and prospered. Cattle raising and horse breedi soon became a thriving industry in the district.

Reference to Tom Watt and other early pioneers oft appeared in the *Vegreville Observer*:

For almost a decade the Two Hills district w populated primarily by English speaking settlers Cinnamons, Youngs, Taylors, Gillises, Fifes, Smit Shoffs, Pozers, Richardson and others.

It was not until the turn of the century that immigra from central and eastern Europe arrived in the ar

SAM ENGLISH WINS PRIZES AT CALGARY

Apr 29 - 1914

Vegreville Breeder is Successful at Annual Stock Show. Gets Good Prices for Animals Sold.

S. R. English Lanuke, has returned from the Horse and Pure Bred Bull Show at Calgary, where he exhibited fifteen head of Shorthorn Bulls. Amongst this herd three yearlings were entered for competition. One was awarded first prize in the class under eighteen months, and was reserved for the championship for all ages. This young bull was sold after the exhibition at the public auction for $205. He was sired by "Meteor's Last" who was bred by J. G. Barron, Carberry, Man. His dam "Ninga Jubilee" who formerly carried off the sweepstakes at Winnipeg, was raised by the late Hon. Thos. Greenway, an ex-premier of Manitoba.

The second yearling entered by Mr. English won the fourth prize in a field of twenty. At the auction sale it realized $145. The third sold for $185, but received no award.

It is often erroneously stated that the climate in Alberta is so very cold, and this idea seems so prevalent to those living in the States, (too far away to know the truth) it might be to their advantage to take particular notice of this experience (one of many) proving the fallacy of the above idea. Mr. English raises all of his stock, including these exhibits, outside, they having access only to the straw piles and some hay occasionally, not a bite of grain or the inside of a barn did they ever see. Let it be clearly understood that his treatment of his stock is not a singular instance, but is the regular course practiced and recommended by all farmers who understands the right methods of farming in Alberta.

Vegreville Observer, April 29, 1914

Thos. Watt of Pozervilie was in Calgary attending the annual sale of pure bred stock. He brought back with him two Shorthorn bulls which will be added to his herd at his ranch. The animals are of the very choicest stock and were much admired by those who saw them after they were unloaded here. S. R. English of Lainuk also attended the sale at Calgary and disposed of a number of his pure bred Shorthorns. Indian Agent Batty of Saddle Lake made some purchases of bulls for the Agency and these were brought in with Mr. Watt's and taken out last week.

Vegreville Observer, June 3, 1908

Among these were the Soldans, Bachinskys, Buks, Romyns, Najdziaks, Yuskows, Kitzes, Haluschaks, Shchureks, Olyniks, Slevinskys, Gorgichuks, Arichuks, Sliuks, Verenkas, et al.

In the early 1890s, promotional news of almost-free Canadian land and political freedom reached the Ukrainian provinces of Bukovina and Galicia then under Austrian rule.

One of the recruiters of settlers from central Europe was the legendary Father Lacombe, one of the early missionaries in the Edmonton settlement. The black-robed missionary actually visited central and eastern Europe in 1900, with the express purpose of seeking settlers and Ruthenian (Ukrainian) priests for the District of Alberta, then a portion of the Northwest Territories.

A few years prior to Father Lacombe's visit, news of Canada as a land of "milk and honey" was being circulated in Europe by the first two Ukrainian immigrants to arrive and settle in the Edna-Star area some 50 miles west of the Two Hills district. These first two settlers, Ivan Pylypow and Wasyl Eleniak, along with a Dr. Joseph Oleskiw, who toured Canada in 1895, wrote glowing reports about the wonderful country, and thus increased the flow of immigrants to Canada.

As a result of these initial encouraging gestures and an active immigration policy by the Canadian government, it is estimated that in the 23-year-period between 1891 and 1914, approximately 185,000 Ukrainians, mostly from the Austrian provinces of Galicia and Bukovina arrived in Canada.

J.G. MacGregor, in his book *Vilni Zemli: Freelands,* refers to the settlement of Ukrainians in the Two Hills area at the turn of the century.

> The year 1902, when 1,157 more Ukrainians came to Alberta, saw many settle on good land but many more on poor stony soil. The good lands claimed included a few sections in the Smoky Lake area, several near Kaleland, and a large area extending north and east of Vegreville through New Kiew and on towards Two Hills. The poorer soil which fell to the lot of the impatient peasants who chose hastily included the rough glaciated area near Ispas and Szypenitz. By this time the Ukrainians had advanced along a front thirty miles wide which pushed the fringe of their settlement as far east as modern Two Hills.
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> The lot of the 1,150 Slavs who came during 1903 and who again expanded the Ukrainian frontier varied from poor to very good. That year saw a major influx into some four townships of good soil mainly south and west of modern Smoky Lake town. It also saw some of the poorer lands extending north and south of Two Hills settled. These vacant lands east of the already large Ukrainian colony and extending for some thirty miles south of the North Saskatchewan River were definitely inferior in quality. At this time, though the Ukrainians did not happen upon them, thousands of sections of good land lay untouched farther south and east.

Photo courtesy of the Public Archives of Canada

Canadian Government advertisement in Austrian newspaper, 1896. The advertisement indicates that 200,000,000 acres of land are available in Canada and that each settler is eligible for 160 acres or 130 morgs of free land.

... During 1904 and 1905 they began to spill over into the township east of Smoky Lake and to settle along White Earth Creek. They also filed on the rough, stony land around Plain Lake and from there north to the Saskatchewan River. For a year or so longer they continued to bypass the poor area south of Morecambe, but swinging around its southern end the eager immigrants swept east across the valley of the Vermilion River until they reached nearly to modern Myrnam. During these two years very little of the area they homesteaded south of the North Saskatchewan River contained even moderately good soil, but since these lands were wooded and were adjacent to areas already settled by their compatriots, the Ukrainians hastened to take them up. Yet even at the end of 1906, when much of the expansion of the Ukrainian settlements near Edmonton was over, only 190,698 homesteads had been taken up in all of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and an additional 350,000 quarters of land were still available and a great deal of it was excellent soil.

On the poorer lands at the eastern edge of the expanded Star colony, beside small clearings which climbed a stony or fertile ridge or had been hacked out of the bush of the flat valley areas, a small house, hastily erected of knotted and often twisted poplar poles, and plastered over with a mixture of mud and straw, indicated the beginning of what would eventually become a busy homestead. Wagon trails, twisting around sloughs or worming their way up or around hillsides, led from one newly cleared patch to another, and all such trails eventually led to one of the main arteries that connected the remote primitive settlements to Edmonton.

There were three of these arteries, on which the Northwest Territories government had expanded a pittance it could nevertheless ill afford to grade the roadbed, bridge creeks, or even corduroy some of the low spots. The first one was the Victoria Trail on the north side of the river. The second, on the south side of the river, was the south Victoria Trail, otherwise known as the Winnipeg Trail. It headed east through Star, skirted the north shore of Whitford Lake, turned southeast till it passed the Hairy Hill and entered the gully which brought it out to the Vermilion River near the small glacial knobs - the two hills. From there for some ten miles it kept to the firm land immediately north of the Chain of Lakes, or the Vermilion Lakes, until it reached the neighbourhood of modern Morecambe. The third main trail heading east had branched off from the south Victoria Trail near modern Lamont and swung off the right to give access to the settlements on the west and east shores of Beaverhill Lake. It had been extended easterly by Father Morin's colonists who had started the Vegreville settlement.

It is in connection with this trail that Harry Hrehirchuk had his most vivid memories of mud, because for miles the trail wandered over low wet lands between Chipman and Beaverhill Lake and crossed Beaverhill Creek on a crude ferry. Indeed, its continuous stretch of mudholes was one of the reasons why the Ukrainians, making the trip to Edmonton for supplies, travelled in cavalcades so that they could all pitch in to help each other along.

These three trails, then, fair and dusty in dry weather, a continuous string of mudholes during the spring or in rainy weather, and firm, speedy tracks when covered with snow packed by passing sleighs - these three tracks formed the main arteries connecting the strung-out Ukrainian settlements to Edmonton. City-bound travellers of the year 1905 making the 75- or 100-mile trip from Smoky Lake, the two hills, or the Vegreville homesteads, had stretched out before them the whole story of ten years' progress in the new settlements. Leaving the two hills, for instance, where no shack was more than a year old and no clearing boasted more than eight or ten acres, the west-bound traveller passed in turn from primitive pioneering conditions to well established farms near Star, Bruderheim or Fort Saskatchewan.

Near the two hills the pioneers' homes were

Hairy Hill, Alberta, April 1st, 1911.

The Secretary,
Vegreville Board of Trade,

Dear Sir:—

I came to the Vegreville district from southern Ohio in the spring of 1904, and have never regretted my moving here.

I have found that by intelligent labor, one can grow good crops of wheat, oats, barley, peas, flax and garden truck here every year. In the year 1910, although it was considered a poor one, I raised 25 bushels wheat and over 40 bushels of oats per acre, and an abundance of potatoes and garden truck.

The country is advancing very rapidly along the lines of pedigreed stock, good roads and telephones. There have been a number of carloads of pedigreed horses unloaded here this spring and sold to the farmers throughout the district. Stock raising of all kinds and especially horses and cattle, is a very profitable business, as there is an abundance of the very best pasture throughout the district.

Land can be bought at prices ranging from $10 to $25 per acre, and the price is advancing rapidly.

This is one of the best spots in the Last Great West and is destined to be a great wealth producing country.

(Sgd) C. T. McGowan.

Letter to Editor of Vegreville Observer, April 1, 1911

nearly all one-room shacks, or rather shelters, walled with poles, plastered with mud, and roofed with sods. At times there was a separate byre for the farm animals, but in other instances during those early days when the Ukrainians were striving desperately to gain their toe-hold on their new quarters some of the animals were allowed in the house.

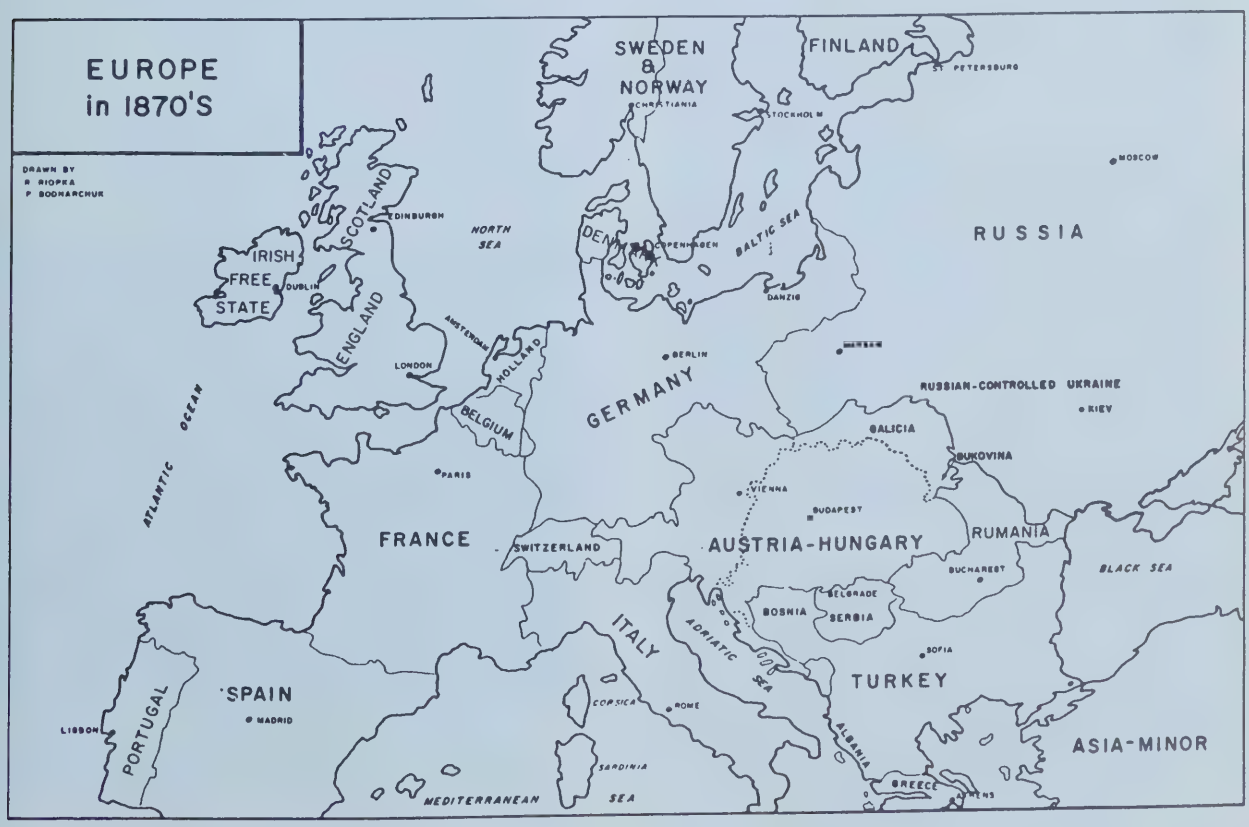
Mention of livestock in the house brings to mind an evening recalled by Dick Reid, one-time premier of Alberta. One night during 1904 he enjoyed the very welcome hospitality of one of these Ukrainian pioneers, and in his usual clear-sighted, kindly way he later wrote a description of the settler's home which sheltered him.

... The main building was a single combination home-barn structure that housed all the farm stock, cattle, hogs, and chickens in one end, with a large room in the other for the family, father, mother and a number of young children, including a baby. There was only one door into the building and it opened into the alleyway behind the cattle stalls. Entering this door, you turned to the left, and at the end of this passage you came to an inner door, usually left open, that led into the home. At one end of the room, there was one of those large home-built continental stoves, that following the usual pattern had a quite small fireplace but an extensive platform surrounding it on which the family slept. At the other end of the room there was a large table, set into a corner, with wooden benches extending along the walls on one side and one end of the table. The building itself was of logs, plastered inside and out with the usual mixture of clay and straw and the same material furnished the floor. Overall the building was topped with a thatched roof ....

I must admit I was quite curious and very interested in how these people overcame the difficulties incidental to the cramped quarters in which they lived. Seated at the table, for instance, I noticed that the baby was housed in an apple box suspended by wires from the ceiling. This effected a saving in floor space, and undoubtedly immunized the child from interference by the other children.

In the midst of the evening meal, something bit my leg and this made me wonder if in addition to the human population there might be fellow travellers present, verminous in character. I passed my open hand over the sore spot and it in turn was bitten in such a way that any fears I might have had were set at rest. Under the bench where I was sitting there was a setting hen in the midst of her patient mission; apparently I had annoyed her by some unseemly levity when to her "life was real, life was earnest."

With this discovery, I thought there likely would be other similar devoted expectant mothers around



From Ukrainian Canadian, Eh? by Michael Czuboka

From Ukrainian Canadian, Eh? by M. Czuboka

and sure enough, before I got through, I had located eight of them in nooks and crannies all over the place, one or two of them like the baby hanging from the roof in improvised nests of one kind or another. There was also a litter of fine young active pigs running at will over the premises, but the living room was out of bounds to them as they found from time to time when they strayed in, which they frequently did. Here under one roof, we found a happy, contented family unaware of such a thing as class consciousness, and not too much troubled by biological differentiation.

The first wave of Ukrainian immigrants to the Two Hills District consisted of peasant farmers fleeing the oppressive and economic conditions in Galicia and Bukovina. The acquisition of a large tract of land by the Galician farmer was impossible in the overpopulated Old Country where almost feudal conditions existed well into the 1920s. The average farmer at this time was fortunate, indeed, if he could boast of 4 morgs (about 6 acres) of land, and was forced to work on a share-crop basis for the "pan" or landowner to whom he had to ingratiate himself for any additional financial benefits. Culturally, it was important to pass on to a newly-wed son of the typically large family, two or three morgs of land, but the economy of the country was such that this was impossible. Coupled with this concern was the problem of discrimination in opportunities for advanced schooling and government jobs. Unless the name of a Ukrainian was changed to reflect some Austrian, German or Polish ancestry, the poor farmer was relegated to an endless syndrome of peasant status.

Besides the prospect of better economic opportunities (160 acres of land for $10.) and the escape from op-

The stork and her nest on the roof and chimney of a Galician village cottage in Southern Poland, circa 1900.

pression, another reason for immigration to Canada is clearly evident - re-unification with one's family. Although many early Ukrainian settlers had no intentions of remaining in Canada and vowed to return to their homeland with a sizeable sum of money in a few years' time - few actually returned. As a result, many relatives encouraged by continuously optimistic reports about Canada, decided to join their relatives in Canada and thus increase the flood of immigrants continuing to flow into the Canadian West.

The Government of Canada offered 160 acres of land to anyone who made a $10. deposit, cleared a given number of acres of land, built a house and lived there for three years. To direct and carry out a plan for increased immigration, the Canadian Prime Minister appointed Clifford Sifton, a young Manitoba lawyer, as Minister of the Interior. Writing in the Autumn, 1957, issue of the "Alberta Historical Review", P.J. Lazarowich commented on Sifton's actions as follows:

> Sifton soon proved that he was equal to the task. The cornerstone of his colonization policy was to bring thousands of land-hungry peasant families from central Europe mostly from Austria-Hungary, which was a multi-national state, and to settle them in Western Canada.
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> Sifton was particularly interested in the Slavic people of Austria of whom the Ukrainians were the largest branch. In a comparatively short time his emigration agents were spreading news of free Canadian lands in Galicia, Bukovina, Poland, Bohemia and other provinces of Austria. Soon, thousands of immigrants began to pour through Halifax and Montreal into the empty spaces of Western Canada. How efficient and successful Sifton's organization was, is shown by the fact, that in 1913 alone Canada admitted a total of 400,870 immigrants, the bulk of them from central Europe. Sifton was severely criticized and ridiculed by his political enemies for filling the country with illiterate, uncouth-looking men and women in sheepskin coats who spoke a strange language. Their theme was that Canada needed immigrants of "better quality." But Sifton vigorously defended these new arrivals, in these words:
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> "I think a stalwart peasant in a sheepskin coat, born on the soil, whose forefathers have been farmers for ten generations, with a stout wife and half a dozen children, is good quality."
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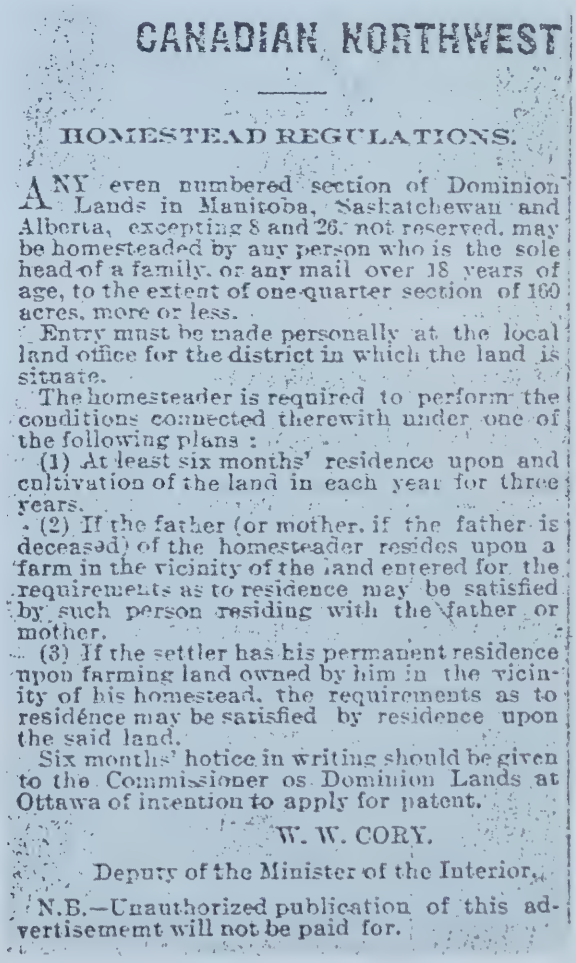
> The late John Dafoe, editor of the *Winnipeg Free Press,* in his biography of Sifton says: "Mr. Sifton never wavered then or thereafter in the belief that the Ukrainian population which owed its presence in Canada to his activities, would make a valuable contribution to the development of the west."

By 1906, the Minister of the Interior was Frank Oliver, first federal cabinet minister from Edmonton. A copy of Oliver's homestead regulations in the 1906 copies of the *Vegreville Observer* listed the stipulations as follows:

Sir Clifford Sifton, Minister of Interior - Dominion of Canada, 1899



CANADIAN NORTHWEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any mail over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situate.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans :

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner os Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

W. W. CORY.

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisememt will not be paid for.

Canadian Homestead Regulations, 1906

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Land Agency or Sub-agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre.

Duties.—Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.00.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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Canadian Northwest Land Regulations, 1912

ALBERTA

Free Land for Settlers

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Arable Land, 100,000 000 acres
Under Crop, 3,000,000 acres
Railways in every direction, branching out from the three Transcontinental roads.

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WHEAT: 68 lbs. to the measured bushel.

HORSES: Alberta is the Kentucky of Canada.

SHEEP: Excellent feed. Good Markets.

For Full Information apply to

Hon. DUNCAN MARSHALL,
(Minister of Agriculture)
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Alberta advertisemennt entices new settlers, 1914

By 1912, the regulations were revised but a quarter section of land could still be purchased for under $500. as indicated in a 1912 advertisement.

The news of free land, heavily forested firewood and building logs prompted the influx of Ukrainians, Poles and other central Europeans to the Two Hills district. Most of them arrived with just enough money to pay their land deposit, with little left over. Fares to Canada at the time were about $100. for an adult and $40. for each child. Furthermore, most of the early settlers in the area were of peasant stock who could neither read nor write English. In the "old country," public schools were unknown, and the Canadian concept of democracy was strange to them.

Their first concern, in this new land, was to subdue it, improve it, and build on it. Education was not their main objective, but the Provincial Department of Education took note of these many settlements that were being formed. School districts were soon organized and a special government official, R. Fletcher, was appointed to supervise education among the foreigners in the Two Hills, Vegreville, and other predominantly Ukrainian-settled areas of Alberta.

Contrary to other writers who have published books and articles on problems among the settler groups, there was little conflict between the central Europeans and the English settlers in the Two Hills district. The centra Europeans, mainly Ukrainians, were farmers and thei lust for the soil perhaps limited the free ranging an pasturing of the English settlers' ranch herds. In on reported incident a barbwire fence erected by a Ukrainia farmer was torn down by an English-speaking ranche whose cattle once grazed freely. The fence was repaired only to be pulled down again. This action prompted th Ukrainian farmer and his sturdy neighbor to lie in wai for a suspected third incident which did come, much t the chagrin of the rancher whose body and that of hi horse suffered the blows of well-aimed willow sapplings There were no further fence-destroying episodes after thi treatment.

Although there was little physical conflict between th Ukrainian dirt farmers and their rancher neighbors, ther was plenty of misunderstanding due to different langua and customs. But the passing of time has erased thes misunderstandings, and today the residents of the Tw Hills district live in harmony in a prosperous communit which is the envy of sociologists and historians in othe parts of Alberta and Canada.

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Cunard Line - Served Canada, 1905. Submitted by Solovenko family.

Як їхати Через Море?

Це знають вже всі, що відбували подорож ерез широкий океан: Подорож кораблями Лі-ії Кунард безпечна, вигідна, швидка й дешева.

На кораблях взірцевий порядок, знаменитий арч, для кожного осібне ліжко, чиста постіль. Іодорожні сплять в кімнатах на дві, чотири, або ість осіб. Обслуга вічлива, приязна й щира.

Кревні й знакомі будуть Вам вдячні, коли ку-ите їм корабельні карти на Лінію Кунард. По-орожні пишуть листи з подякою й з признан-ям, пишуть пісні про подорож кораблями Лінії Кунард. Одна з пісень випечатана тут замісць исленних листів з похвалами.

Коли їдете до Рідного Краю, щоби відвідати вою родину і глянути на рідне село, бюра Лінії Кунард виробляють Вам паспорт до подорожі. Іояснення про паспорт даром.

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Everyone, who travelled across the wide ocean, knows that: sailing in Cunard ships is safe, comfortable, fast and low-priced.

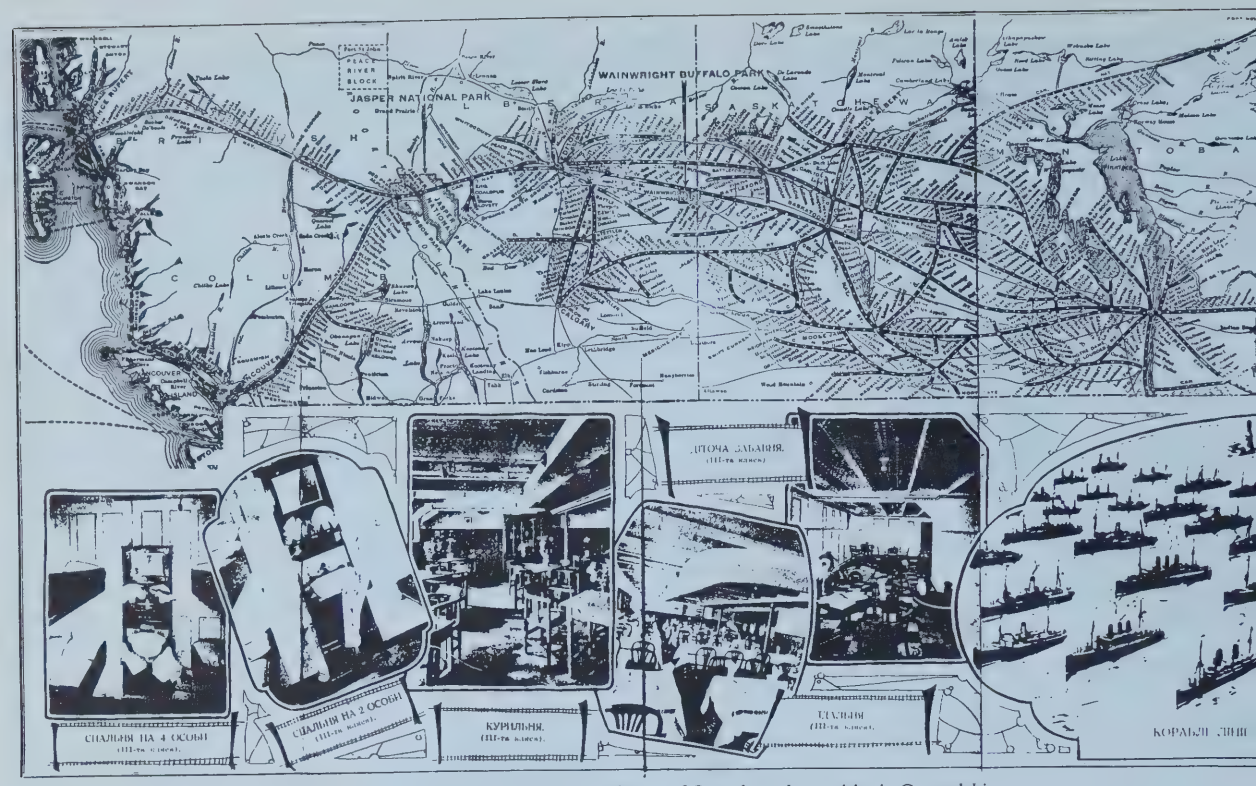
On the ship, we have classic order, excellent food and a bed with clean bedding for each individual. Tourists sleep in rooms for two, four or six persons. The service is courteous, friendly and sincere.

Relatives and friends will be grateful to you if you buy them the ship's fare from Cunard Lines. Tourists write letters of acknowledgement and thanks, and compose songs about travelling with Cunard Lines. One of these songs is recorded, instead of the many letters of thanks.

If you decide to travel to your Native Country to visit your family and see your native village, the Cunard Lines Bureau will prepare your passport. Particulars concerning the passport are without charge.

Purchase the fares to the Old Country from Cunard Lines. This company obtained all records concerning speedy crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, and therefore its transportation of people and mail is the fastest in the world.

English translation of Cunard Line advertisement



Cunard Line advertisement portraying railways of Canada and amenities in Cunardship

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З правдивим поважанням

ЛІНІЯ КУНАРД

CUNARD LINE
Ukrainian Department
270 MAIN STREET WINNIPEG, MAN., CANADA.

Cunard Line advertisement directed at attracting Ukrainian settlers of Canada

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V E R Y I M P O R T A N T
Please read every word carefully

Often the Ukrainian supporters of Cunard Lines ask for a map of the Dominion of Canada. To fulfil their request Cunard Lines put out such a map for the Ukrainians.

Those who came to Canada recently or who have resided here for some time, may mark in pencil on the map his place of residence and send it to his relatives and acquaintances in the Old Country so that they may know where he works and what Canada looks like.

At the same time Cunard Lines is giving information as to who may come to Canada, with directions as to what action to take when one wishes to bring his relatives and friends.

The main Cunard Lines bureaus have well-organized Ukrainian branches. The branches will reply, with great pleasure, to every letter and provide advice on all travelling matters.

Whenever you need information in which region you wish to acquire land or how to buy a farm, write to us. Our bureau will give you first-class information.

Money in American dollars sent to the Old Country will reach its destination quickly. Mailing through Cunard Lines will be at the very lowest price.

Please write in Ukrainian and we will forward the requested information as soon as possible and free of charge.

Sincerely yours,

Cunard Lines.

English translation of Cunard Line advertisement

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Nr. 9590
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Im Namen Seiner Majestät
FRANZ JOSEPH I.
Kaisers von Oesterreich, Königs von Böhmen u. s. w. und Apostolischen Königs von Ungarn.

W imieniu Najjaśniejszego
FRANCISZKA JÓZEFA I.
Cesarza Austryi, Króla Czech i t. d., i Apostolskiego Króla Węgier.

Reise-Pass. — Paszport

Name und Vorname / Imię i nazwisko	Jakim Miśkiw
Charakter / Charakter	Tagelöhner
Beschäftigung / Zatrudnienie	Bielaoce
wohnhaft zu / zamieszkanie	Brody
im Bezirke / w powiecie	Galizien
Kronland / Kraj koronny	

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Ausgestellt:
Brody am 6. März 1904
Im Namen Seiner Excellenz
des Herrn k. u. k. Kabinettsrates
der k. u. k. Leibwache,
Ritter des Ordens der
eisernen Krone k. k. Hofrat,
Landesrath und Leiter
der Bezirkshauptmannschaft

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Namen und Vornamen / Nazwisko i imię	Charakter / Charakter	Geburtsort / Miejsce urodzenia	Alter / Wiek	Stand / Stan	Statur / Wzrost	Gesicht / Twarz	Haare / Włosy	Augen / Oczy
Jakim Miśkiw	Sohn	Bielaoce	1863	verehel.	mittel	länglich	dunkel	blau
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Austrian passport for Jacob Miskiw, 1904

No. 60606

DOMINION LANDS.

INTERIM HOMESTEAD RECEIPT.

No. 10900

DOMINION LANDS OFFICE
JUL 15 1902
EDMONTON

Agency,

1902

The holder of this receipt is required to give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Ottawa, before making application for patent.

NOTE.—All minerals existing on or under the lands herein described, are reserved to his Majesty.

Certify that I have received from Dmytro Soldan

Vegreville, Alta.

the sum of TEN Dollars, being the office fee for Homestead Entry for N.W.

quarter of Section 18 Township 54 Range 12

West of the 4th Meridian, and that the said Dmytro Soldan

in consequence of such entry and payment, vested with the rights conferred in such

cases by the provisions of "The Dominion Lands Act," respecting Homestead Rights.

A. N. Ogilvy

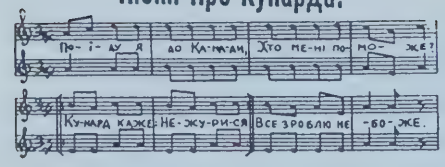
Local Agent.

NOTE.—This Entry is granted under and subject to the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and its amendments, governing Homestead Entry for Dominion Lands.

Senior Assistant

Photostat copy of the original title to Dmytro Soldan's homestead on which he resided for 70 years.

Пісня Про Кунарда.



Поїду я до Канади,
Хто мені поможе?
Кунард каже: „Не журися,
Все зроблю небоже".

Приїхав я до Лондону,
Народу без ліку,
Кунард з нами розмавляє,
Всім дає опіку.

В Ліверпулі море рівне,
А шифа висока,
Везе Кунард тисяч люда,
Хоть вода глибока.

Везе Кунард тисяч люда
Довгими водами,
Всіх годує і дильнує
Днями і ночами.

Чорну рибу, превелику,
Кунард доганяє,
Чужі шифи по дорозі,
Всі переганяє.

Каже Кунард в Галіфаксі:
„Щастя вам желаю,
Їдьте трином там на Захід,
Земля, як у раю.

Ваші браття, Українці,
Тамки землі мають,
Добрі землі, господарські,
На людий чекають."

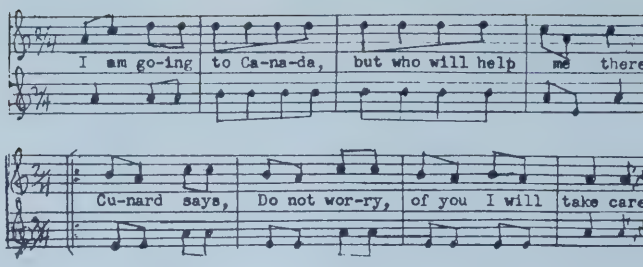
Станув трин у Вінніпегу,
Кунард нас приймає,
Українські листи пише,
Людям помагає.

Гей пишу я до Кунарда
За жінку тай діти,
Привіз Кунард родиноньку,
Як червоні квіти.

Пішла слава про Кунарда
По цілому світі,
Він найскорше морем їде,
Чи в зимі, чи в літі.

Український Відділ Лінії Кунард подає громадянству цю гарну пісню, яку уложив за плугом фармар Іван Шевчук, що фармарує в Бон-Аккорді в провінції Алберті.

SONG ABOUT CUNARD



I am going to Canada,
But who will help me there?
Cunard says, "Do not worry,
Of you I will take care".

On my arrival in London,
So many others like me
Were comforted by Cunard,
Before we sailed the sea.

From Liverpool over the deep ocean,
And in the ship so tall,
Cunard carries a thousand people
In the ship's large hull.

Cunard carries a thousand people
Across the ocean wide,
Provides them with food and lodging,
Day after day and night.

The big black ship that sailed ahead,
Cunard will soon be overtaking,
And also many foreign ships,
That at this time are sailing.

In Halifax Cunard greets us
With wishes for the best,
And by train he sends us,
To find lands in the West.

"Your Ukrainian brethren", he s
Own beuatiful lands there,
They are waiting for you people
With them your lives to share".

The train stopped in Winnipeg,
Again Cunard welcomes us,
He writes our letters in Ukrain
And helps us without fuss.

I wrote to Cunard, to bring
My wife and children to me.
Cunard promptly obeyed,
And brought my lovely family.

Cunard's winter and summer sail
It is often said,
Is the fastest in the world,
And world-wide spread.

Ukrainian division of Cunard Lines makes available to the public this fine song which was composed by farmer, John Shewchuk, while plowing at Accord, Alberta. (Translated by S.P. Mulka).

LOVE AND SORROW

Stefan and Olena Zurawell escaped persecution and harsh economic conditions in their native Village of Zwinach, Chortkiw, Galicia, by immigrating to Canada in 1902. Settling at first in the Star area, east of Edmonton, they later homesteaded in the Plain Lake area.

The Zurawell story of leaving their homeland and their trials and tribulations in Canada is chronicled in John Zurawell's interesting book entitled *Love and Sorrow,* of which two sections follow: (Olena Zurawell's story).

THE JOURNEY TO CANADA

We started our journey to Canada at the beginning of May, 1902. We were just one of several families from the village leaving for a new life over the sea. We bid farewell to family and friends, then prayed and sang to God to speed us safely to the New Land, which we called "Vilni Zemli". The trunks and baggage were loaded on one wagon, the women and children rode on another. There was no room for the men, and they walked from the village to the railway station at Chortkiw. Here we obtained our exit visas, and said tearful goodbyes again to the neighbours who had accompanied us to the station.

The train was slow, and it took several days to cr
our beautiful Galicia to Krakov, and then on acr
Germany to the port of Hamburg. Once there, we w
taken first to the emigration office, where our pap
were checked. Then we were given a thorough med
examination to make sure we were fit for the sea voya
This was hard for the older people, since some w
troubled with poor eyes, and others had to have their h
disinfected before being given permission to embark.

When all this was over, we were directed to board
rooms to wait while the ship which was to take us
Canada was loaded with cargo and our baggage. Of
we would go to the harbour and watch the men hoist
big loads on board. Sometimes the loads were
strapped properly. Trunks and boxes would break wh
being hoisted, and seeds or rice would spill out.
migrants took all manner of goods and equipment w
them. Some wealthy people even took boxes of fr
others took ploughs and homemade machinery. C
couple had two handmade stones, used for making flo
crated and put aboard.

In the boarding rooms we cooked our own fo
Fortunately, we had come prepared, with dried fr
noodles, rice soup, and borsch. But we also w
shopping for things we had not brought with us,
needed. It was hard for us, with two small children, a

was four years old and a boy of just 18 months.

fter waiting for four days, our ship, the "Armenia", loaded, and we were called aboard. When we were tted sleeping quarters, it so happened that, with the dren, my husband and I were given upper berths. But all changed after a few days because, when our dren got seasick, the beds became wet. The people w could not stand the drippings - there were no tic mattresses in those days - so we exchanged berths them. The ship stopped at Amsterdam for a day for e passengers and loading, then went on to Rotterdam ick up more food and fuel. Finally, we started on the n voyage, and soon saw land on our right, with cliffs looked like tall white walls. The sailors - we called n "mathrorse" - told us this was the land of the Great en, whom I'd read about in my history books at ool. But she had died, and there was now a King, and vould be his subjects once we reached Canada, so the ors said.

or a few days the voyage was smooth. Every evening sailors danced and enjoyed themselves on the deck, e we passengers discussed our plans for the things we e going to do once we had crossed the ocean. All we w for certain was that we were supposed to land in fax and then take a train thousands of miles across ada. Our destination was Strathcona, where the vay ended. From there we would cross the North katchewan River to Edmonton, where friends would vaiting to take us to the farms. But once we were far to sea, the waves became higher, and the sailors an covering and tying down the lifeboats. They used aulins to cover the hatches and the cargo that was on deck. For us passengers it seemed like the end was ing. We were asked to go to our quarters and stay e to our beds. The sea sickness hit us, so that hardly one was able to move or to eat. You could not force n food, since it seemed that nothing would hold. The was rolling and rocking as if the next wave would it apart. Even the sailors were unable to do their ning or feed those of us who wanted to eat. The small dren were given milk, but we had to carry them in a up to get it. When some of the young single men saw this was the way to get milk, they would ask us if could borrow our children so they could line up and ome for themselves.

fter ten days, the ocean calmed down and we were to go on deck again, and watch other ships away in distance. The big cow fish, which is what we called whales, could be seen rising out of the water and ing again, or spouting air as high as the big ship. ut this time, one of the passengers gave birth, but the y only lived a few hours, and we saw our first burial ea. The baby's body was put in a strong bag and laid flat board. Then the captain of the ship read from bible. We women cried for the baby as it was lowered the side and slid into the water.

nce the sailors told us that soon we would see land, vere always gazing forward, over the ship's prow. We been sailing for over fourteen days, and we were ing restless. In the evenings we often saw lights, but were from other ships. Then one morning we noticed e birds flying overhead and the lookout on the high mast yelled that there was land ahead. We couldn't see it from the deck, but soon we noticed a big statue in the distance, and a light. Then the ship changed course, and we headed in a different direction for some time. Finally, when small boats appeared and started to follow the ship, we were sure we had crossed the ocean. Then we saw the shore, and buildings, and everybody began to pray and sing, for we had suffered enough on the voyage, sometimes even wondering if we would survive.

When we went ashore in Halifax, we had to undergo another medical examination. Then the ship's officers called out our names to collect our baggage. Some of the younger men didn't answer. They were men who were skipping their own countries to avoid being drafted into the army, and had travelled on false passports. Rather than run the risk of being caught in Halifax, they abandoned their baggage and fled from the dockside. In most cases, their false passports had been sold to them in Europe by agents and were, in fact, passports belonging to young men who were exempt from the draft and were thus free to emigrate.

When we took our first steps on this new land, we felt so light and happy at leaving behind us so much hard work, and the abuse of the Pan and his lackeys. No more kissing the hands when you went to ask for some favor. Once we were on the train, we went first to Montreal and stayed there for two days. On the way, we had seen good orchards and land that grew grain. Our next stop was Toronto, after which the trip scared us. It seemed like all the country was made of rocks and corduroy roads and big lakes. Then we came to Winnipeg where we met some of the Galician people who lived there. (It wasn't until later that we realized we were all Ukrainians, and spoke the same language.) In Winnipeg, we learned that there were Ukrainian families in Gimli and Gretna who had arrived about ten years earlier and were now good farmers. In fact, some of the men we met asked us why we were going on to the prairies when we had already reached good land near Winnipeg and could settle there, or find work. But our friends in Edmonton had written us that they needed people there, that they could help us find 160 acres of land for only $10., that the soil was black loam and good for growing grain, and that there was as much timber as you needed. And so we got back on the train to cross the prairies.

We hardly knew a word of English, and we had to learn the hard way to tell the people on the train what we wanted. Just as we had to learn what people were saying to us. Due to the spring rains, some sections of the track were under water, and the train sometimes stopped so that the trainmen could check the conditions ahead. Whenever this happened, the women got off the train and, over fires built by the men, prepared hot food like noodles or rice soup. But it seemed whenever the meals were ready, the conductor would yell "Allaboard!". Allaboard? We didn't understand at first. But when the conductor started pushing us on to the train, we realized that "Allaboard" meant "Get on, for the train is going to start." It was the first English word we learned.

The flat prairies looked good to us, but we wondered how far away were Strathcona and Edmonton. Finally we got to Calgary and then another train took us to

Strathcona. We were on the south side of the North Saskatchewan River. There was a big immigration hall near the track. There were a few barns. And there was Gainers' small packing plant, where the men went and came back with liver, pigs' feet and pigs' heads which they bought for practically nothing. For a dollar, you could buy enough food to feed a family. There were also a few buildings along what is now called Whyte Avenue. Further on, there were a lot of tents. To the west, were the farms. Agents came around and, for a price, offered their services to take us new arrivals out into the country and show us homesteads. They talked about Beaverhill and Rabbithill, and Halalz.

After a few days of rest in the immigration hall, we were loaded on wagons and started down a steep hill towards the river. At the bottom was a ferry, near which was a big lumberyard. It was called Walterdale's. The trunks were unloaded from the wagons and we were ferried across. On the north side, again there was more unloading and loading. Our trunks and baggage were placed on a small platform, and a steam-driven cable system pulled it up the hill. But we walked, carrying our children. At the top there was a little church, a few stores, and a small hotel. Nearby was another lumberyard. Below, to the east, was a valley where men were cutting lumber and building a few houses.

My husband talked to men working on the streets just north of the little church, and they told him that there was all kinds of work available, either in the town or on the farms, where they were paying $1.50 a day to help grub trees or gather the harvest in the fall. Everywhere we looked to the north, there were lakes and sloughs. Just north of what is now Jasper Avenue, cattle were grazing.

We stayed overnight in the immigration hall, and the next day relatives who had arrived two years earlier came to find us. Once again, we loaded trunks and baggage for the 40-mile trip by ox-drawn wagon to the place they had picked for us to stay in. As we started, we were told that in two days we would be in Fort Saskatchewan. The trail wound around so many sloughs and lakes that it took a full day to reach north Edmonton. In some places the men had to cut brush, pile it across the wet spots and then cover it with earth so that the wagon could pass. That evening, we ate and slept on the trail, and our relatives had brought scythes with them so that they could cut the grass along the edge of the trail to feed the oxen. When we got to the higher ground on what was called the Victoria Trail the road was better and we reached the Fort late in the evening of the second day.

The first stop we made was at the farm of John Krebs where, over the years, hundreds of new settlers were put up for a night. Krebs had arrived a couple of years earlier. He had a good house, large barns, and cattle could be seen grazing all around. He helped everybody needing rest and help in the search for homesteads. We were welcomed by Krebs and his family, and offered lodging for the night in a barn. The men cleaned the stalls and spread straw, on which we unrolled our bedding. It was much more comfortable than either the train or the immigration halls, which had always been crowded. For breakfast, the lady of the house gave us milk for the children. For the adults, eggs were plentiful, as was good bread.

Next day we headed for Edna, near present-day Sta but it always seemed as though we were going in circle so many were the lakes in our way. We had to keep to th higher ground and in some places the men had to build trail through the gulleys. They had brought axes an shovels on the wagon ready for this very purpos Finally, after passing W. Pullsby's place and drivin across a few acres of CPR land, we came to Iva Pylypow's home, and then on the farm of "hospodar Tychkowski, "hospodar" being the word we used bac in Galicia to describe a well-established farmer. It ha been arranged that we would stay with Tychkowski, an in the days after our arrival we met other settlers alread established in the district, such as M. Melnyk, Was Melnyk, Nimerskey, Paish, Halkow, Finniak, Sawka Nimechuk, S. Borwich, and A. Gurba.

Then we wrote to our families in Galicia telling ther that we had arrived safely in Canada, our new land, ou Vilni Zemli.

HOMESTEADERS AT LAST

Early in the spring of 1904, we loaded our wagon, an with a pair of oxen which my husband had bought fo $80., the farm machinery we had acquired, two sacks c flour, a sack of sugar, and the cow, we set off for Fo Saskatchewan. A half-dozen other families went with u We drove down the road to Beaverhill, crossed th Beaver Creek, and travelled on high land to Mundare We bypassed Vegreville and then stopped in the localit of New Kiev for a day's rest at the Samoil's homestead. was part of a small settlement that had been established year or two earlier. Many families had put up their home and farm buildings there, such as S. Pauk, the Yusko brothers, Geleta, Rosko, Schurek, Fedana, Steblyk Ferleyko, N. Yakimietz, J. Yaremko, Woloshyn, J Kopiak, Kitz, S. Sawchuks, Sayko, and Sokalski.

After we had rested, we went looking at farm site under the guidance of D. Samoil. The place my husban found was only four miles east of the settlement. It registration was NE 12 Section, Range 13, Township 53 Here he was shown a square peg in one corner of th concession, that being the only identification sign th surveyors had left. As we had been promised, it cost $10.

A few days later we started to build a log house sleeping under the wagon and eating in the open. The sit for our home was close to a stand of poplar trees and me from the area helped my husband cut the round logs. I one day they cut enough to build a one-room house, 1 feet by 14. They started building by laying four logs in square on a base of flat stones. For a level, they used cup of water, filled to the brim. Then they laid anothe square of logs on top. To secure them, they drilled hole with a 1 1/2 inch auger, and drove wooden stake through the holes. The log ends were notched to bind th corners. They laid more logs until the frame was seve feet high. Then the men cut poles about three inches thic for the rafters. Smaller poles laid across the rafters hel the roof of sod strips, cut with a walking plough from slough close by. A layer of sod was placed along the pea to bind the top of the roof and make it waterproof. Th

chimney hole was cut in the centre. Long poles were thrust up through the hole from the floor, in the shape of a square. These were plastered with heavy mud to create a funnel with enough draft to take the smoke from the stove. This we brought with us. My husband had bought it in Edmonton for $7.

For the doorway and window frames, the men cut planks with a timber saw. We had only windows on the south and west sides of the house, since we did not have enough glass for more.

While the men were putting up the frame for the house, and laying the roof sod, the women in the neighbourhood helped me mix brown clay and grass cuttings. Clay and manure is a better mixture. But there was no manure on our new farm. We used grass cuttings instead. We added water, and mixed it with our feet, then used it to fill the cracks between the logs to make the building weather-proof for winter. All this help was given voluntarily, although we provided food for those people helping us. Everybody was ready to help a new neighbour get started.

In the days that followed, other settlers in the district started to show up to visit us. To the south, towards Lavoy, were John Feather, John Stonehocker, and G.R. Denewodie. Near Sickman's Lake (now called Akasu Lake) were Bill Feather and McGregor. To the east was Jacob Halushchak, who was the first settler in Plain Lake and originally had come, by way of Shandro and what is now Two Hills, with his father-in-law, Dan Tomyn. But Dan had gone back to the district east of Star. Halushchak had stayed on, dug a hole in the ground west of Plain Lake, covered it with poles to hold sod for a roof, and started farming. North of us there was a family by the name of Kucherowski. They later sold out to Wakaluk and moved to Stony Plain. Later, the families of P. Skoropadyk, J. Grysan, N. Torchenyk and H. Boychuk moved in to the east of them. Families from Winnipeg came. One of them was Maxim Tomyn, who farmed north of Plain Lake. He was a student who had had enough education to become the first postman of Plain Lake. There was a little store on the west shore of the lake, owned by an Englishman named Dennis. At one time, he built a flour mill there, but since the settlers brought their flour by wagon from Edmonton, or had stone grinders of their own, the business failed.

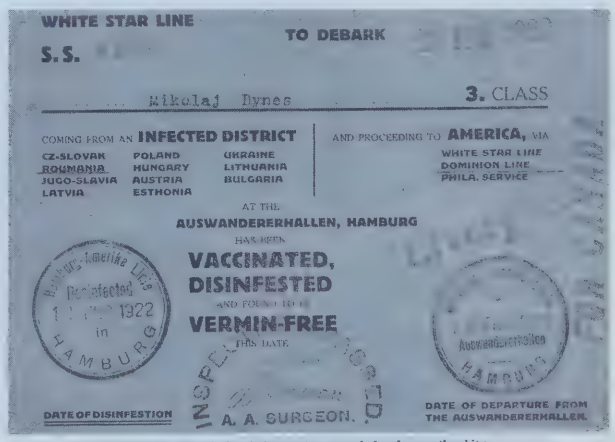
Within a month we had a little garden dug, and had planted potatoes and vegetables for our own use. Then all the men packed up and went to Edmonton to make money for the clothing we needed to wear, and for more machinery to work the farms with.

Left alone with a family of young children, with a cow and two oxen to look after, I had to start learning to farm. That summer, I cut the tall grass which was all over the sloughs and, tying it in bundles, I put up little stacks to feed the animals in the winter. I learned to plough. With the help of a neighbour, I hitched the oxen to the walking plough which had a twelve-inch share and cutter blade. The oxen were strong enough to pull the plough, but everything was so new that it took a long time before we learned how to set the depth of the wheel on the front of the beam to turn a six-inch deep furrow. We used the double tree from our wagon. This was made from Ontario oak and was too strong for the oxen to break. But we had to cut poles to make a corral to keep the cattle in at night. There was plenty of hay, so feeding them was not hard.

We had all the milk and cream we needed. To keep it fresh, we dug a hole, about four feet deep near a creek. The water was cool and plentiful, but you had to cover the top so the animals would not get in. We had a round creamer, about eight inches wide and three feet tall. It had a glass bottom and a tap. It was filled with milk and lowered into the hole. The milk kept fresh and cold, and about three inches of cream would form on the top. There were berries everywhere, especially raspberries. The children loved them with cream and bread. This was baked in a round mud oven, outside and away from the house, to reduce danger from fire. And there were plenty of fish in Plain Lake, so many that settlers fed them to the pigs. Neighbours would occasionally bring me some. I dried them in the oven, and salted them, so that they kept for a long time.

During the fall, people helped each other thresh the grain. The threshing was done mostly by flails. The men made these out of two pieces of a saskatoon tree, each about one half-inch thick. One was five feet in length, the other about three feet long. The ends were capped with leather straps and tied with sinew thread. Then both sticks were joined by a leather strip and could be swung to flail the bundles of grain. The straw was separated and used to feed the cattle. The grain was cleaned by the wind, just as it was when we threshed for the Pan in Galicia.

Before winter set in, the men came home from the city. My husband built a lean-to for the cattle, and put dirt around the house to keep the cold out. Yet, even in this new land we had only hard dirt floors, plastered with mud to keep them smooth and clean.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Landing card issued to Nick Dennis (not the Dennis mentioned in the preceding story) upon his arrival in Canada. Note the misspelled name.

Glimpses into Our Past

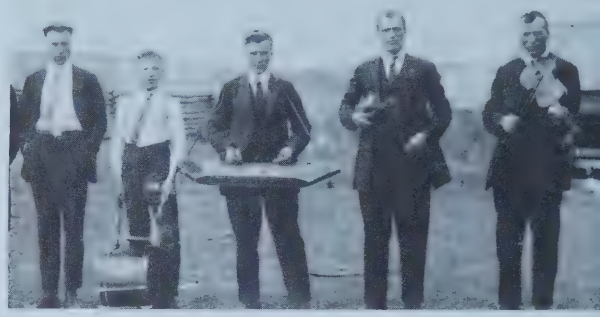
John Urchak and daughter Rose raking hay, 1923

Immigrants disembarking in Halifax

The Nick Kuzio family in 1932

Well with pulley and bucket used, circa 1900-65

John and Stephanie Gorgichuk display food baked in an early "peech," 1967



Yuskow Bros. Orchestra, 1924. (L to R) - George, Bill, Harry, Fred (missing in the picture), John, and Mike.

Well-boring machine powered by horse operated Matt Hnydyk (talles man)

Muddy roads were real obstacles in 1930s

Early Years:

The Indian found this pleasant land,
And lived by hunting game.
Into the west in search of furs,
The daring traders came.
The men of God, the mounties,
And the hardy pioneers,
Changed wilderness to homelands,
In the succeeding years.

Two Hills: The Early Years

by Andy Gorgichuk

Long before Tom Watt, the first resident of Two Hills community, filed for his Ben's Lake homestead in 1894, the area was a haven for many species of fur bearing animals, wild fowl and the ubiquitous buffalo. Cree and Blackfoot Indians also inhabited the area and at times engaged in warfare which decimated the tribes. According to Alberta historian James MacGregor, one of the last battles between the Crees and the Blackfoot occurred near Hairy Hill in 1879. Although the Crees surprised the Blackfoot camp and slaughtered many of them, they later fell victim to smallpox which had plagued their enemy.

Stone axes, arrow heads and scrapers, found on camp and battle sites in the Two Hills area, attest to the fact the stone-age man indeed, foraged and fought on land now being cultivated for crops and gardens.

According to Two Hills pioneer and World War II veteran, George English, the Cinnamon brothers squatted on the SW 28-54-13-W4th shortly after the first settler in the Two Hills area, Thomas Watt, arrived. The Cinnamons, reportedly, built three cabins and soon established ranches which pastured hundreds of head of cattle.

Several trails traversed through the Two Hills area long before land surveys were completed in the 1880s. Fur trader and explorer Alexander Henry who travelled through the Two Hills district, entered into his September 13, 1808 diary the following report: "We nooned at La Plantes River to refresh our horses, then took a well beaten trail through small plains and hummocks of poplar and willow. At les deux Grosse Buttes we halted for an hour." Henry may have been referring to the two large hills, presently part of the Forbes' estate to the west of present-day Two Hills as the landmark was a popular stopping place in the early years.

In 1885, the Alberta Field Force, a calvary unit, wa organized to help quell the Northwest Rebellion. Th Steele Scouts, as they were known at that time, used th Battleford Trail which passed through the Two Hills are on their journey to combat the forces of Louis Riel. On hundred years later (September, 1985) the Steele Scout of Calgary (Alberta Field Force II) re-enacted histor when they used the same route, passing through Tw Hills on their mission to Saskatchewan.

The group stopped briefly at the Two Hills Cenotap to present Mayor Melnychuk with commemorativ plaques and bring greetings from Ralph Klein, Mayor c Calgary. Lt. Col. Mary Dover, the highest rankin female in the Canadian army during World War II helped make the presentations.

The group was founded in 1977 and relived the marc to Edmonton to rescue Edmontonians from the Crees under Big Bear who had already committed the Fro Lake massacre and caused Fort Pitt to be abandoned Their historic ride was an extension of their first march i which battles followed at Loon Lake and Frenchman' Butte, Saskatchewan.

Once the land survey in the Two Hills area wa completed and the land occupied by homesteaders, th open ranges enjoyed by ranchers such as Tom Watt George Smith and the Cinnamon brothers, disappeared Ranchers, whose herds once numbered into th thousands, had to change their mode of operations Some, such as Jack Forbes, drove herds of cattle to th Beaver River grazing reserve for many years in attempt to obtain good pasture for their stock.

The last cattle drive witnessed in the area occurred i 1966, when Jack Domet and Andy Gorgichuk herde their cattle north for summer pasturing.

By 1910, most of the land in the Two Hills district wa

Riders of Alberta's Proud Past - The Alberta Field Force II, a commemorative troup who are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Northwes Rebellion by travelling by horse through the same route taken by the original force, gave residents a taste of the past when they passed through Tw Hills and camped on farmland near Musidora.

FORM K.

This Certificate is not valid unless countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, or a Member of the Dominion Lands Board.

Certificate of Recommendation for Homestead Patent.

Department of the Interior,

Dominion Lands Office,

Oct. 10th 1907.

I Certify *that* Iwan Syyshlak *who is the holder of a* **Homestead Entry** *for* South East ¼ *of Section Number* 6 *Township* 54 *Range* 13 ¼ West *of the* 11th *Meridian, has complied with the provisions of the law required to be conformed to, in order to entitle him to receive a patent for such Homestead, and that I have recommended the issue of such patent.*

Countersigned at Ottawa, this ..... *day of* *1907*

F. Fitz Roy Dixon.
Commissioner of Dominion Lands.

M. McKenzie
Local Agent.

Iwan Shyshlak's Homestead Patent Certificate, 1907

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RECEIPT FOR TAXES

Received from Petro Buk Plain Lake P.O.

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Peter Buk's tax receipt for 1905 - 1908

JOTTINGS BY RAMBLER.

There is considerable diversity of opinion among the big ranchers as to whether it is profitable or not to continue on a large scale raising cattle. Messrs. Dick Hughson, Dick Fife, Tom Watt and several others say there's nothing in it; on the other hand Messrs. Will Cinnamon, George Johnstone, S. Richardson and Jack Forbes still pin their faith to steers. We had a talk with the latter gentleman the other day at his ranch beyond Saddle Lake, and he says "when you see everybody going into horses and out of cattle, be sure the consequence will be that steers will reach prohibitive prices, and cows which are value for $25.00 now will in a couple of years be worth from $40.00 to $50.00." If Mr. Forbes' prophecy proves correct he stands to "scoop the pool." At present he has over 200 head, all in splendid condition, and he is so situated, being within easy access of fine hay and having an innumerable number of lakes all around, he can handle a still larger bunch of stock. His horses—35 in number—get all the hay they can eat during winter and there is abundance of pasture in summer. Many of Mr. Forbes' friends were against him removing from the model settlement of Warwick north to the rough hilly country beyond the Indian Reserve, but a visit to his beautifully situated ranch would dispel any doubt now as to the step he took four years ago. Although the country four miles east of here is settling up fast (there are seventeen families in a new district to be named Kentville) the land round him is so rugged and brushy that there is little prospect of him being hemmed in before he has "made his pile." The great drawback, however, is, when children reach school age, there is no way of getting them educated, and some of these fine mornings notwithstanding Jack's enthusiasm for the wild north "the power behind the throne," viz., his wife, will issue the fiat, and once more the trail will be hit for summer climes.

Vegreville Observer, 1908

occupied by Ukrainian, Polish, and Romanian immigrants and the prospect of being engulfed in a non-English society brought fear and resentment to some members of the Anglo-Saxon community. Evidence of this threatened outlook was voiced by a Mr. Deby to whom the Vegreville Observer referred on several occasions. According to Deby, there was real danger in allowing the drunken and illiterate Russian Ukrainians into Canada. Except for colour, according to Deby, even the Negro was closer to the Anglo-Saxon settler than was the Ukrainian.

Although much bigotted venom was spouted by Deby and others in the press, the waves of Ukrainian and Central European immigrants continued to settle in the Two Hills area and other parts of the West.

Nick Buk, a pioneer of the Laniuk district describes his father's early years in Canada in his excellent history booklet on the Two Hills district which was published ten years ago.

> "It was a long ride from Halifax to Winnipeg and a new experience for the immigrants, many of whom were stricken with fear while travelling through the wilderness of Northern Ontario, through forests and muskegs, past rocks and down long, dark tunnels. However, they reached Winnipeg at last and there they recovered some of their confidence after seeing the vast stretches of the open prairies. In Winnipeg, many of the passengers disembarked with the intention of seeking new homes in Manitoba. But the small group from Medika had other plans. Their destination was Edmonton.
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> The trip from Winnipeg to Edmonton was by way of Calgary, and the end of the railway was Strathcona, now known as the South Side. Edmonton lay on the north side of the North Saskatchewan River. Until 1900 Edmonton and Strathcona were linked only by a ferry-boat built and launched by John Walter, an enterprising Strathcona resident. He used his house, the first one built there, as a ferry office. He made his first crossing in April of 1882 where the 105th Bridge now spans the river. The first bridge built in Edmonton was the Low Level Bridge which was opened to traffic in April of 1900, but the ferry continued to operate until the High Level Bridge was completed. This was on the 2nd of June 1913, when the first Canadian Pacific Railway train rumbled across it. This bridge had been planned by Laurent Garneau, and built at a cost of $2,000,000. In the year 1903 Edmonton had a population of 2,626, being the eleventh largest city in Canada. By 1977 it had grown to half a million.
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> We crossed the North Saskatchewan River by means of the ferry-boat. This was a large, flat boat, which could accommodate three wagons or four cars much later. By means of steel cables it was fastened to the main steel cable, which was stretched from one bank of the river to the other. The ferry was angled by means of a crank, as it sailed slowly across the river pushed by the current.
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> We were billeted in the immigration Hall, which was situated on the west side of 101st Street just across from where the underpass was built in 1919. I have no way of knowing how long we stayed there. The destination of our group from Medika was the Warwick district. Some of our kinsmen and

acquaintances had settled there in the years 1901 and 1902. Most of these early settlers had come from Butsiw, which was not far from Medika. The ones that come to mind are: John Shyshlak, Dmytro Samoil, John Kaliwoshka, John Orfina, Triska, Najdziak, Shchurek and Tomsza.

In Edmonton there were teamsters, who made their living by transporting the new settlers to wherever they wished to go, but a teamster was able to transport only one family at a time. This trip to Warwick was an arduous one, what with the onslaught of mosquitos, the mudholes, frequent rains and swamps and creeks to cross. Many a teamster's wagon became stuck in a mudhole or muskeg and had to be unloaded of all the settler's belongings before it could be pushed or pulled out. There were hardly any Indian trails to follow. Some of the descents were so steep that if the wagon had no brakes one of the rear wheels would be fastened with a chain to the wagon box to act as a brake until the descent had been made. Yes, you could buy a wagon equipped with a hand brake in those pioneer days.

Upon their arrival in Warwick the immigrants were billeted at the homes of the countrymen already mentioned. It was the custom in those early days that a settler agreed to take into his home any newcomer who had no place to live until such a time when the newcomer was able to find accommodation for his family. We stayed with the John Kalowoshka family for a whole year, I believe. How big was their house to be able to accommodate our family, I have no way of finding out. When I taught at Wolia School in 1921, that family was no longer there.

My father was away most of the time either working on the railway or searching for a suitable homestead. It was at Warwick that my brother, Ivan, was born. He was a sickly baby and died when he was only a few weeks old. The wooden cross-piece on his grave has rotted away long ago, and the upright, too, so that it is now impossible to locate the grave.

I remember clearly two such graves about 100 feet west of our homestead. In the early 1920s, the cross-pieces had fallen off. For years the uprights remained undisturbed. When the original owner died, the renter, who took over the farm, removed those uprights - perhaps not even knowing what they were - and added that corner to plowed field. Now wheat grows on the graves of those, who had been buried there, long before any land had been set aside for a cemetery.

Having sheltered their families in temporary dwellings at Warwick, the men spent the greater part of the summer looking for a suitable homestead. Father, like many others, wanted logs for buildings; he wanted a slough or two so that there would be plenty of water for the cattle; and some higher land to build on. Yes, all these were part of our homestead, but Father had not bargained on having many stones and rocks, some of which were so large that four oxen were required to haul them away.

... By 1903 all the choice farm land between Edmonton and the Two Hills district was already occupied. Hence it was necessary for our group of settlers to look eastward towards Range 12, Warwick was in range 14. The men had to go on foot, as it was impossible to drive a team through the rugged country. Their only landmarks were the survey lines and the survey rods. These landseekers never travelled alone but always in groups of two or three for protection should there be an accident or some lurking danger to face. For some reason unknown, these settlers decided to take up land in Township 54, Range 12, although they had explored most of the area between Ranfurly and Two Hills. They decided to have their chosen homesteads as close to each other as possible.

We have already described the arrival of the group of settlers from Medika, who settled in the Lanuke district. While they were the first ones to settle there as a group, they were preceded by a family from the Village of Butsiw, a neighbouring village. This was the John Soldan family, which arrived in Canada in 1902, the first one to settle in the Lanuke district. This family consisted of John Soldan, his wife, three sons and four daughters, and his elderly father, Klim. There were no accommodations in Warwick at that time so the family was forced to move to their homestead in Range 12, since a few sections on the western outskirts had already been surveyed.

John Soldan was a man of many skills. He was a stone mason, a cooper, a blacksmith, and carpenter. He was skilled in the construction of the domestic gristmills of which the settlers were in great need, since the nearest flour mill was at Fort Saskatchewan some 80 miles away. But despite these skills John Soldan's life on his homestead was one of hardship. However, as his children were all grown up they were able to take care of themselves, and one by one, they left home to pursue their various interests for they had no difficulty in learning the English language. One of his sons, Mike, became the postmaster of the Lanuke Post

The house of Harry Kitt and family built in 1908; addition built in 1913

Office, and he held that position until it was closed twenty years later. He was also secretary-treasurer of two or three school districts, in addition to being a successful farmer and rancher."

Most of the early Ukrainian settlers were met at Edmonton or Vegreville by friends or relatives who had arrived in Canada earlier. Others, such as the Kereliuk family of Szypenitz, reached the Two Hills district via a unique route. Upon arrival in Edmonton, they hastily constructed a scow and floated down the North Saskatchewan River to South Bend, later to be renamed Duvernay. After landing, the raft or scow was dismantled and the lumber eventually used on the homestead.

Because wood was such a scarce commodity in their homeland, many of the Ukrainian and Eastern European immigrants settled on land which was heavily forested. Trees provided logs for homes and farm buildings as well as for an endless supply of firewood which was ever-so-scarce in the Old Country.

This building served as a living quarters and a church. It was built by local farmers about 1915. A Presbyterian minister, Rev. Gregorash, lived in it and conducted church services as well as marriage ceremonies for young couples until 1918. William Humen and his bride Kate Hamar took their marriage vows there. The house still stands in the middle of the field of Victor Nikiforuk's farm.

Caught in the dilemma of cultivating more land or building a log home, many of the early Ukrainian settlers chose to break more land and construct a "burdei" for their temporary living quarters. The "burdei" was a type of dug-out excavation, usually in the side of a hill. portion of the structure often consisting of dirt walls ar a sod roof was above the ground. Although the "burdei leaked for days after a heavy rain, it did provide warm and a temporary haven from the elements in the hars Canadian climate.

"Burdeis" were soon replaced by clay-plastered lo homes with thatched roofs and gleaming whitewashe interiors and exteriors. Some of the homes even boasted decorative trim similar to the geometric or floral desig of the old country homes in Galicia and Bukovina. Mo of the furniture for the new houses was of crude hom manufacture, but the indoor clay oven had imbedde into its surface an iron top much like a dutch oven. I some homes, beds were annexed to the stove an sometimes a cradle-like attachment was suspended fro the ceiling for an additional sleeping facility. A ladd was required to get in and out of this suspension bed.

By the 1920s, most of the log homes in the area we replaced by larger frame lumber structures complete wi wooden floors and shingled roofs. But water was alwa a problem, and indoor plumbing was still half a centu away in the farm homes of the Two Hills community.

Water wells were dug by hand long before hors operated drilling machines appeared in the district. Bu striking a good supply of water was a chancy affair an many early residents relied on well witchers to predict th exact location of their water supply. Almost every distri had its own witcher who usually used a "Y" shape willow wand to pinpoint underground streams. Th

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Johnson in front of their home with the car they w at the Vegreville Exhibition in 1926

Teofil Keryluk's home, built in 1903

Harry Tomyn, well-driller, 1922

wand, apparently, was tugged vigorously to the ground to signal a strong flow of water, but it only quivered weakly when the underground supply was poor. Although there was no scientific basis for the act of well witching, many of the early settlers were convinced of its usefulness, especially after several dry holes were drilled.

Land settlement and land cultivation in Western Canada could not have been possible without the use of oxen and horses. Obstinate oxen, who at times would head for sloughs to escape mosquitoes, were used in the Two Hills area by such pioneers as Miketa Severin and John Yurchak as late as the 1920s. Horses, which were faster, more easily managed and more reliable, served as draught animals in the district until the late 1940s.

First introduced into the district in the 1890s, a thriving horse breeding industry prospered under the supervision of such men as Fred Shoff, Dick Fife, Eli Pawliuk and Jack Forbes who purchased purebred stallions to improve stock in the area. In addition to the local horse breeders, many itinerant traders and their not-so-purebred stock also frequented the Two Hills area. Always anxious to negotiate a quick deal, the fly-by-night operators sometimes passed off blind or balky horses to farmers who were desperate for additional stock. In one humorous situation, a horse trading incident backfired when a local farmer managed to trade off a blind horse to a dealer. After discovering the horse had defective vision, the dealer demanded to know why the blindness was not reported at the time of the transaction. To this query the local farmer replied "I did say the horse don't look so good."

Pure Bred Percheron - "Mount Hood," 4 years old

Oxen used for transportation in early 1930s

The horse contributed much to the progress of the Two Hills district but the introduction of steam engines in the early 1900s signalled a change in mechanized farming. An early steam engine, introduced into the Musidora district by Geoge Dronyk in the early 1900s, was used primarily for breaking land and operating threshing machines. Other large puffing iron beasts were owned by the Wygera, Fedoruk and Simons families. George English recollects that when one of the Simons broke section 36-54-13-W4, his engine became mired in a field adjacent to the Vermilion River. The assistance of several other Rumley steam engines in the district along with the use of an entire carload of lumber finally freed the stuck machine.

Before the days of the tractor, horses were the only source of farm power, circa 1925.

George Dronyk threshing at Mike Teresio's place, Nov. 1910. Fourteen men work at the threshing machine.

Some of the early threshing machines in the Two Hills district were bolted on a frame-like arrangement and drawn by horses. Fred Bidulock and Sam English owned such outfits. With the arrival of the steam engine the threshing machines became larger and included straw blowers. At first, grain was threshed into a three-bushel sack. Later, farmers such as the Englishes, Fedoruks and Simonses purchased self dumping units, complete with scales. Earlier threshing units which were powered by horses operating a treadle-type apparatus and crown and pinions had disappeared by this time.

Chapter III of Nick Buk's interesting booklet describes some early steam engines and threshing operations in the Two Hills district.

> The first steam threshing machine in the Lanuke district appeared, I believe, in 1909. It belonged to a Mr. Simon, who lived a few miles west of Lanuke. Each settler was charged ten dollars for the privilege of having his one hundred bushels of grain threshed. Those who had a lot more grain were charged four to five cents a bushel.
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> There were at that time three other steam threshing machines in the general Two Hills area. There was Dennis's outfit in Plain Lake, Lapierre's threshing outfit in Duvernay and Wygera's steamer west of Two Hills.
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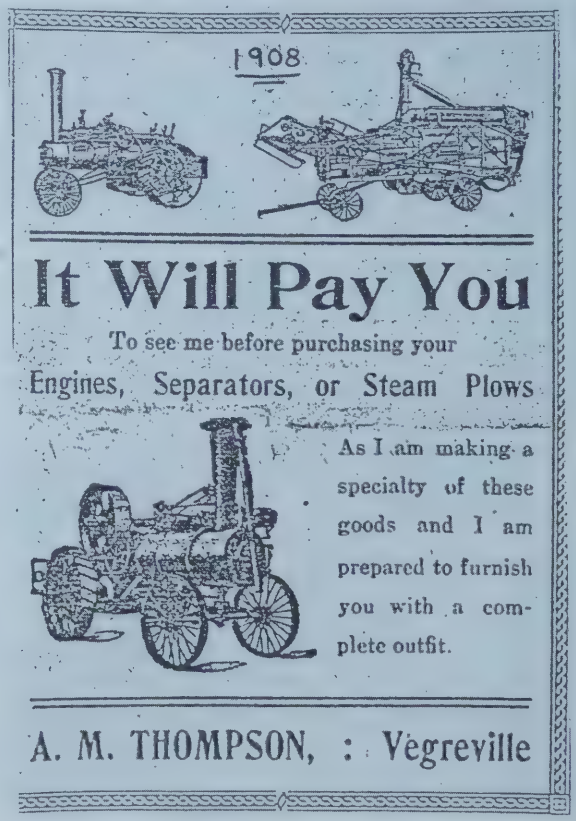
> ... In 1913 the shortage of threshing machines was somewhat eased when the Pylypiuk brothers of the Morecambe district bought a new steam threshing outfit. They took delivery of it in Vegreville, and began threshing in that area moving gradually toward Warwick, and in the late fall they



Vegreville Observer, 1908

reached the Lanuke district where they threshed for a number of farmers. They then continued eastward until they arrived at home in the early part of the winter. They continued to thresh in the lanuke district for the next three or four years. In the summer they used the steam engine to break land near Warwick and Vegreville.

The owners of these large steam threshing machines met with many obstacles to cope with. In travelling around the country they had to climb steep hills, travel over muskegs and muddy trails from one farm to the next, when the large wheels would dig themselves into the soft ground. In winter they experience great difficulty with traction on the frozen, snow-covered ground with the wheels slipping and sliding.

Then there was the problem of crossing the river. The two outfits, Lapierre's and Wygera's, had completed threshing on the south side of the river, and now they had to reach the north side of the river to return home. As there was no bridge across the river it was necessary to ford it. A steam engine will not travel in deep water for once its firebox is flooded it will stall. A plan had to be devised to overcome this.

The two engineers fastened the two separators to one of the engines. Both engines were driven as close to the water as possible. A roaring fire was built in both engines until the steam pressure was so high that their safety valves popped with a great roar of steam. Then with the throttle wide open the free engine was driven into the river. In midstream the fire in the firebox was snuffed out, but there was still enough pressure in the boiler to enable the engine to reach the opposite bank and there it stalled for lack of any more steam. Again it was refired to build up the steam pressure.

Next both engines were hooked together with a strong steel cable. Both engines were now put into motion. The engine attached to the separators began to lose power as it reached the deep water. However it was assisted by the other engine and after some strenuous tugging and jerking the crossing was completed.

While the steam engine continued to reign supreme until the early 1920's a new source of power was being developed and introduced as early as the year 1912. This was the one-cylinder stationery engine. Its drawback was that it had to be towed from one place to another by teams of horses, yet it had many advantages over the steam engine. It was inexpensive to operate in that only a few men were needed.

It was in the year 1913 that the first threshing machine powered by a gasoline engine appeared in the Lanuke district. It was owned by the Saganiuk brothers of Morecambe. The introduction of the gasoline powered threshing machine prompted the local farmers to buy their own threshing outfits and to become involved in the threshing business. Within three or four years there were three such machines in the district. They were owned by the Humen brothers, Nick Snaychuk and William Krewusik. In passing I may add that these machines were much more economical to operate.

In addition to the stationary engines, one and two-cylinder tractors were also available before the year 1920. At least two such tractors were in operation in the district as late as the early 1930's. They were owned by William Chrapko of Two Hills and Mike Krewusik of Lanuke. The use of the stationary engines was gradually phased out when the 4-cylinder tractors came on the market in 1920. The first such machine in the Lanuke district was bought by Mike Teresio in 1920 and it was operated by his son-in-law Nick Kuzio. During the next five years a number of such tractor-powered machines appeared in the district. The tractor continued to be the source of power until the late 1940's when it was replaced by the swather and the combine.

The separators continued to be used until the combines came on the market, but during those years they had undergone great many changes. The clumsy, wooden structure of the 1905 era, which required up to 20 men to operate was transformed during a period of ten years into an all-steel,

Threshing at Steve Buk's farm, S.E. of Two Hills, 1916. Note - men cutting sheaves and pushing them into feeder and straw elevator (no blower). The stationary engine and the threshing machine had to be pulled by horses.

streamlined machine, which required only six men or even fewer to operate. Even one farmer was able to do his own threshing with such a machine. Quite naturally it took him much longer, than it would have taken had there been a full crew.

The days of the steam threshing are but a memory. They were the days of hustle and bustle, with vast outbursts of energy, replenished with delicious meals, which may be likened to banquets, with plenty of banter, practical jokes, gossip and lively discussions. They were also the days of strenuous labor compounded by long hours, and adverse weather conditions, which man is unable to overcome. The old timers reminisce with nostalgia about the good old days when the steam engine was king, but in the same breath they are quick to admit that they would not like to relive those hectic days of the steam engine, but would rather settle for the combine. Would they really?

Now a farmer sits on his combine, and travels round and round all by himself while swallowing plenty of wheat, rust and dust. Just think of all the fun that he is missing!

As indicated in Nick Buk's story on the evolution of threshing procedures, the slow and powerful steam engines succumbed to gasoline and kerosene powered tractors which came on the market in the 1920s. The first

Dmytro Kupchenko driving his steam engine which he bought in 1918.

Matt Hnydyk on McCormick Deering Tractor, 1930. This type of tractor broke most of the land in the Two Hills area.

Wm. P. Buk threshing at Wasyl Nikiforuk farm, Oct. 1931

Peter, William and Nick Hryciw show off Twin City, Twin M.M. City and Minneapolis-Moline tractors, circa 1936

Dan Klem's Rumely Oil-Pull Tractor, 1922

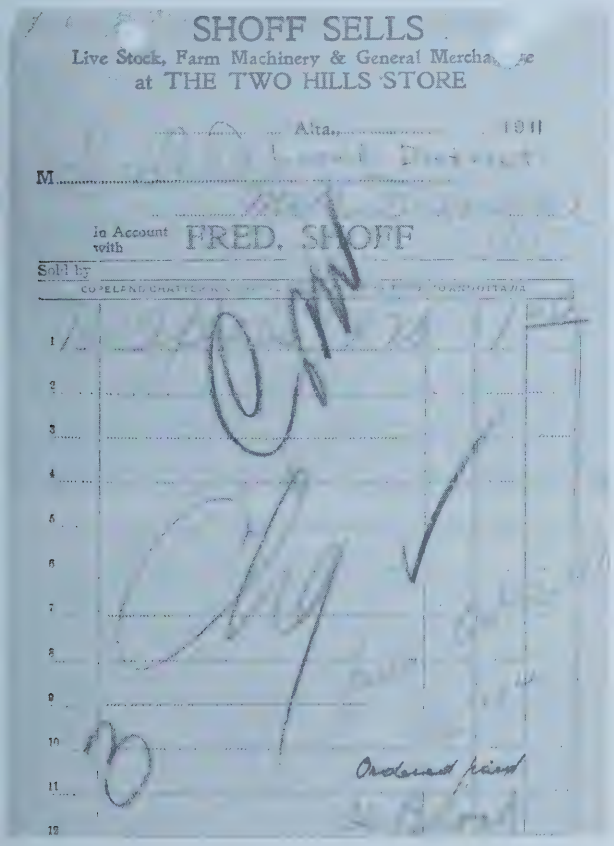
McCormick Deering steel-lugged tractors, which sold fo $1,200, probably broke 80% of the land in the Two Hill area. Used until the 1940s, the reliable steel wheele tractor was replaced by rubber tired machines which wer faster, more manouverable and more powerful.

Before 1905, residents of the Two Hills area had to rel on Fort Saskatchewan and Edmonton for their supplies With the arrival of the C.N.R. in Vegreville in 1905 farmers of the Two Hills area could obtain most supplie in the bustling town of Vegreville. Grain was als delivered to Vegreville or Lavoy at this time.

Several small stores were being established in the Tw Hills district as well. One of these was operated by th legendary Fred Shoff of Pozerville. A few years late Isophat Hawreliuk opened a store in Musidora an during World War I the Humen brothers, Steve an William, started a dry goods business a few hundre yards south of Pobeda School. Fred Shoff's store, th

First Two Hills store established by Fred Shoff in 1904. The store was located east of the present town of Two Hills on the S.E. 35-54-13-W4 in the vicinity of the present airport.

first in the Two Hills district, was a veritable treasure-trove of settler's effects. A variety of dry goods, hardware and machinery along with a grocery stock of essentials was always available at reasonable prices. Three pounds of rice sold for 10¢; eggs were 5¢ a dozen and butter 20¢ per pound. A hammer or axe sold for $1., a grub hoe for only 50¢. Horse collars cost $2. or $3. and complete harnesses sold for $40. A good shotgun could be purchased for $19. A field adjacent to Shoff's store was often the scene of country picnics. Picnic activities



SHOFF SELLS
Live Stock, Farm Machinery & General Merchandise
at THE TWO HILLS STORE

Alta., 1911

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In Account with FRED. SHOFF

Sold by

Ordered paid

Fred Shoff's bill for 10 steel spikes for Local Improvement District, 1911

included horseshoe competitions and races of all kinds, including horse races. Every family brought pot luck lunches and food to the picnic, and the friendly merchant always supplied free coffee.

Early pioneers of the district spent six months surviving the winter season and used the next six months preparing for it. Preparation for the cold season was a ritual to be followed by all members of the family. Most important in the plans for winter preparation was obtaining a good supply of flour. Before 1905, the only commercial flour mills were in Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan. Later, mills were built in Vegreville, Manville, Mundare, and Musidora. A flour mill is reported to have operated in the Plain Lake area as early as 1911. To avoid long trips to flour mills, Ukrainian settlers relied on homemade grist mills called "Zhorna". A well known maker of these millstones was pioneer farmer John Soldan. The millstones were two flat stones placed one atop another. Grain was poured through a hole in the top stone which was then turned to grind wheat into flour.

Produce of large gardens was always harvested and preserved or stored for the winter supply of food. Wild berries were also canned for additional food and for variety. Wild mushrooms which were sought all summer long were dried and used to supplement meals during the harsh winters. At Christmas time these tasty morsels were required to prepare one of the 12 traditional Ukrainian dishes. Garlic, too with its touted medicinal benefits was also treasured by the early Ukrainians, sometimes to the displeasure of their Anglo-Saxon neighbours.

With crops and gardens planted and growing, the pioneer farmer prayed for a perfect year. But it seems that it was always too hot, too dry or too wet. During one dry spell the Dadensky family and their neighbors hauled feed by horse-drawn team all the way from Andrew, a distance of over 30 miles.

Early settlers learned to read various signs and events that signalled weather changes. A southeast wind gradually turning to the right was sure to bring rain. Chimney smoke that tumbled off the roof also indicated a good chance of rain. Red evening skies signalled good weather as did long floating spider webs. A horse pawing for food in the open field in winter was also a sign of better weather, and a dog rolling on the ground signalled a wind storm. A squall line of clouds along with lightning indicated hail, the most feared of weather phenomena in the early years. The writer once witnessed a farmer's wife drive a butcher knife into the ground, an act which was to divert a hail storm and often an act practised in desperation.

Many early Ukrainian settlers in the Two Hills area cultivated the hemp plant and found it indispensible for their cuisine. One variety of the plant was planted solely for its fibres used in the manufacture of burlap or rope. The other, the now illegal canabis plant, provided an edible oil used to garnish salads and vegetables.

Extracting the precious hemp oil required a special press, and bags of hemp seeds were transported long distances to presses operated by Philemon Fedoruk of Kaleland or the Kachuk family of Boian.

Before Henry Pozer became custodian of the Pozer-

Morgan's cabin, (Ben's Lake area) circa 1925

ville Post Office in 1904, settlers had to obtain their mail from a depot in the Whitford area some 30 miles away. This was a good day's walk in the early years. After the C.N.R. passed through Vegreville in 1906, more local post offices such as Ispas, Pozerville, Wattsford, Shepenge, and Lanuke were set up. Most of these offices were operated in conjunction with a dry goods store at the time. The first telephone lines passed through Pozerville to connect Vegreville and St. Paul in 1909.

Five years later saw Canada enter World War I and contribute to save the Empire. Pioneer settlers did their part in the war effort but there was some resentment displayed by Ukrainian settlers whose passports indicated they were once citizens of Austria. Some of these individuals were threatened with internment; others had to turn in their firearms and report regularly to the police.

Following World War I, the influenza epidemic struck in the Two Hills area and many lives were lost because of the plague. Remedies for the flu epidemic were many. Reports of camphor soaked gauze masks being used were common in some parts of the country, but in the Two Hills district the traditional cure of the garlic clove seemed to be the most popular medicine. Family history stories elsewhere in this history book report on the tragedy and the digging of many graves to bury the flu victims.

In spite of the many adversities besetting settlers and their families in the Two Hills district, there were many joyous occasions as well. Among these were many traditional three-day Ukrainian weddings, some of them pre-arranged for the young married couple. Often in these situations, the "starosta" or chaperone would be asked to be spokesman for the bridegroom in the wedding arrangements. On wedding days, arches of pine or other trees often adorned the entrance way to the wedding location. Crepe paper was also used to form streamers which marked the locale as well. Following the main wedding feast, it was customary (and still is) to present the bride and groom with gifts of money and other goods. One local family history reports the receipt of two live chickens, five loaves of bread and the grand total of 25¢ as one donation to a young couple.

Other social gatherings were held at farm picnics and community halls. Before the halls were built, dances were

Ukrainian and other "Austro-Hungarian enemy aliens" in an internment camp at Castle Mountain, near Banff during World War I. Bitterness over the way they had been treated by the government would remain for many years. (Courtesy Glenbow Archives)

Katherine (nee Nikiforuk) and Mike Diduck's wedding, August 1, 1915

CANADA REGISTRATION BOARD

This certificate must always be carried upon the person of the registrant

NUMBER 229 974 23

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Trokip Klym

residing at Ispas Alberta

was duly registered for the national purposes

of Canada this 22nd day of June 1918

Peter Kowalski
Deputy Registrar

Trokip Klym
Signature of Registrant

World War I Registration Card

William & Mary Buk's wedding day, June 7, 1932

often held in farm barns especially prepared for the occasion.

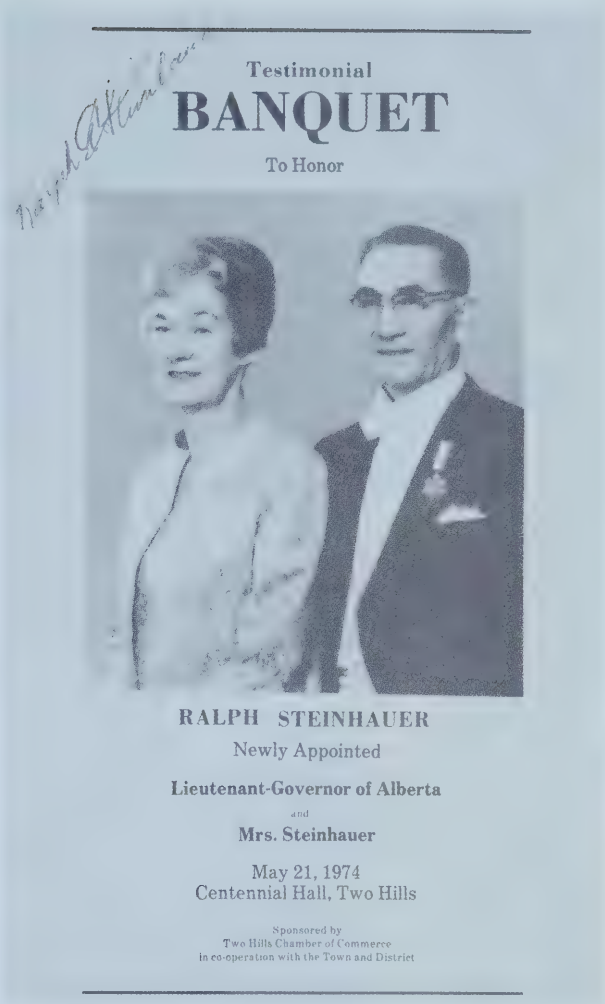
Important religious events were occasions for family visits and celebrations as well. The traditional 12 meatless dishes on Christmas Eve are still prepared by many Ukrainians in the Two Hills district. So is the custom of having hay or grain spread under the table on Christmas Eve. Malanka celebrations, where costumes are donned by adults to represent old men, "babas" and policemen are also part of the festive season activities, as is the traditional carolling by children and the scattering of wheat for good luck on New Year's Day.

Easter traditions and customs of the early Ukrainian settlers included the blessing of bread and other food in a specially prepared basket. After church services, children would roll coloured Easter Eggs on the grass. A small prize was awarded to the youngster who could roll an egg longest without breaking it. One family history reports games involving boys who thrashed girls with pussy willow branches at Easter. In response the young lassies would drench the boys' beds with water.

Early settlers in the Two Hills district always placed a high priority on education. University graduates of the district in the 1930s and earlier included engineers Nick Soldan, John Fife and Wm. Yuskow. In the 90 years following the first settlement in the Two Hills district, many other local residents rose to prominence in the professions, in sports, in politics and in agriculture. Compilation of a comprehensive list is beyond the scope of this book. In the political field, Wm. Tomyn, Albert Hohol, William Diachuk, Michael Ponich, M. Chornohous and G. Mihalchean were elected as provincial MLAs with Messrs. Hohol and Diachuk receiving appointments to prestigious cabinet posts. Walter Solodzuk, son of former railroad foreman Metro Solodzuk, was appointed to the position of Deputy Minister in the Alberta government. So was Carl Daneliuk, (son of Province Elevator agent John Daneliuk) who is presently a Deputy Minister in the B.C. government. An honorary resident of the Two Hills area, Ralph Steinhauer was appointed Lieutenant Governor of the province and RCMP Corporal R. Allan, who was stationed at Two Hills in the early 1950s, rose to the rank of Superintendent.

In the field of education a former Two Hills School principal, Stan Clarke, rose to the prestigious post of General Secretary of Alberta Teachers' Association and a local lad, Nicholas Hrynyk, became executive assistant in the same organization. Long-time principal of the Two Hills High school Nick Myskiw became a provincial school superintendent while Two Hills vice-principal Mike Kostek, authored several books and became Assistant to the superintendent of the Edmonton Public School Board. Harry Hohol became Supervisor of Physical Education for the Edmonton Board, and Nick Marchak and John Yusep served the same Board as a Directors of Education. Former Kiew resident, Richard Samoil, served as Assistant Superintendent of Jasper Place schools.

Former Two Hills teacher, Helen Soldan, rose to the post of Supervisor of Home Economics programs in B.C. Dr. Heleen McLeod (daughter of Two Hills teacher Mary


Testimonial

BANQUET

To Honor

RALPH STEINHAUER

Newly Appointed

Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta

and

Mrs. Steinhauer

May 21, 1974

Centennial Hall, Two Hills

Sponsored by
Two Hills Chamber of Commerce
in co-operation with the Town and District

Souvenir Banquet pamphlet to honor Ralph Steinhauer, honorary Two Hills resident, who was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta in 1974

Soldan Masciuch) is presently Director of Special Educational Services for the Province of Alberta. Bill Skoropad of Plain Lake served as head of the Dept. of Plant Science at the University of Alberta and also received international acclaim for his work in plant pathology and genetics.

National hockey league players who can trace their roots to the Two Hills area include John Bucyk, R. Saganiuk and Wayne and Dave Babych.

Two Hills farmers, have been awarded many trophies including the World Oat Championship won by John T. Eliuk in 1949 and 1950. Farm family awards have also been won by such individuals as Eli Antoniuk, Nick Rosychuk, Marshall Draganiuk, Walter Verenka and Nick D. Elkow.

Most of the credit for the establishment and progress of the Two Hills district appears to be directed to the male pioneers of the area. Seldom are the hardships and tribulations of the pioneer wife and mother highlighted and rarely is proper acknowledgement given to women

who spent entire winters in isolated farmhouses while their husbands worked in bush camps or coal mines elsewhere in the province. Imagine the consternation of young mothers who gave birth in mid-winter with only the assistance of midwives such as Mrs. Ahlstrom, Mrs. E. Gorgichuk or Mrs. Choban. In times of sickness and especially during the influenza epidemic of 1918, the advice and assistance of female herbalists was often sought. Some of the herbalist-healers such as Mrs. Dadensky and Mrs. Ewasiuk, often used very unorthodox means to treat patients who had psychological problems. Bed wetting treatment consisted of allowing the patient to observe hot wax being dropped into a cauldron of water and studying the shapes of the congealed wax which apparently supplied clues for the source of problems. Supernatural powers were attributed to these women who apparently did possess insights which helped resolve many medical and psychological problems.

Seldom is the role of the pioneer woman extolled in the area of farm labour: the tilling of a garden, the feeding of livestock, the preparation of lunches and meals for a 16-man threshing crew, the endless days of stooking or the days and nights of work involved in food preparation for weddings, anniversaries and church functions.

Early pioneer women even had to assume fire fighting duties. Along with their older children they helped to prevent sparks from igniting the thatched roofs which were often so tinder dry. Early incidents of fierce fires in the family histories section of this book reveal many farm losses due to flames as well as near loss of life as women and children crouched in cultivated fields to escape ravaging prairie fires.

The seemingly endless cycle of suckling newborns, of sewing, of rearing and counselling children, and of comforting husbands has been the plight and the contribution of the pioneer wife which has all too often been ignored.

May this tribute serve to make up for years of oversight in this respect.

Two country lasses head for a shopping trip to town, circa 1935

Geese headed for the overnight resting pen

Milking on the farm - a woman's chore

Katherine Zaplachinski carrying a pail of clay mixture for plastering

HOMESTEADS

compiled by Alice Miskiw

This chronology of all homesteaders or settlers is taken from the Township General Register as recorded on microfilm in the Edmonton Archives for the period of late 1800s to 1935. It covers the area of Townships 53, 54, 55 - Range 11; Township 53, 54, 55, 56 - Range 12; and Township 53, 54, 55, 56 - Range 13.

There are a number of parcels that appear several times mainly because some settlers came to this area and in a year or two decided to move on, therefore cancelling their Agreement of Purchase. Another settler occupied the same parcel of land at a later date. Such parcels are marked with a "*" (Agreement of Purchase cancelled).

Names and year of entry are printed exactly as they appear or as interpreted on the Register, as can be best determined.

To assist readers in deciphering some of the European names, please refer to the pronunciation chart below: (1) cz - is ch (2) sz - is sh (3) J - is usually a "Y" or a "W". e.g. Osinczuk - Osinchuk, Kzsyk - Kshyk, Unijat - Uniat, Andrijec - Andrietz, Tymczyszyn - Tymchyshyn, Bojczuk - Boychuk, Jakaryk - Wakaryk.

The only parcels of land that are not listed are those owned by the C.P.R., Hudson's Bay Co. or School land that was not occupied. School lands are Section 11 and 29 in each township.

When the title was received by the settler, there was no further follow-up on the Register.

1894	
Thomas Watt	SW 30-54-13-4
1897	
Hugh Cinnamon	NE 20-54-13-4
Hugh Cinnamon	NW 20-54-13-4*
1899	
Thomas K. Bradshaw	SE 20-54-13-4*
R.M. Pozer	SE 28-54-13-4
1900	
Henri Dmursit	NE 20-54-13-4*
Louis Fosseneuve	NW 20-54-13-4
Eirene E. Mackay	NW 28-54-13-4
Eirene E. Mackay	N 1/2 SW 28-54-13-4
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Harriet C. Mackay	SE 30-54-13-4*
Margaret Hardisty	SE 36-54-13-4
Margaret Hardisty	SW 36-54-13-4
1901	
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Eleanor Cardinal	S 1/2 NW 6-53-13-4
Eleanor Cardinal	SW 6-53-13-4
Alfred Grey	NE 18-53-13-4
Albert Foley	NW 18-53-13-4
John Short	SE 18-53-13-4
Albert Foley	SW 18-53-13-4
Jacko Juskow	NW 20-53-13-4
Antoni Zemarski	NW 22-53-13-4
Gregori Sawczuk	SE 28-53-13-4
Jan Szczurek	NE 30-53-13-4
Wasyl Kaliswarzka	NW 30-53-13-4
Thomasz Szott	SE 30-53-13-4*
Senko Kitz	SW 30-53-13-4
W. Najdziak	NW 32-53-13-4
Antoni Szczurek	SE 32-53-13-4
Maciey Tomcza	SW 32-53-13-4
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John Wm. Laird	NW 18-54-13-4
Daniel Ruttle	NE 22-54-13-4
Wm. Ruttle	NW 22-54-13-4
Stephen F.L. Tabbot	SE 22-54-13-4*
Eleanor E. Violet	SW 22-54-13-4*
Baptiste Fausseneuve	SW 18-55-13-4*
T. Mandryk	SE 30-55-13-4
Nikolaj Oryleski	SW 30-55-13-4*
John Hackman	NE 32-55-13-4
Wasyl Hackman	NW 32-55-13-4
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John W. Logan	SE 16-55-12-4
Chas Wood	SW 16-55-12-4
Stewart Alex Bothwell	NE 22-55-12-4*
Ulysses Lambert	NW 22-55-12-4
Constant Cluyse	SW 22-55-12-4
John Ross	SE 34-55-12-4
Obubroise Grey	SW 34-55-12-4
Archibald Rowland	SE 36-55-12-4
Edmond Brosseau	SW 36-55-12-4
Maurice Boudaux	NE 2-53-13-4*
Lucien Dubuc	SE 2-53-13-4*
Michael Kresyk	SW 4-53-13-4*
Michal Kotlarczuk	NE 6-53-13-4
Lloyd Stonehocker	SE 6-53-13-4
Stefan Cwihun	NE 10-53-13-4
Andrewko Duk	NW 10-53-13-4
Dmytro Samoil	SE 10-53-13-4
Antoni Sokalski	SW 10-53-13-4*
Stefan Pauk	SW 10-53-13-4*
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Maria Kaczarowski	NW 24-53-13-4
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F. Shoff	NW 36-54-13-4
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Michael L. Kucher	NE 4-55-13-4
Daraftei Drapaka	NE 10-55-13-4
Koct Shandruk	SE 10-55-13-4
Hryhori Shandriuk	SW 10-55-13-4
Ilia Diaczuk -	NW 14-55-13-4
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Petro Taszczuk	SE 34-55-13-4
Parachtey Rosiwchuk	SW 34-55-13-4
Hrehory Kereliuk	SW 36-55-13-4

1903

George Orlecki	NW 18-55-11-4
Stefan Orleski	SW 18-55-11-4
Prokop Butnyk	NW 6-53-12-4
Oleksa Uchacz	SE 6-53-12-4
Iwan Uchacz	SW 6-53-12-4
Peter Chichowski	NE 18-53-12-4*
Antoni Goczniowski	NW 30-53-12-4*
Maksym Kaminski	NW 6-54-12-4*
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Andrew Humen	SW 30-54-12-4
Fila Pauluk	NW 36-54-12-4*
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Lawrienta Chrapko	SW 4-55-12-4
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Herman Blok	SE 6-55-12-4*
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Emile Belisle	NE 10-55-12-4*
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Pierre Lalonde	SW 10-55-12-4
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Heneri Savard	SW 24-55-12-4*
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Antin Bezowski	NE 12-55-13-4*
Albert Birowski	NW 12-55-13-4
Joseph Birowski	SE 12-55-13-4
Kereliak Iluik	SE 20-55-13-4
Gordii Iliuk	SW 20-55-13-4
Petro Iliuk	NE 22-55-13-4
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Iwan Luchak	SE 24-55-13-4
Artemon Werenka	SE 28-55-13-4
Prokop Iluk	SW 30-55-13-4
Metro Ruptash	SE 32-55-13-4
Anton Gereluk	NE 34-55-13-4
Danylo Diaczuk	NE 36-55-13-4
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Mykyta Iliuk	SW 4-56-13-4
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I. Jakiemczuk	SE 6-56-13-4
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Erick Englin	NW 2-54-11-4*
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John B. Blomstrant	NE 10-54-11-4
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L.O. Nyguirt	SE 10-54-11-4*
Stefan Hanasik	NW 16-54-11-4
Dmitro Bek	SE 16-54-11-4*
Dmitro Bek	SW 16-54-11-4
Dmytro Nakoneczny	NE 18-54-11-4
Jan Bielech	SE 18-54-11-4*
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Mytro Lukaniuk	SW 20-54-11-4
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Fred Bohaichuk	NW 32-54-11-4
Michailo Basaraba	SW 16-55-11-4
Nickolas Orleski	SE 18-55-11-4
Petro Harasym	NE 20-55-11-4
Ewan Dwarnyczuk	SE 20-55-11-4
Elarine Antoniuk	SW 20-55-11-4
Wawro Wasylczuk	NE 2-53-12-4
George Danyczyn	NE 6-53-12-4
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Josep Predyk	NW 10-53-12-4
Miykyta Turczyniuk	SE 10-53-12-4
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Iwan Predyk	SE 16-53-12-4
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Hrynko Malowany	SW 18-53-12-4
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Jon Sawczuk	NW 20-53-12-4*
John Wasylciw	SE 20-53-12-4
Hnat Bojczuk	SW 20-53-12-4*
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Petro Kariam	SE 22-53-12-4
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Maciej Kowalski	NW 30-53-12-4
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Marcin Petecki	SE 32-53-12-4
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Hryc Tomyn	SE 34-53-12-4*
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Stefan Chmilar	NW 6-54-12-4
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Stefan Fedun	SW 16-54-12-4
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Lucz Dutka	SE 18-54-12-4
Michael Soldan	NW 20-54-12-4
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Nicholas Snajczuk	SW 20-54-12-4
Iwan Jurczak	NE 22-54-12-4
Iwan Odenski	NW 22-54-12-4
Petro Buk	SE 22-54-12-4
Iwan Maryjanycz	SW 22-54-12-4
Jan Hawrysz	NW 24-54-12-4*
Fedko Snajczuk	SW 24-54-12-4
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Mytro Nikiforuk	NW 34-54-12-4
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Petro Dowhaniuk	NE 6-55-12-4
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Iwan Dronyk	SW 6-56-12-4
Jan Rogowski	NE 4-53-13-4
Iw Dzuiba	SE 4-53-13-4
L.C. McGregor	SW 4-53-13-4
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Kontrakt Kit	SE 2-54-13-4
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Nykolaj Olynyk	NW 16-55-13-4
Wasyl Kluczka	NE 18-55-13-4
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Zachari Drapoka	NW 34-55-13-4
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Vasile Svecla	NE 18-56-13-4
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Andrj Kzsyk	NW 18-54-11-4
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Iwan Shibry	SE 28-55-11-4
Iwan Chrapko	SW 28-55-11-4
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Gl Halko	NE 18-53-12-4*
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Petro Skoropadyk	SW 22-53-12-4
Bronko Lysakowski	NW 24-53-12-4
Iwan Frankiw	SW 32-53-12-4
Jakym Myskiw	NW 4-54-12-4
Franko Petecki	SW 4-54-12-4
Peter Teresio	NE 20-54-12-4
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Thomasj Pawulasky	SE 24-54-12-4
Nicholl Dowhaniuk	NW 32-54-12-4
Richard C. Fife	SE 32-54-12-4
R.C. Fife	SW 32-54-12-4
Nykolaj Mandrusiak	NW 36-54-12-4
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Fedor Ilko	SE 36-54-12-4
Iwan Prokopiuk	SW 36-54-12-4
Wasyl Ripka	NE 2-55-12-4*
John Ireland	NW 2-55-12-4*
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Eugene Beland	NE 14-55-12-4
Wm. F. Gronewald	SE 14-55-12-4
Jeremie Lapierre	NW 20-55-12-4
Iwan Gordey	SW 20-55-12-4
Iwan Meryan	SW 20-55-12-4*
George Derosiers	SE 22-55-12-4
Delphis Girard	NW 24-55-12-4
Alphonse Girard	SE 24-55-12-4
Leonard Hilard	SW 24-55-12-4
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Bill Sider	SW 32-55-12-4*
Chs. Bergeron	NE 4-56-12-4
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Michael Szivyryn	SW 30-56-12-4
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John Osada	SE 2-53-13-4
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S.A. Young	SE 32-54-13-4
Kost Fedoruk	NW 2-55-13-4
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Stefan Iluik	SE 6-55-13-4
Michailo Russnak	NE 12-55-13-4
Cost Birowski	SW 12-55-13-4
Onufry Iwasczuk	NE 14-55-13-4
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Onofrey Zurnowinski	NE 6-56-13-4
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George Moroz	SE 16-56-13-4
Lazar Fedoreak	SW 16-56-13-4
Nikoley Hutzkal	SW 18-56-13-4
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Ilia Pashniak	NE 24-56-13-4
Jakob Makowiczuk	NW 24-56-13-4
Myketa Severin	SE 24-56-13-4
Wasyl Zadymirski	SW 24-56-13-4
George Treschew	NE 30-56-13-4
Costantine Zuk	NW 30-56-13-4
Dmetro Hnatiuk	SE 30-56-13-4
Jakew Jurko	SW 30-56-13-4
Prokop Klem	SE 32-56-13-4
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Mykita Klem	SE 2-57-13-4

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Leo Frankiw	SE 16-53-11-4
Michael Samoil	NW 18-53-11-4*
Hnat Boiczuk	SW 18-53-11-4
Stifan Grabas	SE 22-53-11-4*
Andrej Ilkow	NW 20-54-11-4
Iwan Ilcuf	NE 28-54-11-4
S. Wojtkow	NW 28-54-11-4
N. Andrijec	SW 28-54-11-4*
L. Pankow	SE 32-54-11-4*
Antoni Tymczyszyn	SW 32-54-11-4
Nikolaj Chomik	NE 34-54-11-4
Fedor Hrynyk	NE 4-55-11-4
Stefan Hrynyk	SE 4-55-11-4
Maty Jyrymijczuk	SW 4-55-11-4*
Mik Mehyden	NE 6-55-11-4
Simion Mehyden	NW 6-55-11-4
Wm. Bowick	NE 14-55-11-4*
Chris Moes	NW 14-55-11-4*
Frank Gottersfield	SE 14-55-11-4*
John Hessinpad	SW 14-55-11-4*
John Ponich	SE 16-55-11-4*
Zacarie Wasalaczko	NW 22-55-11-4
Iwan Goriniuk	SE 22-55-11-4
Wasyl Ponich	SW 24-55-11-4
Eugene Julien	NE 28-55-11-4
Adelard Bichard	NE 30-55-11-4
Wasyl Chrapko	SE 32-55-11-4*
Leon Distine	SE 34-55-11-4*
Max Lecrenier	SW 34-55-11-4
John Kotlarczuk	NW 4-53-12-4
O. Clabonewski	SE 4-53-12-4*
Jacob Semeniuk	SW 4-53-12-4*
John Caruk	SE 14-53-12-4
Lesko Fourko	SW 16-53-12-4
Oleksa Zuba	NE 18-53-12-4*
Fred Grabas	SE 30-53-12-4*
Hryc Tomyn	NE 34-53-12-4
Iwan Haluszczak	NW 36-53-12-4
M. Kaminski	NE 6-54-12-4
Iwan Szurmaj	SE 6-54-12-4
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Ephraim Perich	SW 28-54-12-4
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George Lapashchuk	SW 32-55-12-4
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Joseph Bergeron	SE 4-56-12-4
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Harry Purthing	NE 16-56-12-4
Jesse Benham	NW 16-56-12-4*
Thomas Bramley	SE 16-56-12-4
John McBride	SW 16-56-12-4*
Jakiw Olynyk	NE 18-56-12-4*
Wasyl Mayrusak	NW 18-56-12-4
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Elie Russu	SE 18-56-12-4*
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Anush Quellet	NW 28-56-12-4
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George Twerdychlip	SE 30-56-12-4
Constant Vogshla	SE 32-56-12-4*
Iwan Werstiuk	SW 32-56-12-4
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Michall Samoil	SE 24-53-13-4
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Panko Kutyk	SE 36-53-13-4
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Marie L. Brosseau	SE 20-54-13-4
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Harry Luzak	SE 4-56-13-4
Jacob Lybid	SW 10-56-13-4
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John Holowajchuk	NW 36-56-13-4
Nikolai Holowaczuk	SE 36-56-13-4
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Hrizko Ewanchuk	NW 4-57-13-4
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Geo. Kupchanko	SW 10-57-13-4
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Teodor Howalyczka	NW 12-57-13-4
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Sam Sofka	SW 12-53-11-4*
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Iwan Hajduk	SW 16-53-11-4
Franko Muzyzaka	NW 18-53-11-4
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Iwan Sorochan	NW 6-54-11-4
Iwan Laizczowski	SW 6-54-11-4
Mike Wegera	NW 14-54-11-4
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Ilko Lyzanczuk	SW 28-54-11-4
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Hylko Iskiw	SW 34-54-11-4*
Wasyl Gereliuk	NE 36-54-11-4
Onufry Hunka	SE 36-54-11-4
Mike Borowski	NE 2-55-11-4*
Andry Pankow	NW 2-55-11-4*
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Frank Boroniski	SE 2-55-11-4*
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Elie Theroux	NW 30-55-11-4
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Dick Skoropadyk	
Peter and Mike Gretzan	NW 11-53-12-4
Mike Torchyniuk	
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John Sawczuk	NW 20-53-12-4
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Joseph Noselski	SE 24-53-12-4
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Klem Duke	NE 22-53-12-4
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Tanasko Sidor	NW 10-56-13-4
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Mike Onishook	SW 12-56-13-4
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Kindrat Chmilar	NW 24-53-11-4
Safat Tymkiw	SW 24-53-11-4
Stefan Demkiw	NE 26-53-11-4
John Demkiw	NE 34-53-11-4
Styk Hamernyk	NW 34-53-11-4*
Andrij Ferlyko	SE 34-53-11-4
Demko Howalczuk	SE 36-53-11-4
Fred Mandrusiak	NW 2-54-11-4
Andrew Mandrusiak	SW 2-54-11-4
Nykolaj Gisczkowski	NW 4-54-11-4*
Wasyl Demkiw	SE 4-54-11-4*
Petro Ilkiw	SW 10-54-11-4*
Petro Demkiw	SW 10-54-11-4
Ila Pylypiuk	NE 14-54-11-4
Nels. Alex Nalslide	SE 14-54-11-4
John Mandruizek	NW 22-54-11-4
Geo. Tarangul	SE 22-54-11-4*
Petro Ilkiw	SW 22-54-11-4
Wasyl Romaniuk	SW 24-54-11-4
Wasyl Lukanuk	SE 28-54-11-4
Harrjy Miskiw	SW 34-54-11-4*
Andrew O. Ball	NE 2-55-11-4*
Rinko Mersiuk	SE 2-55-11-4*
Andrij Zacharuk	NW 3-55-11-4
Michal Zacharuk	SW 3-55-11-4
Andrew Pelyzsiuk	NW 4-55-11-4*
Iwan Bohaychuk	NE 5-55-11-4*
Iwan Maksymiuk	SE 5-55-11-4
Andrew Laniuk	SE 6-55-11-4*
E. Jard Moisan	NE 7-55-11-4
Arthur Roberge	NW 7-55-11-4
Orion Topecz	SE 7-55-11-4
Dmetrius Paradis	SW 7-55-11-4*
Martin Sailt	NE 9-55-11-4*
Danylo Topecz	NW 9-55-11-4
Sytyfum Bokojczuk	SW 9-55-11-4*
Stif Czernewczan	NE 12-55-11-4*
Lem Hamaliuk	NW 12-55-11-4*
Pete Marchand	NW 15-55-11-4
Iwan Ponich	NW 16-55-11-4
Wasel Basaraba	NE 17-55-11-4
Dmytro Lakusta	NW 17-55-11-4
Andre Skakun	SE 17-55-11-4
Maksem Dowhaniuk	SW 17-55-11-4
Theosule Bechard	NW 19-55-11-4*
Joseph Theroux	SE 19-55-11-4
Iwan Chrapko	NE 21-55-11-4
Peter Harasym	NW 21-55-11-4
Peter Harasyn	SW 21-55-11-4
Tonasko Harrassem	NE 22-55-11-4
Tanasko Selohore	NE 24-55-11-4*
Gorgie Harasym	NW 27-55-11-4
Louis Rioux	SE 34-55-11-4*
Stefan Predyk	SE 4-53-12-4*
Nykoli Sirman	NW 28-53-12-4
Stefan Samoil	SE 30-53-12-4
Jurko Nykilczuk	NE 14-54-12-4*
Mike Deliawski	NW 14-54-12-4*
John Sackowski	NE 18-54-12-4
Dmytro Odynski	NE 34-54-12-4
Stephen Nikiforuk	SW 34-54-12-4
Ely Tkachuk	NE 2-55-12-4*
Josep Nadeau	SW 2-55-12-4*
Wasyl Doczuk	SW 2-55-12-4*
Francis X. Boileau	SW 4-56-12-4*
Frederick Lavallee	NW 16-56-12-4
Kyfa Woloszuk	NW 20-56-12-4
Napolean DesPins	SE 20-56-12-4
Flora Derda	NW 32-56-12-4
Mike Yourko	SE 32-56-12-4*
Wasyl Darda	NE 22-56-13-4
Demetro Kushniruk (HB)	NE 26-56-13-4
Flora Derda	NE 28-56-13-4*
Dmytro Lacusta	SW 36-56-13-4*
Iwan Olynyk	SW 2-57-13-4
Philip Mynzack	NE 4-57-13-4
Theodore Michalcean	SE 4-57-13-4*
Iwan Bidynyj	SE 12-57-13-4
John Zukiwski	SW 12-57-13-4
1909	
Iwan Loza	SW 4-53-11-4*
Peter Fronczuk	NW 12-53-11-4*
Wasyl Bajka	SE 12-53-11-4*
Kryto Lagusz	SE 12-53-11-4
Theodore Lisiewicz	NE 22-53-11-4
Caraym Wasylciw	NE 30-53-11-4
Michael Makarowski	NW 30-53-11-4
O. Rudkowski	NE 32-53-11-4*
Wasyl Wolski	NE 32-53-11-4
Jurko Kszyk	NW 32-53-11-4
Stefan Myskiw	NE 36-53-11-4
Sam Mychal Kiw	NW 10-54-11-4*
Semko Szerniak	SE 10-54-11-4*
Kost Marysnuk	NE 13-54-11-4*
Onisam Lakusta	NW 13-54-11-4
Sam Mehera	SE 13-54-11-4
Peter Odynski	SW 13-54-11-4
Leon Boida	SE 23-54-11-4

Mary Tarangul	SW 23-54-11-4*
Steve Danczuk	NE 24-54-11-4
Mick Lypka	NW 24-54-11-4*
Onufry Rudkowski	NE 26-54-11-4*
Andrew Oball	NW 30-54-11-4*
Stefan Bachuruk	SE 30-54-11-4
Ewan Daciuk	SE 32-54-11-4
Geo. Iwasiuk	NW 1-55-11-4
Elia Marianych	SW 1-55-11-4
Annie Bohoochuk	SE 3-55-11-4
Dmytro Mandrusiak	SW 4-55-11-4
Onufrey Rudkowski	NW 5-55-11-4
Mykajla Ilkoff	SE 5-55-11-4
Mychaylo Mandrusiak	SW 5-55-11-4
Mayk Nikiforuk	SE 6-55-11-4
Zephyr St. Hilaire	SW 7-55-11-4
John Sinclair	SW 12-55-11-4*
Wasy Dowhaniuk	SW 15-55-11-4*
Adam Zorec	SE 16-55-11-4*
Tunasko Solokafe	NE 19-55-11-4
Henry Theroux	NW 19-55-11-4
Arthur Mercier	SW 19-55-11-4*
John Seruk	SW 25-55-11-4
Koska Baska	NE 27-55-11-4
Semen Petereczuk	SE 27-55-11-4*
Koska Baska	SE 27-55-11-4
Ewan Snihar	SW 27-55-11-4
M. Lacrenirn	NW 34-55-11-4
Senko Bucik	SE 4-53-12-4*
Nick Bucik	SW 4-53-12-4*
Philip Paliczuk	NE 36-53-12-4
John Chmilar	NW 10-54-12-4*
Wasyl Delawski	NE 12-54-12-4
Wasyl Nykiforuk	SE 14-54-12-4
Mytro Danyliuk	SW 14-54-12-4
Trofani Iliuk	NE 28-54-12-4
Sidori Drapaka	NW 32-54-12-4
Wasyl Dochuk	NE 2-55-12-4
Wasyl Zylenko	SW 2-55-12-4*
Alphonse Brosseau	NW 36-55-12-4
John Hyczka	SW 20-56-12-4*
W.A. Dubuc	SE 28-56-12-4*
M. Holowaczuk	NW 30-56-12-4
Nikolay Kuscierean	NE 10-56-13-4
Petro Kuscierean	SE 10-56-13-4
Paulo Biduliak	NW 12-56-13-4*
John Hutzkal	NE 14-56-13-4
Costachi Harasim	NW 14-56-13-4
Jan Miheilczan	SE 14-56-13-4*
Toder Kuchuran	SW 14-56-13-4
Nicolai Basaraba	NE 16-56-13-4
Metro Hunczak	NW 6-57-13-4
Simeon Michalchon	NE 9-57-13-4*
Paulo Bidalak	NW 9-57-13-4
Ivan Manczak	SW 9-57-13-4
1910	
Samuel Semeniuk	SW 2-53-11-4*
Andrew Luszczyszyn	SE 4-53-11-4
Andrew Oball	SW 4-53-11-4
Philip Goszko	NW 12-53-11-4
Alex Slevinski	NE 14-53-11-4*
Iwan Polnyj	NW 22-53-11-4*
Wasyl Zaliszczuk	SW 30-53-11-4
Andrej Tarapacki	SW 34-53-11-4
Jan Bruchal	SE 6-54-11-4
Mathew Obermayr	SW 10-54-11-4
Sam Samograd	NE 13-54-11-4
John Elko	NE 22-54-11-4*
Elko Babych	SE 22-54-11-4
John Elkow	SW 23-54-11-4
Iwan Wenneczuk	NE 25-54-11-4*
Pyntely Drapaka	SE 25-54-11-4
Prokop Babuck	SW 25-54-11-4*
John Ambroamse	SW 34-54-11-4
Geo. Chrapko	SW 35-54-11-4
William Mandrusiak	NW 4-55-11-4
Wasyl Czernewczan	NE 12-55-11-4
Philip St. Hilaire	NE 15-55-11-4*
Wasyl Bylak	SW 15-55-11-4*
Matiy Paulichuk	SE 16-55-11-4
Lucien Mereier	NE 21-55-11-4*
Adelard Desrosiers	SE 21-55-11-4*
Sam Kindrat	NE 24-55-11-4*
Iwan Hrehoriuk	NE 25-55-11-4
Wm. Stefeniuk	NW 25-55-11-4*
Mike Goreniuk	NW 27-55-11-4*
Mike Krytory	NE 34-55-11-4*
John Plaska	NE 34-55-11-4*
Jean B. Sirois	SE 34-55-11-4
John Antoniuk	SE 36-55-11-4*
Joseph Kostyniuk	SW 4-53-12-4*
William Bileski	SW 20-53-12-4
Geo. Delawski	NW 36-53-12-4
Harry Wynnyczuk	NE 2-54-12-4
John Chmilar	NE 4-54-12-4
Peter Tymczczyn	SE 4-54-12-4
Dmytro Delawski	NW 10-54-12-4
Richard C. Fife	NE 29-54-12-4
John Nikiforuk	NW 29-54-12-4
Richard C. Fife	SE 29-54-12-4
John Nikiforuk	SW 29-54-12-4
Gaston Bachelet	SW 4-56-12-4
Geo. Shepanski	NE 6-56-12-4
Pete Shepanski	SE 18-56-12-4*
Metro Filipczuk	SW 20-56-12-4*
Alphonse Quellett	SE 28-56-12-4*
Nykolai Drapaka	NE 32-56-12-4*
Onufry Harassin	SE 32-56-12-4
Andrew Zukiwski	NE 5-57-12-4
John Himczak	NW 5-57-12-4
Nicolai Goraniuk	SE 5-57-12-4
Patro Zukiwski	SW 5-57-12-4
Geo. Gordey	NE 6-57-12-4
Geo. Zukiwski	NW 6-57-12-4
John Hackman	SE 6-57-12-4
John Hackman	SW 6-57-12-4
Andrew Gordey	NE 7-57-12-4
Todor Rosiczuk	NW 7-57-12-4
Onufrey Gordey	SE 7-57-12-4
Ivan Zukiwsky	SW 7-57-12-4
Joe Sokolski	NE 11-53-13-4
Wasyl Horon S.L.	
George Wasoroski S.L.	NW 11-53-13-4
Antoni Szczurek	NE 29-53-13-4
Arthur W. Kelly	NW 29-53-13-4
Jacob Juskow	SE 29-53-13-4
Arthur W. Kelly	SW 29-53-13-4
Samuel R. English	NE 11-54-13-4
Samuel R. English	SE 11-54-13-4
Joseph J. Brown	NE 29-54-13-4
George B. Richardson	NW 29-54-13-4*
Josep J. Brown	SE 29-54-13-4
George B. Richardson	SW 29-54-13-4*
Hryhory Szandruk	NW 10-55-13-4
Ila Iluk	SW 22-55-13-4
Andrej Basaraba	SE 14-56-13-4
Wasyl Basaraba	NE 28-56-13-4
Dmytro Haydey	NW 34-56-13-4
Mike Szczepanski	SW 36-56-13-4
Manoli Ostashuk	SE 4-57-13-4*
Fred Biduleak	SE 7-57-13-4
John Ropcean	SE 9-57-13-4*
1911	
Franko Gresztyczyn	SW 2-53-11-4
Wladyslaw Lukasiewicz	SW 12-53-11-4
Iwan Lazowski	NE 16-53-11-4
Andrew O. Osiper	NW 16-53-11-4*
Paulo Iwoszko	NW 22-53-11-4
Nykola Skubert	SE 28-53-11-4*
John Gulianowski	SW 32-53-11-4
Wasyl Demkiw	SW 34-53-11-4
Mike Lyszczyn	NW 4-54-11-4
Tom Lemisjka	SE 4-54-11-4*
Pawlo Dudziak	SE 4-54-11-4
John Mandrusiak	SE 10-54-11-4
Karl Engguist	NW 12-54-11-4
Wasyl Demkiw	NW 24-54-11-4*
Wm. Lenko	NW 24-54-11-4*
Dmytro Jeremy	NE 26-54-11-4
Fred Mandrusiak	NW 30-54-11-4
John Lukaniuk	SW 30-54-11-4*
George Krywynczuk	NE 1-55-11-4
Paulo Bezpalko	NE 2-55-11-4*
Peter Topechko	NE 3-55-11-4
Henry Chailler	NE 9-55-11-4
Sylver Chailler	SE 9-55-11-4*
Andrij Zayacskowski	NW 12-55-11-4*
John Guly	SW 12-55-11-4
John Antoniuk	SE 24-55-11-4
Mike Gretorgy	SW 24-55-11-4
Wasyl Holinski	NW 25-55-11-4*
Metro Kupchenko	NW 25-55-11-4
Kost Woloszen	SE 25-55-11-4
Sam Kindrat	SW 25-55-11-4
George Ruptash	SW 32-55-11-4*
Stefan Predyk	SE 4-53-12-4
Wasyl Zeniuk	SW 4-53-12-4
Majk Adamoski	NE 24-53-12-4*
Danylo Ferbey	NE 10-54-12-4
Dan Danyluk	NE 14-54-12-4*
Elycar Moisan	SW 2-56-12-4
John Bodnaruk	SE 18-56-12-4*
Hryhorj Berezka	SW 20-56-12-4
John Malajko	NE 32-56-12-4
Ignats Onishook	NW 12-56-13-4*
Simeon Michalzan	NW 22-56-13-4
Ilia Niscoromin	SW 22-56-13-4*
Elia Toma	SW 22-56-13-4
Geo. Hnatiuk	SW 32-56-13-4
Nick Hirnick	SW 7-57-13-4*
Geo. Pardichuk	SE 9-57-13-4*
Wm. H. Albert	NE 10-57-13-4*
1912	
John Wusik	SW 22-53-11-4*
Iwan Chmilar	NE 28-53-11-4
Roman Mazur	NW 28-53-11-4
Stefan Galamaga	SW 28-53-11-4
Gregor Tarkowski	SE 30-53-11-4
Prokop Caczmar	SE 32-53-11-4
Nykolaj Liaszowski	NW 34-53-11-4
Fedor Iluk	NE 22-54-11-4
Simon Tasczuk	NW 24-54-11-4
Jos. Lasek	SW 30-54-11-4
John Maskaluk	SE 35-54-11-4
Harry Maskalyk	SW 36-54-11-4
Metro Maksymiuk	NE 2-55-11-4
Damien Goluwaty	NW 2-55-11-4*
Nick Chanasick	SE 2-55-11-4*
Mike Dzashalink	SE 2-55-11-4*
Nykolaj Dowhaniuk	NE 5-55-11-4
Wasyl Rybak	NE 10-55-11-4
Wasyl Delawski	SE 10-55-11-4
Adilard Gaulin	SW 10-55-11-4*
Geo. Ruptash	NW 12-55-11-4*
Georgi Nekolaichuk	NE 14-55-11-4*
Tad P. Harrison	NW 14-55-11-4
Mike Goreniuk	NE 15-55-11-4
Ferdinand Moisan	SW 15-55-11-4
John Harasym	NE 24-55-11-4
Basil Theroux	SW 30-55-11-4
Nikolaj Skakun	NE 34-55-11-4
Iwan Orlecki	SE 36-55-11-4
Iwan Chrapko	NE 14-54-12-4
Steve C. Topucz	NE 24-54-12-4*
Wm. Buck	NW 28-54-12-4
Onesime Paradis	NE 28-55-12-4
Georgy Syvyrin	NW 12-56-13-4*
Nikolai Fedorak	SE 4-57-13-4

John Gordey	NE 7-57-13-4
Tanasij Yusep	SE 9-57-13-4
1913	
Joseph Kostynuk	NE 18-53-11-4*
Kurylo Frankiw	SE 18-53-11-4*
Jacko Hnyatin	NE 20-53-11-4*
Jack Hnatin	NW 20-53-11-4*
Ilko Petrowski	NW 20-53-11-4*
Kost Opolinski	SE 20-53-11-4
Nicholi Rulka	SW 20-53-11-4
Steve Bek	NW 10-54-11-4*
Mike Ilkow	NE 23-54-11-4
Maftey Semenowicz	NW 23-54-11-4
John Eliuk	NE 25-54-11-4*
Harry Jackaruk	NE 35-54-11-4*
John Hryhoryk	NW 36-54-11-4
Eutimi Krewenchuk	NW 2-55-11-4
Andry Kolisniak	SE 2-55-11-4
Iwan Bohaychuk	SW 9-55-11-4
Mar Esfie	NW 10-55-11-4*
Michailo Sanszuk	SW 10-55-11-4*
Harry Ruptash	NW 12-55-11-4
Iwan Rewega	NE 14-55-11-4*
John Luciak	SE 14-55-11-4*
Wasyl Hawlensky	SE 21-55-11-4
Wasyl Chrapko	SW 32-55-11-4
Andronik Skakun	SW 36-55-11-4
Stefan Humen	NW 14-54-12-4
Nikolay Chrapko	NE 24-54-12-4
Nykolaj Melnyczuk	NE 8-56-12-4
Alphonse Gallant	SE 28-56-12-4
Victor Dowhaniuk	SW 18-55-13-4
John Blasechuk	NE 9-57-13-4*
1914	
Damka Cenko	NW 16-53-11-4*
Nykola Jaremczuk	NE 20-53-11-4*
Peter Cooby	SW 22-53-11-4
John Lukeniuk	NE 25-54-11-4
John Dronyk	NW 25-54-11-4
Alek Mandrusiak	NE 35-54-11-4
Fred Shewchuk	NW 35-54-11-4
Steve Krewenchuk	SE 1-55-11-4
Damian Gulowaty	SE 9-55-11-4
Nick Orydzuk	SW 10-55-11-4*
Teofil Mandrek	NE 14-55-11-4
John Parkar	SW 14-55-11-4*
Wasyl Werenka	SW 19-55-11-4
Anton Grycan	NE 24-53-12-4
John Heska	NW 12-56-13-4*
George Hereniuk	SW 7-57-13-4
Constantine Luczuk	NE 9-57-13-4*
1915	
John Molofie	NE 18-53-11-4*
Karpo Eskiw	NE 35-54-11-4
John Eskiw	NW 10-55-11-4*
Wasyl D. Humen	SW 10-55-11-4*
Wasyl Jaremiczuk	SE 14-55-11-4
Alek Weshyhora	SW 14-55-11-4*
Michal Stypuczyn	NW 22-53-12-4
Sam Topetch	NW 24-55-12-4*
John Iliuk	NW 24-55-12-4
Wasyl Tkaczuk	SE 28-56-13-4
1916	
John Antoniuk	NW 20-53-11-4
Hawryiszko Iwaszki	SE 28-53-11-4
Olnana Babiuk	SW 25-54-11-4*
Harry Bodnariuk	SE 18-56-12-4
1917	
George Ckaryna	SW 10-55-11-4
Joseph Baczynski	NE 26-53-13-4
1918	
Thos. F. Cadzow	NE 29-55-11-4*
T.F. Cadzow	NE 29-53-12-4*
Thos. F. Cadzow	NE 11-55-12-4*
Thos. Cadzow	SW 29-55-12-4
Joseph S. McCallum	SE 11-53-13-4*
Samuel R. English	NW 11-54-13-4
Thos. F. Cadzow	SW 11-54-13-4*
Thomas Watt	NW 29-54-13-4
Thomas Watt	ptSW 29-54-13-4
Thos. F. Cadzow	NE 11-55-13-4*
Thos. F. Cadzow	NW 11-55-13-4*
Thos. F. Cadzow	SE 11-55-13-4*
Thos. F. Cadzow	SW 11-55-13-4*
Thos. F. Cadzow	Sect. 29-55-13-4*
Thos. F. Cadzow	Sect. 29-56-13-4
John Desjarlais	NE 10-57-13-4*
Thos. F. Cadzow	Sect. 11-57-13-4
1919	
Chas. Wesley Speers	ptNW 16-54-13-4
1920	
Alexander B. Seaton	SW 25-54-11-4
Mike Jozik	SW 14-54-11-4
1921	
Andrew Lotoski	NE 18-53-11-4
Joseph Nidzielski	SE 18-53-11-4
Iwan Bednarski	SW 20-53-11-4
Hryhory Eluk	NE 36-55-11-4
1922	
Stanley Gidzinski	NE 20-53-11-4*
Stef Kryvick	NW 10-54-11-4
John Topechka	SE 10-55-11-4
Yakiw Guluwaty	SW 10-55-11-4
Alex Hlady	NW 12-56-13-4
Bert Stewart	NW 7-57-13-4*
Makavij Kusiek	NE 10-57-13-4
1923	
William John Findlay	NW 16-53-11-4*
Harry Ruddick	NW 20-53-11-4
Andro Fedorak	S of R NE 9-57-13-4
1924	
Fred Skolski	NW 16-53-11-4
Harry Skolski	NE 20-53-11-4
Clarence M. Aikins	NW 10-55-11-4*
1927	
Mike Mandrusiak	NW 20-53-11-4
Helen Russ	NW 7-57-13-4
1928	
John Ewasiuk	SE 32-55-11-4
1929	
John Werenka	SW 14-55-11-4
Wasyl Werenka	SE 15-55-11-4
Gordon Brooks	NW 29-55-11-4*
Gordon Brooks	SW 32-55-11-4*
Maxim Tomyn	NE 28-53-12-4
John Rudiak	NE 9-57-13-4
1930	
C.P.R.	SW 30-54-11-4
Damian Gulowaty	NW 30-55-11-4*
1933	
Ilia Iluik	NW 22-55-13-4
1934	
Peter Chicloski	SE 11-53-12-4
1935	
Steve Gulowaty	NW 10-55-11-4*
1936	
Silver Fedoruk	ptNE 20-56-12-4
1937	
Joe Lukasewich	NE 20-53-11-4
Sam Sorochan	SW 14-54-11-4
1939	
Nick Holinski	ptNE 20-56-12-4
1940	
John Sirman John Stoski	Graz. P. SE 28-53-12-4
1945	
Dmytro Lisiewich	SE 11-53-11-4
1947	
Mike Paulichuk	Gr.L.M. NW 10-55-11-4

C.P.R. Land Occupied by Early Settlers (as records show in 1927)

Mike Uniat	NE 1-53-11-4
Mike Uniat	NW 1-53-11-4
Harry Hlus	SE 1-53-11-4
Peter Shturmay	SW 1-53-11-4
Elko Kitt	NE 3-53-11-4
Fred Skolski	S 1/2 NW 3-53-11-4
John Skolski	N 1/2 NW 3-53-11-4
Dmytro Sidora	SE 3-53-11-4
Wladyka and Jove Niecdzielski	SW 3-53-11-4
Dmytro Wispinski	NE 5-53-11-4
Dmytro Terlecki	NW 5-53-11-4
Harry Ewanec	SE 5-53-11-4
Dmetro Humeniuk and Peter Worobec	SW 5-53-11-4
John Dumka	NE 7-53-11-4
Harry Humeniuk	NW 7-53-11-4
M. Palichuk	SE 7-53-11-4
Paul Kisilewicz	SW 7-53-11-4
C.P.R.	N 1/2 9-53-11-4
Joe Lukasiewcz	SE 9-53-11-4
S. Juschyshyn	SW 9-53-11-4
Nick Jaremchuk	NE 13-53-11-4
Joseph Jaremchuk	NW 13-53-11-4
Paulo Dudziak	SE 13-53-11-4
Joseph Jaremchuk	SW 13-53-11-4
C.P.R.	N 1/2 15-53-11-4
John Pasieka	SE 15-53-11-4
Leon Pasieka	SW 15-53-11-4
C.P.R.	Sect. 17-53-11-4
C.P.R.	Sect. 19-53-11-4
Black and Armstrong	Sect. 21-53-11-4
Joe Trach	NE 23-53-11-4
L. Leseivich	NW 23-53-11-4
Joe Trach	SE 23-53-11-4
Steve D. Sidora	SW 23-53-11-4
Pylyp Chmilar	NE 25-53-11-4
Peter Demkiw	NW 25-53-11-4
John and Dmytro Hlus	S 1/2 25-53-11-4
Black and Armstrong	N 1/2 & SE 27-53-11-4
Peter Demkiw	SW 27-53-11-4
Black and Armstrong	NE 31-53-11-4
Nykolay Laschowski	NW 31-53-11-4
Black and Armstrong	S 1/2 31-53-11-4
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Mike Demkiw	NE 35-53-11-4
British Dom. Land	NW 35-53-11-4
Steve Demkiw	SE 35-53-11-4
S. Gulanowski	SW 35-53-11-4
British Dom. Land	NE 1-54-11-4
Lena Dahl	NW 1-54-11-4
Stefan Myskiw	S 1/2 1-54-11-4
C.P.R.	Sect. 3-54-11-4
John and Mike Rudyk	NE 5-54-11-4
Mike and Wasyl Mandrusiak	NW 5-54-11-4
Wasyl Wolski	SE 5-54-11-4
Wasyl Mandrusiak	SW 5-54-11-4
Mike Lysakowski	NE 7-54-11-4
Petro Sorochan	SE 7-54-11-4
C.P.R.	W 1/2 7-54-11-4
C.P.R.	E 1/2 9-54-11-4
John Elko	NW 9-54-11-4
Prokop Kaczmar	SW 9-54-11-4
Endre Dahl	NE 15-54-11-4
Safal Bikewicz	NW 15-54-11-4
Sam Sorochan	SE 15-54-11-4
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Alex Kshyk	NE 17-54-11-4
Dm. Nakoneczy	NW 17-54-11-4
A.P. Ilkow	SE 17-54-11-4
Nick Chanasyk	SW 17-54-11-4
Andrew Ilkuf	NE 19-54-11-4

Jusef Lasek	NW 19-54-11-4
Nick Nakoneczny	SE 19-55-11-4
Thomas Pawlucki	SW 19-54-11-4
Peter Kostyniuk	NE 21-54-11-4
John Kolisniak	NW 21-54-11-4
Mike Sorochan	SE 21-54-11-4
Peter Kostyniuk	SW 21-54-11-4
D.J. Ilkuf	NE 27-54-11-4
Elko Lyzaniuk	NW 27-54-11-4
Leon Boida	SE 27-54-11-4
Dmytro Mandrusiak	SW 27-54-11-4
Nykyfor Ilkuf	NE 31-54-11-4
Fedor Ilkuf	NW 31-54-11-4
Anton Tymchyshyn	SE 31-54-11-4
Dmytro Nikiforuk	SW 31-54-11-4
J.F. Ilkuf	NE 33-54-11-4
C.P.R.	NW 33-54-11-4
C.P.R.	SE 33-54-11-4
Andrew Lyzaniuk	SW 33-54-11-4
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C.P.R.	Sect. 23-55-11-4
Stefan Sherstianko	SE 31-55-11-4
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T. Skakun	SW 33-55-11-4
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Wasyl Usak	NE 1-53-12-4
Peter Chichlowski	NW 1-53-12-4
Nykola Humeniuk	SE 1-53-12-4
Pylyp Wowdsia	SW 1-53-12-4
Natalka and Dick Skoropadyk	NE 3-53-12-4
Wm. Matwijiw	NW 3-53-12-4
John Warawa	SE 3-53-12-4
Wm. Matwijiw	SW 3-53-12-4
Black and Armstrong	N 1/2 5-53-12-4
Steve Krysak	S 1/2 5-53-12-4
Nick Zuravel	N 1/2 7-53-12-4
Wasyl Malowany	SE 7-53-12-4
Tom Cwihun	SW 7-53-12-4
Josef Predyk	NE 9-53-12-4
Steve Predyk	NW 9-53-12-4
Dmytro Stogren and Steve Makarowski	SE 9-53-12-4
Dmytro Stogren	SW 9-53-12-4
Black and Armstrong	N 1/2 13-53-12-4
Hnat Boichuk	SE 13-53-12-4
Jove Cymborski	SW 13-53-12-4
Anton Grycan	NE 15-53-12-4
Petro Skoropadyk	NW 15-53-12-4
Harry Wasylciw	SE 15-53-12-4
John Haiduk	SW 15-53-12-4
John Warawa Jr.	NE 17-53-12-4
John Horon Jr.	NW 17-53-12-4
Mike Florko	SE 17-53-12-4
Wm. Zeniuk	SW 17-53-12-4
John Zuravel	NE 19-53-12-4
Anton Adamowski	NW 19-53-12-4
Sam Horon	SE 19-53-12-4
Mike Samoil	SW 19-53-12-4
Jacob Halushchuk	N 1/2 21-53-12-4
John Haiduk	SE 21-53-12-4
Steve Babych	SW 21-53-12-4
Joseph Kostyniuk	NE 23-53-12-4
Peter Kariam	NW 23-53-12-4
Oleksa Stepushyn	SE 23-53-12-4
Josef Kostyniuk	SW 23-53-12-4
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Dmytro Wispinski	SE 27-53-12-4
C.P.R.	SW 27-53-12-4
John Frankiw	NE 31-53-12-4
Maria Warawa	NW 31-53-12-4
Korni Frankiw	SE 31-53-12-4
M. Kowalski	SW 31-53-12-4
Tom Kitt	NE 33-53-12-4
Tymko Krawchuk	NW 33-53-12-4
Helen Krawchuk	SW 33-53-12-4
Maxim Tomyn	SE 33-53-12-4
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Fred Hnydyk	NW 35-53-12-4
Wasyl Zaleschuk	SE 35-53-12-4
H. Tomyn	SW 35-53-12-4
Steve Delawski	NE 1-54-12-4
M. Delawski and P. Kostyniuk	NW 1-54-12-4
G. Delawski and P. Kostyniuk	SE 1-54-12-4
J. Sorochan and P. Kostyniuk	SW 1-54-12-4
Mike Myroniuk	NE 3-54-12-4
Harry Kitt	NW 3-54-12-4
C.P.R.	SE 3-54-12-4
Wm. Bileski	SW 3-54-12-4
Lakim Miskiw	NE 5-54-12-4
P. Kostyniuk	NW 5-54-12-4
Frank Petecki	SE 5-54-12-4
Harry Miskiw	SW 5-54-12-4
John Tymko	NE 7-54-12-4
Dmytro Soldan	NW 7-54-12-4
Steve Chmilar	SE 7-54-12-4
Dan Hryciw	SW 7-54-12-4
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John Humen	SE 9-54-12-4
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Andrew Buk	NE 15-54-12-4
Wm. Kryusik	NW 15-54-12-4
John Gresko	S 1/2 15-54-12-4
Nick Kuzio and Mike Teresio	NE 17-54-12-4
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Wm. Draganiuk	SE 17-54-12-4
Mike Soldan	N 1/2 19-54-12-4
Andrew Ferguson	SE 19-54-12-4
Mike Soldan	SW 19-54-12-4
Wasyl Romaniuk	NE 21-54-12-4
Peter Teresio	NW 21-54-12-4
Wm. Kryusik	SE 21-54-12-4
Annie Buk	SW 21-54-12-4
Dmytro Koreychuk	NE 23-54-12-4
John Urchak	NW 23-54-12-4
H.R. Johnson	S 1/2 23-54-12-4
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Fred Bohaichuk	NW 25-54-12-4
Mike Delawski	SW 25-54-12-4
R.C. Fife	Sect. 27-54-12-4
Nick Dowhaniuk	NE 31-54-12-4
Wm. Eliuk	NW 31-54-12-4
R.C. Fife	SE 31-54-12-4
John Sokolow	SW 31-54-12-4
Wm. D. Nikiforuk	NE 33-54-12-4
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C.P.R.	SE 33-54-12-4
R.C. Fife	SW 33-54-12-4
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Nick Chomik	NE 1-55-12-4
W. Dochuk	NW 1-55-12-4
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Nick Chomik	SW 1-55-12-4
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Tom Tatarin	SW 3-55-12-4
Wm. Chrapko	NE 5-55-12-4
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George Drin	NE 7-55-12-4
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Peter Dowhaniuk	SE 7-55-12-4
Eryna Mazur	SW 7-55-12-4
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John Serna	NW 9-55-12-4
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Sidor Dochuk	NW 13-55-12-4
Z. St. Hiliare	SE 13-55-12-4
Steve Orlecki	SW 13-55-12-4
Andrew Ferguson	NE 15-55-12-4
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Joseph Desrousiers	SE 15-55-12-4
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John Antoniuk	SW 17-55-12-4
E. Chamberlain	NE 19-55-12-4
Kariton Ewasiuk	NW 19-55-12-4
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Andrew Ferguson	SE 21-55-12-4
Ivan Chrapko	SW 21-55-12-4
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Onesime Paradis	NW 23-55-12-4
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Joseph Rioux	SW 23-55-12-4
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Joseph Theroux	S 1/2 27-55-12-4
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Wasyl Mandryk	NW 5-56-12-4
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Mike Lakusta	SW 5-56-12-4
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Stefan Olynyk	NW 7-56-12-4
Geo. Oneschuk	SW 7-56-12-4
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J. Hlywka	NE 19-56-12-4
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Pete Zukiwski	SW 5-57-12-4
Nick Storischuk	E 1/2 7-57-12-4
Warawa Panchuk	NW 7-57-12-4
N. Storischuk	SW 7-57-12-4
Fred Stogren	NE 1-53-13-4
Wasyl Farion	NW 1-53-13-4
Fred Stogren	SE 1-53-13-4
John Blackstock	SW 1-53-13-4
Steve Pauk	N 1/2 3-53-13-4
Mike Lesiuk	SE 3-53-13-4
John Juba	SW 3-53-13-4
Clifford McGregor	Sect. 5-53-13-4
Wm. Yaremcio	E 1/2 NE 7-53-13-4
Mike Yaremcio	W 1/2 NE 7-53-13-4
Wm. Iwaschuk	NW 7-53-13-4

Wm. Yaremcio	SE 7-53-13-4
John Kotlarchuk	SW 7-53-13-4
Charles Sokalski	E 1/2 9-53-13-4
Frank Sokalski	W 1/2 9-53-13-4
Mike Samoil	NE 13-53-13-4
J.B. Holden	NW 13-53-13-4
Helen Kitz	W 1/2 SE 13-53-13-4
H. Molowany	E 1/2 SE 13-53-13-4
G. Miller	SW 13-53-13-4
Joseph Sokalski	NE 15-53-13-4
Tymko Yaremko	NW 15-53-13-4
Joseph Sokalski	S 1/2 15-53-13-4
Wasyl Fydyna	S 1/2 NE 17-53-13-4
Nick Yackimetz	N 1/2 NE 17-53-13-4
Mike Yaremcio	NW 17-53-13-4
Wasyl Steblyk	SE 17-53-13-4
John Yaremko	SW 17-53-13-4
Senko Geleta	NE 19-53-13-4
Steve Bushko	NW 19-53-13-4
Wm. Yuskow	SE 19-53-13-4
Mike Cymbeluk	SW 19-53-13-4
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George Yuskow	NW 21-53-13-4
Mike Yuskow	SW 21-53-13-4
Helen Wakaluk	NE 23-53-13-4
Joe Morski	NW 23-53-13-4
Louis Peteski	SE 23-53-13-4
John Peteski	SW 23-53-13-4
Maciej Kowalski	NE 25-53-13-4
A. Zuravel	NW 25-53-13-4
Karl Adamoski	SE 25-53-13-4
Wasyl Samoil	SW 25-53-13-4
Vladick Seminiuk	NE 27-53-13-4
Stach Kisilewich	NW 27-53-13-4
John Cylurek	SE 27-53-13-4
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Nick Bucik	SW 31-53-13-4
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Harry Dehid	SW 33-53-13-4
F. Strychaluk	NE 35-53-13-4
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K. Kit	SE 35-53-13-4
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Dan Hryciw	SE 1-54-13-4
Jacko Cymbaliuk	SW 1-54-13-4
Paul Tymczuk	NE 3-54-13-4
Steve Kilek	NW 3-54-13-4
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Mike Najdziak	NE 5-54-13-4
D. Hawirko	NW 5-54-13-4
M. Rosco	SE 5-54-13-4
A. Najdziak	SW 5-54-13-4
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Ernest Johnson	NW 9-54-13-4
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J.B. Holden	SE 13-54-13-4
Andy Fergoson	SW 13-54-13-4
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Frank Johnson	SW 15-54-13-4
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Eli Pawluk	NW 21-54-13-4
Frank Johnson	SE 21-54-13-4
Mrs. Poitras	SW 21-54-13-4
Ilia Pawluk	NE 23-54-13-4
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Mrs. A.J. English	SE 23-54-13-4
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Mike Hamer	SE 25-54-13-4
Garnet W. English	SW 25-54-13-4
Myron Arechuk	NE 27-54-13-4
Eftemi Gorgichuk	NW 27-54-13-4
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Axani Gorgichuk	NE 31-54-13-4
Annie Slevinski	NW 31-54-13-4
Glen Taylor	SE 31-54-13-4
John Eluk	SW 31-54-13-4
Eftemi Gorgichuk	NE 33-54-13-4
John Towpich	S 1/2 NW 33-54-13-4
Pentley Jurichuk	N 1/2 NW 33-54-13-4
Mary Gorgichuk	SE 33-54-13-4
Alex Slevinski	SW 33-54-13-4
Eftemi Gorgichuk	NE 35-54-13-4
W. Vegera	NW 35-54-13-4
Fred Shoff	SE 35-54-13-4
Anna Ursulak	SW 35-54-13-4
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Nick Ripka	E 1/2 3-55-13-4
Alex Slevinski	W 1/2 3-55-13-4
Myron Tkachuk	E 1/2 5-55-13-4
M. Orletsky	NW 5-55-13-4
Black and Armstrong	SW 5-55-13-4
John Eliuk	NE 7-55-13-4
John Eliuk	N 1/2 SE 7-55-13-4
J.H. Weber	NW 7-55-13-4
Myron Tkachuk	S 1/2 SE 7-55-13-4
Adam Eliuk	SW 7-55-13-4
John Tkachuk	NE 9-55-13-4
John Kusey	NW 9-55-13-4
Harry Shandruk	SE 9-55-13-4
John Yerichuk	SW 9-55-13-4
Nick Rosichuk	NE 13-55-13-4
Wasyl Ewasiuk	NW 13-55-13-4
Mike Russnak	SE 13-55-13-4
Wasyl Arichuk	SW 13-55-13-4
Elias Pawliuk	E 1/2 15-55-13-4
Wasyl Mazar	NW 15-55-13-4
Todor Greckol	SW 15-55-13-4
Nickolai Olynyk	NE 17-55-13-4
Adam Eliuk	NW 17-55-13-4
Todor Greckol	SE 17-55-13-4
Wasyl Eliuk	SW 17-55-13-4
John Mandryk	NE 19-55-13-4
Nick A. Ruptash	NW 19-55-13-4
Dan Ruptash	SE 19-55-13-4
Katherine Corry	SW 19-55-13-4
Mrs. Anna Skakun	NE 21-55-13-4
Harry Werenka	NW 21-55-13-4
Kiriam Eliuk	S 1/2 21-55-13-4
Danello Towpich	NE 23-55-13-4
Nick Ruptash	NW 23-55-13-4
Onufry Iwasiuk	SE 23-55-13-4
Tom Diachuk	SW 23-55-13-4
D. Ewasiuk	E 1/2 25-55-13-4
Onufry Diachuk	NW 25-55-13-4
Geo. Ruptash	SW 25-55-13-4
Artemon Werenka	N 1/2 27-55-13-4
Elia Eliuk	E 1/2 SE 27-55-13-4
Elia Eliuk	SW 27-55-13-4
Peter Eliuk	W 1/2 SE 27-55-13-4
N. Yakimchuk	NE 31-55-13-4
M. Meresyka	N 1/2 NW 31-55-13-4
Wm. Fedorak	S 1/2 NW 31-55-13-4
Geo. Luciak	S 1/2 31-55-13-4
M. Kulebaba	NE 33-55-13-4
Mykyta Iliuk	NW 33-55-13-4
C.P.R.	S 1/2 33-55-13-4
H. Kereliuk	NE 35-55-13-4
D. Kereliuk	NW 35-55-13-4
N.W. Ursuliak	SE 35-55-13-4
Harry H. Werenka	SW 35-55-13-4
Jakiw Olynyk	NE 1-56-13-4
Paul Woloschuk	SE 1-56-13-4
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P. Mahaden	NE 3-56-13-4
W.N. Ursuliak	NW 3-56-13-4
St. Nickiforuk	SE 3-56-13-4
Anna Ursuliak	SW 3-56-13-4
Metro Kereliuk	NE 5-56-13-4
Dan Tatarin	NW 5-56-13-4
Mike Meresyka	SE 5-56-13-4
Geo. Fedorak	SW 5-56-13-4
Tom Skrepneck	NE 7-56-13-4
John Farus	NW 7-56-13-4
Steve Harrasim	SE 7-56-13-4
John Holynski	SW 7-56-13-4
Kost Kachuk	NE 9-56-13-4
John Ursuliak	NW 9-56-13-4
N. Yakimchuk	SE 9-56-13-4
N. Tomaski	SW 9-56-13-4
W. Oneschuk	NE 13-56-13-4
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Eudokia Lakusta	S 1/2 NW 13-56-13-4
Geo. B.L. Lakusta	SE 13-56-13-4
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C.P.R.	SE 15-56-13-4
Geo. Svekla	SW 15-56-13-4
Iwan Ilchuk	NE 17-56-13-4
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Peter Didyk	NW 23-56-13-4
Geo. Harasen	SE 23-56-13-4
Sanda G. Toma	SW 23-56-13-4
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John Oliniuk	NW 25-56-13-4
W. Puchalski	SE 25-56-13-4
W. Jusep	SW 25-56-13-4
Harry Skinty	NW 27-56-13-4
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Geo. Skoreyko	NE 31-56-13-4
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J. Hawiuk	SW 31-56-13-4
Geo. Fedoruk	NE 33-56-13-4
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M. Gordey	SW 35-56-13-4
J. Palahniuk	NE 1-57-13-4
Fred Mulek	NW 1-57-13-4
M. Taschuk	S 1/2 1-57-13-4
N. Pawliuk	NE 3-57-13-4
Makovi Kusiak	NW 3-57-13-4
C.P.R.	SE 3-57-13-4
H. Nahomchuk	SW 3-57-13-4
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Fred Biduleak	SE 7-57-13-4
Geo. Hrynyk	SW 7-57-13-4
Andrew Fedorak	N 1/2 9-57-13-4
Mike Malaski	SE 9-57-13-4
Katerina Jusep	SW 9-57-13-4
Harry Howaleshka	SE 13-57-13-4
G. Howaleshka	SW 13-57-13-4
Crown	SE 17-57-13-4
J. Odiniuk	SW 17-57-13-4

Hudson Bay Land 1927, Sections 8 and 26

M. Melnichuk	NE 8-53-11-4
M. Palichuk	NW 8-53-11-4
J. Melnichuk	SE 8-53-11-4
John Dumka	SW 8-53-11-4
Steve Demkiw	E 1/2 26-53-11-4
Hudson Bay	W 1/2 26-53-11-4
Dmytro Lyshchyshyn	NE 8-54-11-4
Peter Sorochan	NW 8-54-11-4
Fred Sorochan	SE 8-54-11-4
Mike Sorochan	SW 8-54-11-4
Wasuita Sorochan	NE 26-54-11-4
Paul Motowylo	NW 26-54-11-4
Hudson Bay	S 1/2 26-54-11-4
Iwan Kupchenko	NW 8-55-11-4
Hudson Bay	NE 8-55-11-4
Hudson Bay	S 1/2 8-55-11-4
Hudson Bay	Sect. 26-55-11-4
Hudson Bay	N 1/2 8-53-12-4
Steve Yakimyshyn	SE 8-53-12-4
Alex Mokry	SW 8-53-12-4
Joseph Gusniowski	NE 26-53-12-4
Harry Tomyn	NW 26-53-12-4
John Halushchak	S 1/2 26-53-12-4
Hudson Bay	NE 8-54-12-4
Hudson Bay	SW 8-54-12-4
John Kitt	NW 8-54-12-4
Peter Miskiw	SE 8-54-12-4
Todor Chrapko	NE 26-54-12-4
Hudson Bay	W 1/2 26-54-12-4
John P. Filip	SE 26-54-12-4
John Serna	NE 8-55-12-4
Peter Dowhaniuk	NW 8-55-12-4
Martha Grekul	SE 8-55-12-4
Sam and Wm. Andriowski	SW 8-55-12-4
M. Theroux	E 1/2 26-55-12-4
Louis Rioux	W 1/2 26-55-12-4
Hudson Bay	Sect. 8-56-12-4
Hudson Bay	Sect. 8-57-12-4
John J. Horon	NE 8-53-13-4
Stefan Cwihun	NW 8-53-13-4
Wasyl Steblyk	SE 8-53-13-4
Wasyl Fedyna	SW 8-53-13-4
Joseph Bachinsky	NE 26-53-13-4
Hudson Bay	SE 26-53-13-4
Klem Duk	W 1/2 26-53-13-4
Pete Hladky	NE 8-54-13-4
Lars Hagen	W 1/2 8-54-13-4
Alex Kilek	SE 8-54-13-4
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Garnet W. English	ptSW 26-54-13-4
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Pete Daneliuk	NW 8-55-13-4
Paul Gritzoy	SE 8-55-13-4
John Yerichuk	SW 8-55-13-4
Metro Pawliuk	E 1/2 26-55-13-4
Geo. Ruptash	NW 26-55-13-4
Paul Ruptash	SW 26-55-13-4

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Hudson Bay Co.	SW 8-56-13-4
John Eliuk	NW 8-56-13-4
M. Kushniriuk	NE 26-56-13-4
Hudson Bay	NW 26-56-13-4
Geo. Holowaychuk	SE 26-56-13-4
P. Shubaluk	SW 26-56-13-4
Wasyl Denis	SE 8-57-13-4
Hudson Bay	N 1/2 8-57-13-4
Hudson Bay	SW 8-57-13-4

School Land 1927, Sections 11 & 29

Andrew Haiduk	NE 11-53-11-4
S. Sadowy	NW 11-53-11-4
Wladyk Lukasiewicz	SE 11-53-11-4
N. Uniat	SW 11-53-11-4
School Land	Sect. 29-53-11-4
Richard Dahl	NE 11-54-11-4
School Land	NW 11-54-11-4
School Land	S 1/2 11-54-11-4
Peter Kostyniuk	NE 29-54-11-4
Peter Kostyniuk	W 1/2 29-54-11-4
School Land (Crown)	SE 29-54-11-4
School Land (Crown)	Sect. 11-55-11-4
J.B. Holden	NE 29-55-11-4
Jack Korchenko	W 1/2 29-55-11-4
Steve Dwernychuk	SE 29-55-11-4
School Land	Sect. 11-53-12-4
Nykola Sirman	NE 29-53-12-4
Marcin Petecki	NW 29-53-12-4
Dmytro Stoski	SE 29-53-12-4
John Sawchuk	SW 29-53-12-4
Alex Shandro	N 1/2 11-54-12-4
Alex Shandro	SE 11-54-12-4
Peter Kostyniuk	SW 11-54-12-4
R.C. Fife	E 1/2 29-54-12-4
Mike Soldan	W 1/2 29-54-12-4
Alex Ilkuf	NE 11-55-12-4
Alex Shandro	W 1/2 11-55-12-4
Alex Elkow	SE 11-55-12-4
Andrew Shymko	E 1/2 29-55-12-4
Kost Palahniuk	W 1/2 29-55-12-4
Billy Bereska	NW 29-56-12-4
Crown	S 1/2 29-56-12-4
Wm. Horon	NE 11-53-13-4
Steve Cwihun	NW 11-53-13-4
Herman Minch	SE 11-53-13-4
School Land	SW 11-53-13-4
Anton Szczurek	NE 29-53-13-4
Senko Geleta	NW 29-53-13-4
Steve J. Yuskow	SE 29-53-13-4
Steve J. Yuskow	E 1/2 SW 29-53-13-4
Wm. Yuskow	W 1/2 SW 29-53-13-4
A.J. English	N 1/2 11-54-13-4
A.J. English	SE 11-54-13-4
Thomas English	SW 11-54-13-4
Robert Watt	E 1/2 29-54-13-4
H. Watt	W 1/2 29-54-13-4
School Land (Crown) All	Sect. 11-55-13-4
Metro Ruptash	NE 29-55-13-4
Crown	NW & SE 29-55-13-4
Alec Ruptash	SW 29-55-13-4
School Land (Crown)	Sect. 11-56-13-4
Pakitza Lakusta	NE 29-56-13-4
M. Tkachuk	NW 29-56-13-4
John Kokotailo	SE 29-56-13-4
Kost W. Tkachuk	SW 29-56-13-4
Harry Howaleshka	NE 11-57-13-4
M. Pawliuk	Fr. SE 11-57-13-4
Alec Howalashka	Fr. SE 11-57-13-4
Crown	SW 11-57-13-4

Scenes from Two Hills and District

Michael (sixth left) and Parasyna (fifth left) Eglinski's wedding day, 1916

Stanley Kisilewich's and Sophie Bartoshyk's wedding day, Jan. 31, 1926. Back row, (L to R) - Anne Cylurik, Anna Bachinski, Rose Semotiuk, Nick Yaremchuk, Stanley Cylurik, Thomas Stepenko; centre row - Eva Onischuk, Stanley Kisilewich (groom), Sophie Bartoshyk, (bride), Mary Stepenko, Emma Stemkowski; front row - Mikola Kisilewicz, Eva Bartoshyk, Tekla Kisilewicz, Wm. Bartoshyk.

Sam Eliuk marries Wygera lass, circa 1911. Groom - second left front row. Bride - third left back row.

Drama production at New Kiew National Hall. (L to R) - Fred Semeniuk, George Kachmar, Mildred Semeniuk, Anne Chrunik, Harry Semeniuk, circa 1942.

Mike Verenka splitting wood - 1947

Threshing time, 1930, Fred, Mary and Kate Rusnak

Samples of rocks as seen on Soldan farm

Barbara Hunchak (Lena Buzak's mother). Standing on the right side (printed skirt).

Metro and Paraska Pawliuk settled in the Ispas district in 1903. Photo circa 1910.

John M. Serna, in Ukrainian costume, circa 1920

Szypenitz women dressed in their Sunday best sheepskin coats, 1923. (L to R) - Mrs. Hohol, her daughter Anne (Reinbold), Mrs. Oleksa Ruptash, Mrs. Peter Eluik, Mrs. Choban, Mrs. Harry Werenka, Mrs. Jennie Grekol, Mrs. Artemon Werenka, unidentified woman and child.

Two local school teachers in 1920's dress

Modes of Transportation

In 1932, a snowmobile factory was opened in Moosomin, Saskatchewan. Some people thought the noisy machines might cut into the business of the railways, especially in winter.

A night operator for the C.P.R. depot in Moosomin, C.L. O'Hara, (father of Edmonton auctioneer Pat O'Hara) penned a poem describing the new snowmobile threat. Part of the poem follows:

All the trucks and all the buses,
Are doing all they can.
To rake in all the business
That the railroad had on hand.
We don't exactly blame the truck men,
Or the boys who run the bus,
For their kiddies must have shoes and socks,
If the bloomin' world goes bust.

But we also need the business
for our kids are barefoot too.
And we're gonna do our level best,
To pull the railroad through.
When old man winter swooped down on us,
And the roads were blocked with snow,
I thought we had 'em by the horns,
for their motors wouldn't go.

She jumped a ten foot snow bank,
and hopped right o'er a fence.
Then roared across a field —
And I ain't seen the critter since
I stopped and asked the blacksmith
What the pesky thing could be.
He said -- 'That's Fudges snowmobile,
And by gosh she's ridin' free.'

So I spose 'Old Man Winter'
Ain't gonna help us out a lot
With skids and windmills on these things.
They could beat us -- snow or not.
But the folks still need the railroad,
And I'll bet my walleyed pup.
The old C.P.'ll come out of it,
A standin' right side up.

But today, when I hiked up Broadway,
I hear the derndest sound.
A buzzin' and a rourin'
Like the world was tumbling down.
A hissing and crackin'
And a beggin' for a load.
She had flat feet on the front of her,
And flat feet on behind.
A windmill where the tail belonged,
And she sho' was beating time.

She passed me like a cyclone.
A fanning snow on high
She covered me from head to foot -
Ere I could bat an eye.
She jest touched upon the high spots,
Never botherin' with the low.
A screamin' liKe a maniac,
Man - how that thing could go.

The first snowmobile in Two Hills area, circa 1935.

Dmetro and Helen Nikiforuk in wagon brought from Ukraine, 1902

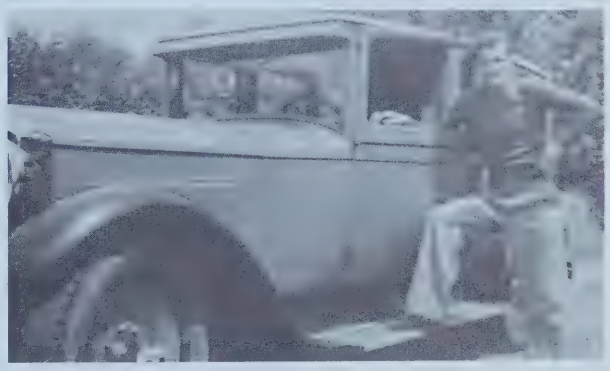
Oxen drawn wagon transports settlers' effects, circa 1900

Paul Kisilewich and one horse cutter, 1938

Posh democrat of late 1920s

Maria Choban sits with her children on the family's 1925 Maxwell car. (L to R) - Stephanie, Jennie, Steve, Mrs. Choban, Mike, George, Nick.

Wm. P. Buk and daughter Sonja haul hogs to Two Hills, 1937



Michael Mandryk poses with new Packard, circa 1930

Bobsleighs were a common mode of transport until the late 1940s

Nick Sr., Jim and Nick Hlewka with their first trucks, 1951

The Iron Horse. This C.P.R. locomotive was used for passenger service through Two Hills early in 1928.

Bi-plane offers ride to Two Hills passengers, 1930

Prairie Transformation

My wife and I went for a ride,
'Twas early in the fall,
To grazing lands we used to know;
The place I oft recall.
But time has changed that pretty place
From nature's beauty land;
The landscape now has been transformed
By man's own skillful hand.

We each would take our saddle horse
In youth's bright happy day;
On leisure evenings we would stroll
Or ride along that way;
I often like to sit and muse
About those happy days;
Though years may come and years may go
Those thoughts time can't erase.

We rode along for many miles
O'er land we used to know
Where winding trails once led through bluffs
To low land sloughs below,
Where herds in countless numbers roamed,
The stockmen's pride and gem,
Where daisies and the lillies bloomed
A royal diadem.

Where heavy timber used to grow
With bluffs on every side,
Where cattle used to seek recluse,
From flies and storm to hide;
Where once the wily coyote roamed;
The badger had his den;
Where muskrats built their cozy home;
Where deer roamed now and then.

I hadn't passed that way for years;
What transformation here;
The heavy timber and the bluffs
Had now all disappeared;
The winding trails we used to ride,
The trees along the shore
Where wild fowl by the thousands played
Are gone for evermore.

Great tractors hitched to huge machines
Have cleared the trees away;
Now stooks and fields of waving grain
Stand forth in bold array;
And thus we see the prairie flowers,
The herds that roamed the plain,
The wild fowl and fur bearing life
Replaced by fields of grain.

Fifty Years

I recall my early boyhood
And the farm where was raised;
How my parents reared their family
I'll confess I am amazed;
How they fed and clothed their children
E'en though luxuries were few;
They gave us our education,
Told us what we ought to do.

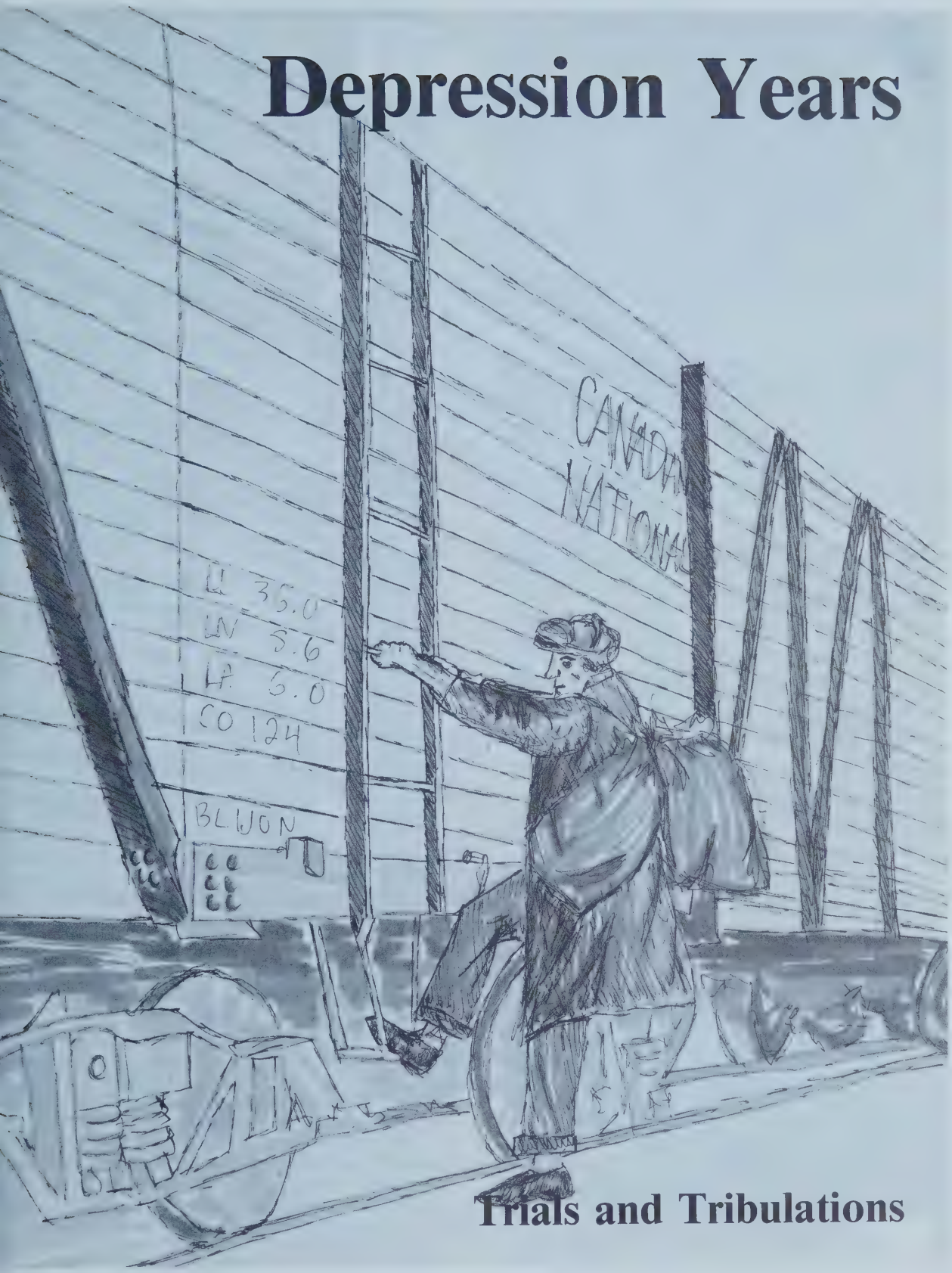
That old farm had hills a plenty,
Stones and rock piles there galore,
But the house was warm and cosy;
Limestone step at kitchen door.
On that farm grew hardwood timber,
Some trees there were three feet thick;
Evergreens grew in the valley
Watered by a springing brook.

I recall when I was little
All the grain was cut by hand;
No twine then to tie the bundles;
They used straw to make the band.
Then they hauled it to the buildings
Where they threshed it with a flail;
If our present modern farmers
Worked like that they'd moan and wail.

But the methods then were different;
All their neighbors farmed the same;
Later years some shrewd inventors
That hard labor overcame;
Till to-day we have the tractor,
And the combine thresher too,
And the work that once was strenuous
Is a pleasure now to do.

But we owe a debt of honor
To the parents of that day;
Debts which we can never pay them
For they have been called away.
What they lacked in their inventions
They exceeded in good will;
We can copy their example
That their labors live on still.l

Depression Years



Trials and Tribulations

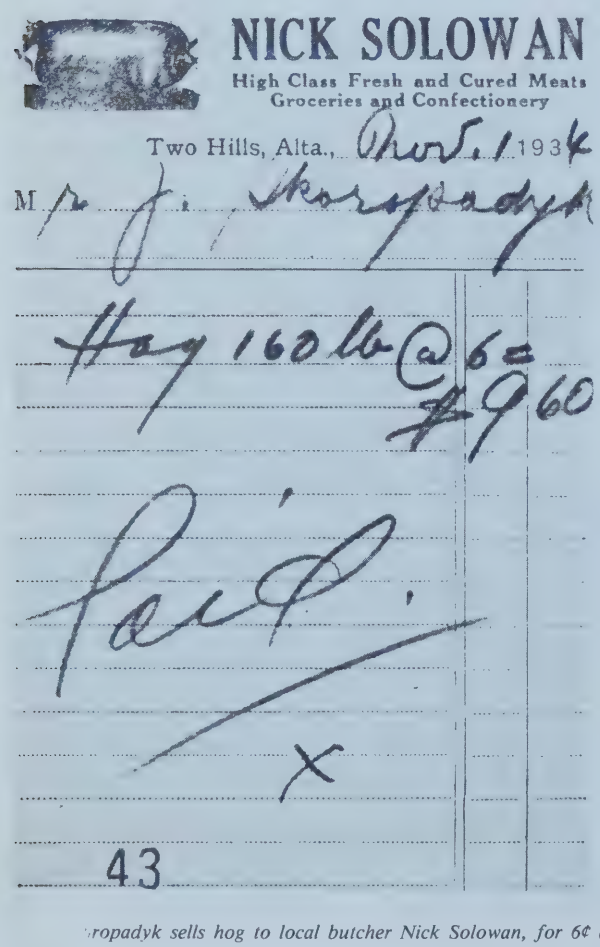
THE DEPRESSION YEARS

by Andy Gorgichuk

The years of the Great Depression were marked by unemployment, low agricultural prices and deprivation. In many communities across Canada, the 1930s was a period of clothing hand-me-downs, of secondhand stores, of relief cheques, and generally a period of lowering one's status while seeking work.

Some workers crossed Canada several times as non-paying passengers in railroad boxcars. One of these was a Two Hills area lad by the name of Gulawaty who "rode the rods" and met his accidental death while doing so. Like many of his friends who sought employment during the Depression, young Gulawaty often had to rely on the Salvation Army for a meal. Often he slept in abandoned homes or hobo jungle shacks in large cities.

Fortunate were those young and older men who could find work and receive 25¢ to a $1. a day, as they could sustain themselves on a 3 lbs. for 10¢ bean diet. At this time, a dime could also buy a quart of milk or three pounds of sugar. During the worst years of the Depression, farmers in the Two Hills area had to be content with receiving as little as $2. for a hog or $7. for a steer.



ropadyk sells hog to local butcher Nick Solowan, for 6¢ a 54

Food prices were even lower during the Depression than this 192 advertisement indicates.

A few local farm lads, including Wasyl Balanatsk tried panning for gold on the North Saskatchewan River but their luck was poor. Another lad from the Musidor area, Mac Paulichuk, started a mine on the Saska chewan River in a desperate attempt to make money.

Among the more desperate stories were those o parents who reluctantly allowed older children in thei large families to leave home at a relatively early age an work for room and board elsewhere. This was a case o one less mouth to feed. One of these waifs was brough up by Dan and Nancy Gorgichuk on their Kaleland far during the Dirty Thirties.

The Gorgichuks remember the bartering system whic was common during the Depression years. Doctors' fee were paid for with a side of pork, vegetables, milk o honey. Sometimes a jar of good moonshine was tossed i for good measure. One of the well-known bartering mer chants in the Two Hills area was Fred Shoff who ofte extended credit to his customers for long periods of time as did merchants such as George Skakun, Jacob Oliny and Nick Dowhaniuk. Charging interest on overdu accounts was unheard of at this time. Often debtor asked for and received generous discounts on overdu accounts.

During the 1930s, the Ostafichuk Brothers, wh operated a blacksmith shop in Kaleland, would shod horse (all fours) for a mere 50¢. A ploughshare could b sharpened in the same smithy or at Chyzowski's shop i

Two Hills for only 20¢. In small villages and hamlets such as Two Hills, Musidora, Kaleland and Hairy Hill, many homeowners raised chickens, pigs, and milk cows to supplement their income and food supply. At one time during the Depression, milk in the Village of Two Hills would be delivered daily at the rate of 31 quarts for one dollar.

CLOSING BROADCAST. DATE Sept 18 day Fri. 1931

TODAY'S GRAIN PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ELEVATOR PRICE LIST

NO. 30

At stations taking 26c per hundred pounds freight rate at Fort William the following prices apply:

STREET PRICES

WHEAT: 1 Nor. 32
2 Nor. 28 28
3 Nor. 23
4 Nor. 20
No. 5 18
No. 6 16
Feed 16

OATS: 2 C. W. Oats 14
3 C. W. Oats 11
Ex. 1 Fd. Oats 11
No. 1 Fd. Oats 9
No. 2 Fd. Oats 8
No. 3 Fd. Oats

BARLEY: 3 C. W. Bly. 14
4 C. W. Bly. 12
5 C. W. Bly.

RYE: 2 C. W. Rye 15
3 C. W. Rye 13
4 C. W. Rye
Ergoty Rye

FLAX: 1 C. W. Flax
2 C. W. Flax
3 C. W. Flax

CLOSING SPOT & TRACK PRICES

CLOSING GROSS SPOT PRICE IN STORE FORT WILLIAM

No. 1 Hard Wheat
1 Nor. Wheat 52 1-2
2 Nor. Wheat 48 1-2
3 Nor. Wheat 43 3-4
4 Nor. Wheat 40 1-2
No. 5 Wheat 37 1-2
No. 6 Wheat 33
Feed Wheat 34
2 C. W. Oats 27 1-4
3 C. W. Barley 30 1-4
2 C. W. Rye 32 3-4

NET TRACK PRICE BASIS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM

WHEAT Basis 1 Nor. 51 1-4
OATS Basis 2 C. W. 26 5-8
BARLEY Basis 3 C. W. 29 1-4
RYE Basis 2 C. W. 31 3-4
FLAX Basis 1 C. W. 94 3-4

NET TRACK PRICE BASIS IN STORE VANCOUVER

Basis 1 Nor. Wheat 50 1-4

CLOSING GROSS SPOT PRICE IN STORE VANCOUVER

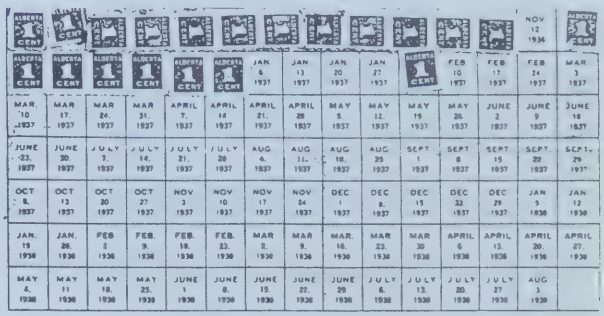
No. 1 Hard Wheat 52 3-4
1 Nor. Wheat 51 1-4
2 Nor. Wheat 45 1-2
3 Nor. Wheat 41 1-2
4 Nor. Wheat 39 1-4
No. 5 Wheat 36 1-2
No. 6 Wheat 35 1-2
Feed Wheat 45

THESE STREET PRICES EFFECTIVE UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING'S BROADCAST FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRAIN AT STREET PRICES

Official grain prices, September 18, 1931

The very low prices for grain and livestock and the impossibility of obtaining employment continued to plague farmers in Two Hills and in Western Canada during the 1930s. Realizing that the federal government and politicians such as MacKenzie King and R.B. Bennett offered little help, many westerners organized protest meetings and parades to highlight their collective plights. In Winnipeg and Regina, strikes and demonstrations led to bloodshed, and even in Two Hills a reported 250 men, women and children organized a protest march in February, 1931, in an attempt to improve their lot. The Two Hills parade was communist inspired, according to *"Vegreville Observer"* reports printed elsewhere in this book. But some local residents disagree and point out that the parade and demonstration were last ditch attempts to dramatically express extreme frustration with low prices, lack of jobs, and lack of interest by the government and Eastern Canadian banks in conditions facing farmers in Western Canada.

Prosperity Money Certificate issued by Social Credit Government in 1936. These certificates which were called "funny money" by some had a cash value of $1.



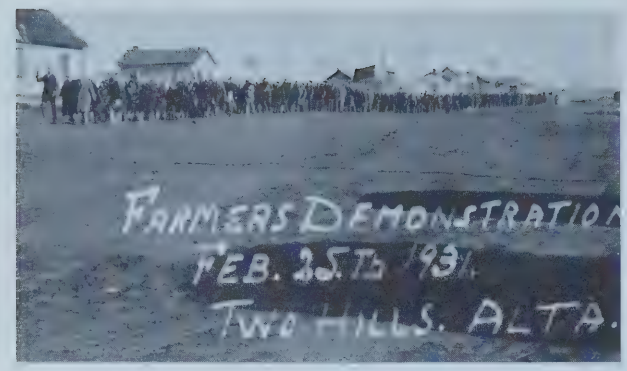
Reverse side of Prosperity Certificate, 1936. A one-cent stamp had to be attached to certificate each week to keep the bill circulating.

In addition to the demonstrations, some grain strikes were attempted in the district. Most of these were unsuccessful, however, even though wheat sold for as low as 14¢ a bushel at one point during the Great Depression.

In the early 1930s, some farmers in the Two Hills area lost their farms as well as farm equipment to banks and mortgage companies. Appeals were made to the U.F.A., government of Alberta, and to Prime Minister R.B. Bennett - but to no avail.

In 1935, residents in the Two Hills area embraced the policies of "Bible Bill" Aberhart, a Calgary teacher and preacher whose "Back to Bible Hour" and other public

Farmers demonstrate in Village of Two Hills in 1931. Note two R.C.M.P. officers to left centre.



Farmers march through Two Hills to protest low farm prices

addresses castigated the Eastern Canadian interests for their almost inhuman approach in dealing with the Depression stricken farmers of the West. Aberhart soon became a folk hero, and his Social Credit theories were accepted by most residents of Alberta and heartily endorsed by residents of the Two Hills area. During Aberhart's election campaign, he promised to legislate a debt moratorium act to prevent seizure of mortgaged farmlands, as well as a dividend of $25. per month to Albertans. This, he pointed out, would improve the economy which would also get a boost by a sympathetic Province of Alberta bank that would issue its own bank notes. The provincial bank charter was denied by the federal government, but Provincial Treasury branches came to be and the Aberhart government did issue bank notes called "prosperity certificates." These money certificates had to be circulated and a 2¢ stamp was required to be pasted on the back of the certificate every week. To avoid payment of the 2¢ stamp, the prosperity certificate was kept circulating - which was exactly what the Social Credit government had hoped would happen.

During the Depression, many families became very sports-minded. Hockey sticks were whittled from willow branches and there was no shortage of pucks as these were manufactured in every barnyard by horses. Families who were fortunate enough to own radios or crystal sets had to share their broadcast receivers with less fortunate neighbors who arrived on wintry Saturday nights to hear the legendary Foster Hewitt describe the plays of such hockey heroes as Gordie Drillon, Syl Apps and Red Horner, who soon came to be better known than the Canadian prime minister. The same radios brought further sports news of the boxing talents and exploits of Joe Louis, Max Schmeling, Tommy Farr and the Canadian champion James Braddock.

Few families could afford deluxe radios in the 1930s.

Country picnics and sports days in the Two Hills area often featured softball and baseball tournaments which often included teams from the Kaleland, Morecambe, Plain Lake, Pruth, Sich and Duvernay communities. The rhythmic and chanting voice of Duvernay catcher Ernie Didier always spurred on his teammates who formed one of the better teams in the district.

Not to be overlooked were the baseball talents of the Stoski and Florko boys of Plain Lake, and the Gorgichuks, Shandruks and Pawliuks of Kaleland.

Foot races and tug-of-war competitions as well as such contests as climbing a greased pole or catching a greased pig, brought much levity to those who gathered to enjoy the event. An exciting feature of Depression picnics in Two Hills was the arrival of a small airplane, usually a World War I Tiger Moth. Those who had a little money to spend could charter a ride in the bi-plane for as little as $1. Sometimes the aviator charged a cent-per-pound of body weight for a ride. Fortunate was the boy or girl whose parents or rich uncles had given them a dime for the 5¢ ice cream cone, bottle of Iron Brew or Lemon Sour flavored pop.

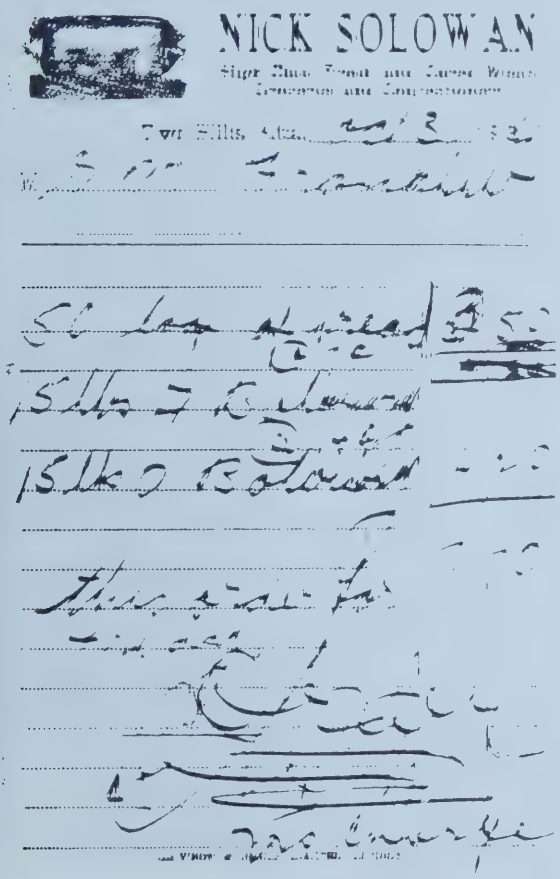
Depression threshing crew party, 1932. (L to R) - Mike P. Elkow (violin), John Lyschyshyn (drums), H. Lazanchuk, Bill Elkow, John Elkow, Steve Golonowski. Note the haystack and thatched-roof barn in the background.

Even more fortunate were lads who had spent time in drowning, snaring or shooting gophers and collecting their tails, which, along with crow and magpie eggs brought a bounty of as much as one cent each at the municipal office.

At times, money for the summer picnics was saved for months ahead by boys and girls who visited homes in their communities at Christmastime to carol and extend good wishes for the season. For their efforts the carollers were fortunate if they received a dime or perhaps a quarter to be divided by the youthful troupe.

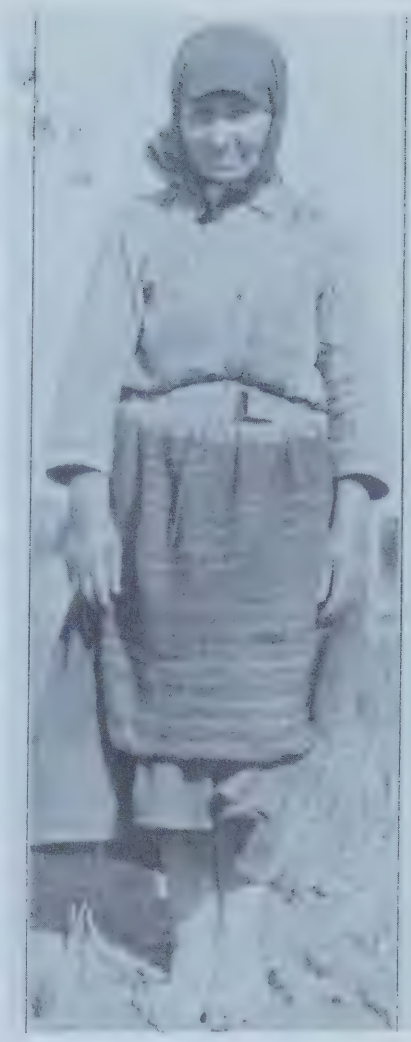
In the summer and fall some country children picked

wild berries which often were sold for as little as 10¢ for a three-pound lard pail brimful of the luscious fruit. In the villages where wooden sidewalks existed, many a lad spent hours peering into the spaces between the boards in search of the elusive lost penny which, when found, would bring a whole day's treat in the form of three-for-one-penny licorice flavored bubble gum from Krawchuk's Confectionery. Local resident Steve Myskiw recalls with much nostalgia his dusty ventures of crawling into the depths below the wooden platform of the C.P.R. station to search for lost treasures. The pennies, nickels, and the odd dime that was sometimes found, improved the economy of the Village of Two Hills somewhat. At least the smiles on the faces of the Chinese cafe owners indicated that it did when the money was spent on ice cream or raisin pie.



Some grocery prices during Depression, 1934

Although there were no bread lines or porridge kitchens as there were in Edmonton and other cities, the Depression did leave an indelible mark in the memories of those who lived in the Two Hills district during the 1930s. Many people applied for, and some obtained relief payments from the municipality or village council to help provide food and clothing for their families. Some families who could not provide proper winter clothing for their children kept the young ones home, and reports of school closures during part of the winter did occur in



Children were not the only ones to go bare-footed during the Depression.

Sawing wood at J. Mandryk's place, circa 1930

some communities. As soon as spring came, most youngsters walked barefoot and enjoyed doing so. Parents were pleased, too, as the 50¢ which would have been spent on running shoes could be applied to alleviate more pressing debts, such as property taxes.

Bill Skoropad, who was born in the Plain Lake area and who later became a teacher and university professor, offers some interesting insights on the plight of a poor farm lad during the dark days of the Depression.

" The depression period, beginning in 1929, was cruel to school children. I experienced these restrictive conditions during practically all of my school life on the farm; a trauma that I still carry and resent was caused by the lack of cash for such basic and inexpensive essentials as pencils and scribblers. Unbelievable, but true! Many times I was forced to erase pages of material in my scribbler in order to make room for notes on current lessons. Even erasers were a luxury, but we improvised by shaping them out of rubber heels — only red heels would do, because black ones left a messy, black smudge.

In addition, we shared the troubled feelings of our parents who appeared to be in a constant state of stress and worry because of inability to make ends meet. There were always threats from collection agencies to remove some piece of machinery, or pressures to pay overdue bills for groceries, clothes, hospitals, etc., etc .. They were honest and sincere in their intentions and efforts — and we felt the agony of their helplessness.

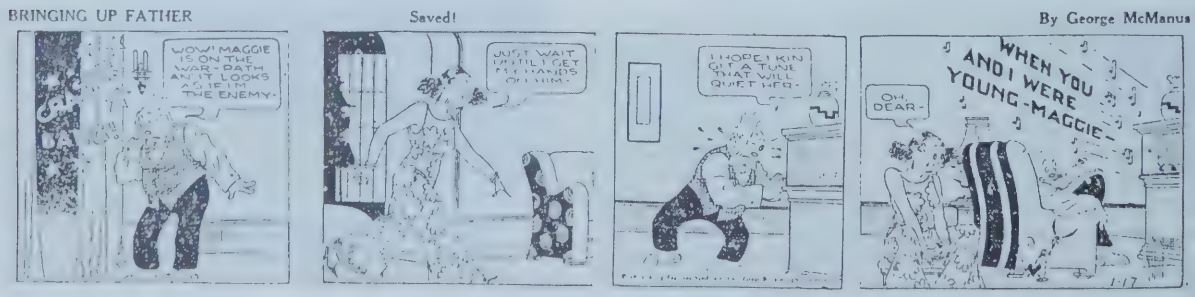
Thus there was a blend of good times and of bad times — unfortunately, time heals the wounds of injustice and leaves us mostly with pleasant memories.

Getting to and from school, three miles to the northeast, was generally a pleasant experience, except during the very cold spells. In the summer, we followed at least three different routes, either through grain fields, or along the south shore of Plain Lake. Our footwear was usually inadequate for the rough, often muddy roads and paths that presented real hazards, especially to the bare feet. The switch to bare feet took place as soon as possible in spring—sometimes with patches of snow still lurking in the shady spots. The big toes usually took the brunt of collisions with rocks and roots. To prevent bleeding, a dash of dust (or puff ball spore powder in the fall) was administered as first aid, and later, treatment at home consisted of the application of amber ointment on a plaintain leaf, bound by a piece of rag. Apparently, tetanus had not been invented yet because I never heard of any serious complications. If we ever arrived late at school it was usually because of a superstition that bad luck would ensue if you dared to cross the path of a rabbit that just scooted in front of you. Sometimes we had to take a long detour to get around that stupid rabbit; it's a wonder that we weren't late more often because part of our route was through a bush that was lousy with rabbits. This was just one of several superstitions with which we had to contend. It resulted from the fact that at home we heard stories involving various myths and, although we scoffed at them during the lighter moments, they influenced us to the point that we wouldn't take any chances when the bad luck situation was encountered.

As soon as enough snow covered the roads, we drove in a one-horse cutter (sleigh). It was our responsibility to care for the horse at school and at home. This chore involved getting up at least an hour earlier to feed, water and harness the horse. Considering that this was done in total darkness and often at very low temperatures, it was, indeed, a formidable task. Since we weren't sufficiently well-clothed for the extreme weather, we often arrived at school with our hands so cramped with cold that we could not unhitch the horse and stable it. Fortunately, by this time the big-bellied wood stove would be red hot (thanks to the early rising and caring teacher), so we would rush in and warm up sufficiently to complete the task. In spite of the distance and all these difficult situations, our attendance record was always excellent."

But all the confusion and deprivation of the Great Depression seemed to end as rapidly as it came, with the declaration of war in September, 1939. Suddenly there were jobs in factories, on railroads, and in war service enterprises. The ranks of the unemployed were also thinned out dramatically by enlistments in the army, navy, and airforce.

Many an old-timer who now reflects on the Dirty Thirties is still perplexed by the economic transition brought about by the 1939-45 World War. What a way to free people from the bonds of the Depression!



Jiggs and Maggie were popular comic strip characters during the Depression years.

Hamlet to Town

The Development of Two Hills

FROM HAMLET TO TOWN

by Steve Miskiw

Prior to the establishment of the Hamlet of Two Hills on the NW 32-54-12-W4, the area was covered by rolling wooded land and lush hay meadows through which the winding Winnipeg Trail passed. The Trail provided a link with eastern Canada and the United States for ranchers in the area. It also served traders who used the route to connect business establishments in Ontario and the United States with Hudson's Bay Company trading posts and other businesses in the Edmonton regions.

Two prominent hills on the western outskirts of the community were to give the Town of Two Hills its name. These two hills were a well-known landmark, and the present sports grounds in the town limits was once a favorite camping site for ranchers and Indians.

The first post office that served the Two Hills community was named "Pozerville" after an early settler in the area, Harry Pozer. Established in 1908, and operated by Mr. Pozer, the post office was renamed "Two Hills" in 1913, and the name was also adopted for the community when the townsite survey was completed in 1927.

The Two Hills townsite was once part of a homestead first occupied by Michael Dowhaniuk in 1903, and inherited by his son, Nick, in 1919. In 1926, the Canadian Pacific Railway bought 40 acres of the Dowhaniuk homestead for $1200. and a townsite was surveyed on this property.

Nick Dowhaniuk family's old homestead, 1925 - presently a portion of the Two Hills townsite

A railroad station was built 200 yards from the Dowhaniuk farm home, and the family became the first official residents of the soon-to-be-established village.

The coming of the Canadian Pacific Cutknife-Whitford Railway, in 1927, gave birth to the Hamlet of Two Hills. Nestled in the valley of the Vermilion River, the new community would soon become the most important trading centre on the Canadian Pacific Railway line between Edmonton and Lloydminster.

Although the new rail line provided the impetus for the establishment of Two Hills, it was not the first railway proposed for the area. According to a 1908 *"Vegreville Observer"* news article, a proposed Canadian National

First photographs of Two Hills hamlet, 1927-1928

Railway line linking Vegreville with Fort McMurray was projected to pass across the Vermilion River Valley at about the point where the Town of Two Hills is presently located.

On March 15, 1919, a well-attended meeting of farmers of the Two Hills area discussed the matter of railway connections for the rapidly developing area. The unanimous feeling of the meeting was that the solution to transportation problems in the district was the construction of the Vegreville-Calgary branch of the C.N.R. The proposed railway was to have crossed the North Saskatchewan River at a point near Duvernay where it would connect with the Oliver-St. Paul branch of the C.N.R.

Contact was made with the Vegreville, Camrose and Calgary Boards of Trade urging support for the extension project. No action was taken on the extension of the C.N.R. line, however, and it was not until 1927, that the C.P.R. decided to serve the area by extending its rail line westward from Lloydminster towards Edmonton. The building of the C.P.R. line was slow, much to the disgust of farmers in the Two Hills area who were forced to haul grain to Vegreville elevators.

On February 21, 1927, a meeting of farmers of the Municipal District of Sobor was held in Musidora. The meeting demanded a speedy extension of the C.P.R. line from Lloydminster as reported in the March 2, 1927, issue of the "*Vegreville Observer.*"

One can only assume that the resolution of the ratepayers of the Municipal District of Sobor had some effect in hastening the construction of the railway. In

M. D. of Sobor Demands Prompt Building of C.P.R.

MAR 2, 1927

The following resolution was passed by the ratepayers of the Municipal District of Sobor, No. 514, at the annual meeting held on the 21st day of February 1927, in the community hall at Musidora in the Province of Alberta:

"Whereas we, the ratepayers of the Municipal District of Sobor No. 514, in the Province of Alberta, being promised by the Dominion and Alberta members of Parliament about fifteen years ago, the construction of the Cutknife-Whitford railroad, which up to this date has been constructed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as far as Range 5 west of the 4th M., between the Canadian National Railway and North Saskatchewan River, are aware of the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company intends to ask the Dominion Parliament for extension of certain limited time in constructing the said railroad.

"Therefore we, the ratepayers of the said municipal district, residing from 15 to over 30 miles from the nearest railroad, do hereby petition the members of the Dominion Parliament of Canada not to extend the time for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to construct the said railroad; but to insist on the said company to have it constructed during the season of 1927."

Maxim Tomyn, Sec-Treas.
Municipal Dist. of Sobor, No. 514.

Vegreville Observer news clipping, 1927

November, 1927, the steel had reached Two Hills, and the official ceremony for the Clandonald to Willingdon extension was held on September 10, 1928. Less than a year later, on August 15, 1929, the line was completed to South Edmonton.

The very first business establishment in the Hamlet of Two Hills was a small restaurant operated by Adelard Desrosiers who moved from Duvernay to Two Hills in 1926. The restaurant served busy construction crews who were extending the railway grade through the area. As well, elevator construction workers also frequented the eatery. According to Desrosiers' family history records, the restaurant was a busy place with reports of 90 to 100 people being served in a single day.

Another of the very first business establishments in the new hamlet was the Bank of Commerce which set up a branch office on June 21, 1927, under the supervision of M. Gordon of Vegreville. On the same day, the *"Vegreville Observer"* reported that the Vegreville branch of the Bank of Montreal would operate a service at Two Hills on Tuesdays and Fridays under the supervision of manager R.S. Hinton.

First Bank of Montreal in Two Hills, 1927. (L to R) - Mrs. J. Forbes, Rhoda Forbes, Lucille Forbes, unknown, unknown, W. Flynn, J. Forbes.

C.P.R. being built through Dick Fife's property, 1927. Note the use of an elevator dirt-loading machine

Nick Dowhaniuk's first store, D & K General Store, which was a partnership with his brother-in-law John Kolisniak, 1927.

In 1927, Nick Dowhaniuk and his brother-in-law John Kolisniak, built one of the first stores on the newly-surveyed townsite. George Skakun's General Store was moved from Duvernay to Two Hills in the same year. In addition to the sale of dry goods and confections, Skakun's store was a favorite bartering stop for trappers in the area and was often referred to as the "Trading Post."

Early in 1928, the *"Vegreville Observer"* reported that J. Nikilchuk was building a large garage in Two Hills, and a large hotel - described as one of the best between Lloydminster and Willingdon - was completed by Stefan Hrynyk and Anton Korpan on October 1, 1928. The same newspaper stated that a Dr. Weistab, a graduate of the University of Vienna, had established a temporary medical office in the same hotel.

NORTH TOWNS MAKING FINE PROGRESS SEP 5 1928

The new towns along the C.P.R. Cutknife-Whitford branch, north of Vegreville, are all making rapid strides and promise to develop into thriving centres. All have a good quota of business establishments and for the present can handle the trade in their respective territories. Two Hills, Hairy Hill and Willingdon are running a close race, with the odds at present in favor of Willingdon which appears to be assuming permanent form a little more rapidly than the other two.

All districts surrounding these towns have magnificent crops this season, although frost damage is severe in places. But there will be a heavy yield even if the grade is not so good as had been anticipated.

One thing striking the casual visitor to the C. P. R. line most forcibly is the apparent overdose of grain elevators. Doubtless thousands of bushels of grain will be marketed in the territory but there really appears to be nearly double the number of elevators required. Thus Musidora has 4; Two Hills, 5; Kaleland 5; Hairy Hill 5; Willingdon 6; a total of 25 elevators from Musidora to Willingdon, a distance of about 23 miles.

Vegreville Observer clipping, 1928

Some other business establishments that were operating in Two Hills by the end of 1928, included the following: Jacob K. Olinyk's General Store, Alex Palamaruk's Barber Shop, Krawchuk's Barber Shop and Confectionery, Peter Odynski's Two Hills Trading Company Store, Solowan's Butcher Shop and Grocery Store, the Tom Sing and Chow Bing Laundry and Restaurant, Nikilchuk's Garage, Sam Bachinski's Pool Hall, Panko Fedorchuk's Drug Store, the C. Gordon and Alberta Lumber Yards, Flynn's Confectionery, Molofy's Butcher Shop, Wm. E. Buk's Electrical Power Plant, and Hryciw's Tinsmithing Shop. Two halls, one owned by Onufrey Chrapko and another named the "Empress" were in operation in 1928, as was Mike Wulchuk's Shoe Repair Depot. Alex Harasym and Bill Pashniak owned the Frost and Wood Implement franchise at this time; John Tkachuk - the Massey-Harris Agency; the Yuskow Brothers - the International Harvester and Imperial Oil Agency; and John Kolisniak operated the British-American Oil Company Ltd. A thriving livery stable and dray business was operated by Peter Hrynyk, while Joe Greene and Sam Douglas had a monopoly on livestock buying in the area.

The first village blacksmith was Kazimir Chyzowski, who operated his smithy just a hundred yards to the east of Peter J. Hryciw's Tinsmithing Shop.

Five prairie sentinels painted a dark maroon were the dominant features of the prairie skyline at Two Hills: The United Grain Growers elevator was operated by a Mr. Fleming; the Federal Grain Company elevator was in the charge of a Mr. Cundal; Bruce Cooper was the grain buyer for Gillespie Grain; Bill Merfeldt operated the Province Elevator; and Jack Bootsman was the buyer for the Alberta Wheat Pool.

A local Board of Trade was organized in 1928, with the following officers: President, W.B. Flynn; Vice-

First Two Hills elevator being built in 1928

C.P.R. Station and first Two Hills elevators, 1931. Background - Molofy's Butcher Shop, Flynn's Confectionery, Post Office, Alberta Lumber Co., Pozer's Central, Hrynyk's Livery Stable, Oliver Implements, Yuskow Bros., International Harvester.

President, A. Korpan; Secretary-Treasurer, H. Zolmer; Directors: J. Olinyk, P. Odynski and G.W. Baldwin, the latter being the first lawyer to set up practice in Two Hills.

Telephones were established in most of business establishments by the end of 1928, and the continual trek to Harry R. Pozer's telephone office was no longer a daily ritual for the hamlet's merchants and residents.

Two Hills was an unincorporated hamlet under the jurisdiction of the Municipal District of Sobor No. 514 until 1929.

On July 3, 1929, with a population of 103, and a yearning for self-administration, the hamlet was incorporated as a village. The first meeting was held at the Empress Hall with George Skakun as Mayor, and Jacob Olinyk and Peter Odynski as councillors. William E. Buk was hired as secretary and village assessor for a stipend of $40.00 per annum, while the mayor and councillors provided voluntary service. As of January 1, 1930, the total assessment of the Village was $116,705., which was levied on at 20 mills for municipal purposes only. The first auditor, the legendary Maxim Tomyn, was paid $10. a year for his services.

Because residents of the Village were permitted to raise domestic animals and fowl in their backyards, the Village fathers hired a poundkeeper, Peter Hrynyk, who was remunerated at the rate of $1. per head for the first day of impoundment of stray animals, and 50¢ per day thereafter.

Shortly after incorporation, village councillors were delegated to procure street lights and fire equipment for the village. An agreement was signed in 1929 with Wm. E. Buk, who owned a power plant, to provide street lighting at the rate of $3.33 per 200 watts per month. The first light bill for the village was a whopping $16. for the first month of illumination.

In 1929, a building purchased from Tom Sing for $1425. was converted into a fire hall, and fire-fighting equipment consisting of pails, ropes, axes, steel tanks, force pump, wagon and a fire alarm bell was acquired. In addition to fire protection, the fire bell was rung everyday for store closing at 6 p.m., and at 9 p.m. the same bell tolled a curfew for children under 16 years of age who scurried home as rapidly as possible to avoid the eagle eye of any village senior.

During the Depression, the progress of the Village was almost at a standstill. Among the few improvements were the purchase of a nuisance grounds, the construction of a fire hall, and the erection of a brick school. In 1936, Nick Pidscalny and Harry Miskiw sold their local power plant to Canadian Utilities Ltd. who negotiated a new electrical contract with the village.

Construction of the four-room brick school in Two Hills was completed in 1930, at a cost of $20,850. and in 1937, the Two Hills School Division established its central office in the village.

Village records indicate that steps had to be taken during the 1930s to cut costs. Street lights were turned off one hour earlier in 1931, and welfare (relief) payments were paid to needy families in the amount of $5. per month. By 1936, a family on relief could receive up to $25. per month, but the year's bill for relief payments totalled only $200.

In 1937, a poolroom building owned by Harry Miskiw was purchased by Nick Dowhaniuk, John Kolisniak and Peter Hrynyk and the new Recreation Hall was constructed on the site.

Between 1929 and 1937, Two Hills was ravaged by four fires. Of these, the 1929 blaze was the most serious. The fire was confined to an area west of the present-day hotel. A blacksmith shop, power plant, hall, shoemaker shop, garage, and the Frost and Wood agency were wiped out.

Two years later, fire destroyed the Alberta Lumber Company, Flynn's Confectionery, and part of the post office.

In 1932, Kereliuk's Store was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin, and the C. Gordon Lumber Company also suffered damage to stock.

Block west of hotel destroyed by fire, 1929

Looking north of west railway crossing at Hryciw's Tinsmithing and Pidscalny's Garage

Two Hills was ravaged by several fires in the 1930s. The area destroyed as shown in the picture was just east of the present Bank of Montreal. Four-room school in the background was destroyed by fire on January 17, 1956.

Early Two Hills Business Establishments

1928-32

Early Two Hills resident poses in front of Peter Odynski's store, circa 1930

Charles Gordon's lumberyard, 1927

Looking east from main street down Railway Ave. - Bank of Montreal in foreground and Alberta Lumber Co. under construction, 1929

East side of main street, 1928

Railway Ave., Two Hills, 1930. (L to R) - Bank of Montreal, Molofy's Butcher Shop and Flynn's Confectionery.

West side of main street, 1931. (L to R) - Krawchuk's Confectionery & Barber Shop, Dowhaniuk & Kolisniak Store, Olinyk's Store, Sunrise Cafe, Bachinsky's Pool Hall, Kieryluk's Store & C. Gordon Lumber Yard.

Town of Two Hills, 1927-28

Hryciw's (Two Hills) Plumbing & Tinning, 1930

Yuskow Brothers Implement Agency, 1930

Railway Ave. (L to R) - Two Hills Hotel, Bank of Montreal, Molofy's Butcher Shop, Flynn's Confectionery, Post Office, Alberta Lumber Co., Pozer's Central, Hrynyk's Livery Stable - 1931.

Cymbaliuk's Shoe Repair & Lakusta's Restaurant, 1930.

East side of main street, Two Hills, 1930. (L to R) - Odynski's Store, Palamaruk's Barber Shop, Skakun's Store, Solowan's Butcher Shop, Fedorchuk's Drugstore.

Fife's farm and ranch, 1922 (present site of Two Hills). Back row, (L to R) - Bill Flynn, Sandy Ferguson, Tom Watt, unknown, Dick Fife, Jack Forbes, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Sara McPherson, Henry Watt; seated - May McPherson and Mrs. Fife.

West side of main street. (L to R) - Two Hills Hotel, Krawchuk's Confectionery & Barber Shop, Dowhaniuk & Kolisniak Store, Olinyk's Store, Sunrise Cafe, Bachinsky's Pool Hall, Kieryluk's Store - 1932.

Homes built in 1930 are still lived in today (1986). Sam Bachinsky's home (left) constructed by Harry Miskiw.

John Lakusta's property, which housed a restaurant, tailor shop, and Andy Fedoruk's jewellery shop, suffered the ravages of fire in 1937.

Two other serious fires caused considerable damage in Two Hills: The 1954 blaze destroyed Melynchuk's Imperial Garage, Danyluk's Confectionery, and the locker plant; the 1956 fire destroyed the elementary school.

Two very interesting business ventures almost materialized in Two Hills during the late 1930s. One of these was Bill Tkachuk's Puffery whose puffed wheat gun blasts shook the neighborhood and fascinated curious youngsters as they gazed in wonder at the huge cannons that blasted tiny kernels of heated rice and wheat into puffy edible breakfast pellets. Another business establishment at this time was John Ewasiuk's potato chip plant which was soon abandoned because of economic conditions.

The Second World War brought a change in the business cycle of the Village. Farm produce prices skyrocketed much to the pleasure of local entrepreneurs and farmers. In 1942, the village council deemed it necessary to hire a village constable, Mike Eglinski. His duties were to police the village, install culverts, repair and build sidewalks, maintain streets and back alleys, look after sanitation, parks, market square, weeds, trees, ring the bell for closing and curfew purposes as well as perform other jobs directed by Council - all for $55. a month.

Village policeman Mike Eglinski poses with wife Parasyna, 1942

Land was purchased at this time from R.C. Fife, at $50. per acre for the sports grounds, and from Nick Dowhaniuk, at $400. per acre, for a market square. Hazardous boardwalks with their protruding nails were ripped up and replaced with cement sidewalks in 1942.

In 1944, with the amalgamation of small municipal districts in the area, Two Hills was chosen as the headquarters of the new Municipal District of Eagle No. 81. That same year, Barrister and Solicitor Michael Ponich opened a law office, and a Provincial Treasury Branch was established in the village.

In 1945, the Village purchased 105 acres of land at Lac Santé - ten miles northeast of Two Hills. A Fish and Game Association was formed at this time, and the lake frontage was converted into a fine camping, hiking, boating and swimming summer resort. In the same year the old market square enclosure in the center of the Village was surveyed into business lots. Soon to be erected on the site of the old market square were Alex Hannochko's Paragon Motors, Iftody's Farm Equipment, Alex B. Young's J.I. Case agency, John F. Elko's Radio and Electric, and the Town Hall.

In 1946, Two Hills was the chosen site for a 25-bed municipal hospital which opened a year later with Doctors N. Winnitoy and P. Kaye and a staff of seven. A year later, Buk Brothers opened a large modern locker freezing plant.

Village of Two Hills, circa 1946

Two Hills Municipal Hospital erected in 1946

One of the most active construction companies in the Two Hills area was organized by Harry Bachinsky and Steve Miskiw in 1947. The firm, named M&B Contractors Ltd., commenced operations modestly with a D4 Caterpillar tractor and two trucks. The company soon expanded its operations to a 100 mile radius of Two Hills and its modern equipment operated by the 20 men in the

First heavy construction company, M & B Contractors Ltd., started on a modest scale in 1947

company's employ was much in demand adding to the economic growth of the Two Hills area.

Tremendous growth was experienced by the village in 1947, when a new fire hall was constructed and first definite steps were taken by Council to install sewer and water service in Two Hills. This self-liquidating project was officially opened November 1, 1951.

Opening of Two Hills water and sewer system by Premier E.C. Manning in 1951

Opening of Two Hills water and sewer system. (L to R) - Mayor D.M. Geleta; Councillor Sam Wilinski; M.H. Ponich, M.L.A.; and Councillor Dmetro Iftody, 1951.

Lux Theatre, owned by Walter Dowhaniuk, 1948

In 1948, the Lux Theatre, owned by Walter Dowhaniuk, opened its doors for film entertainment in the community. Prior to this, various film shows were shown at the local hall by travelling showmen such as Professor Ody, a well-known magician, ventriloquist, and hypnotist.

Professor Ody toured Two Hills district in 1940s

A telephone system which was established September, 1919, was changed to continuous 24-hour service in 1947. A dial operation service was initiated on December 21, 1950, through the efforts of M.H. Ponich who was the secretary of the Village and local M.L.A. at the time.

Telephone communication expanded in the area with the establishment of the Two Hills West Rural Mutual Telephone Co. Ltd. in November, 1956, and the Brosseau Rural Mutual Telephone Co. Ltd. in April, 1963. Rural areas received four-party service via buried cable in August, 1968. Extended flat rate calling was initiated to Hairy Hill in December, 1971, and to Vegreville in September, 1975.

The Two Hills region is basically an agricultural area, production of grain, livestock, poultry, dairy products, and vegetables dominate the economy. However, the discovery of a salt bed at Duvernay, six miles northeast of Two Hills, provided the Village and the agricultural area with a much-needed economic boost. A multi-million dollar plant was built in 1953 by Western Chemicals on the south bank of the North Saskatchewan River at Duvernay. Administrative and technical personnel were moved from other parts of Canada into Two Hills rather than Duvernay, because of the conveniences available here. Skilled and semi-skilled employees took residence in the Village and increased its population dramatically. No longer in operation, the Western Chemical plant has been converted into a truck body operation which exports components to many parts of Canada and the U.S.A.

In 1955, the Village achieved town status, and today it is the largest community on the C.P.R. Edmonton-Lloydminster line. To accommodate continued growth, the Town purchased 10 acres on its eastern outskirts for residential development. In 1977, an additional 142 acres were acquired north of Highway No. 45 for commercial and industrial growth. A year later the town expanded again with the purchase of another 150 acres to the west of the town limits for industrial and residential use.

One of the most significant commercial businesses in Two Hills was the establishment of Larry's Produce, a poultry processing plant, now operated under the name of Highland Produce. This highly-profiled industry was established in the 1960s and its constant growth includes egg processing and dehydration facilities which ship produce all over the world. Because of the plant's expansion, the town has expanded as well. New water wells and a water tower were required. Fire equipment has been upgraded, and 20 acres of land for nuisance grounds purposes was purchased to meet the needs of the plant and the growing town.

Another stimulus to the economy of Two Hills occurred in 1959 with the paving of Highway No. 36. A year later, the Two Hills School Division and the Municipal District of Eagle No. 81 built an office complex which became part of the County of Two Hills No. 21 on January 1, 1963.

Some other events in the economic and historical life of the Town of Two Hills are summarized in the time-line below:

1960 - Construction of Municipal Government Maintenance Shop
1961 - New telephone building, town garage and water tower construction
- Construction of first motel (Frontenac)
1962 - Town Council notified that the Curling Club is ready to proceed with building of a curling rink (at estimated cost of $25,000.)
1963 - Agreement signed with Plains Western to supply natural gas at 70¢ per MCF.
- Construction of first shopping centre - Solo Store operated by Ewanishan Brothers and sold to the Co-op Stores in 1973.
1965 - Extension of Municipal Hospital approved
- Construction of Department of Transport Government Shop
1966 - Agreement to police town negotiated with RCMP
- Bylaw passed for house numbering
- Street paving program was commenced
1968 - Arena and Centennial Hall Complex opened November 2
- Eagleview Lodge Nursing Home commenced
1971 - New Town Office completed
- New Government Liquor Store built
- Medical offices opened
1972 - Steel street-light-standards installed replacing wooden poles
- Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre organized
1974 - Construction of a new fire hall
- Purchase of land for new sewage lagoon
1976 - Establishment of Airport Commision
- Second motel (Junction Inn) constructed
1977 - 12 self-contained units for the aged were built by Lion's Club
1979 - Hillside Lodge was built - 44 units
1978 - Construction of IGA Shopping Centre
1979 - Construction of 16-suite apartment
1982 - 16-unit addition to Lion's Club self-contained Old-Age units
1984 - Construction of Two Hills Health Care Centre which included an active hospital, auxiliary hospital and nursing home

Highland Produce Ltd., established in 1960

Town Office and Medical-Dental Clinic, 1972

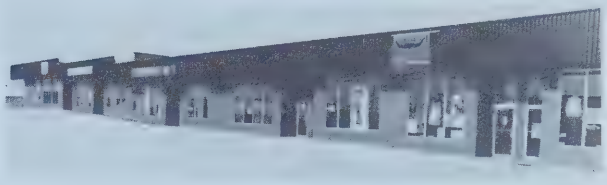
Eagle-View Nursing Home, established in 1968

Two Hills water tower was erected in 1961 to meet the growing needs of the community.

Senior Citizens' Drop-In Centre, organized in 1972

Two Hills Fire Hall, opened in 1974

R. Theroux Trucking, 1973



IGA Shopping Centre, established in 1978. (L to R) - IGA, Two Hills Drugs, Treasury Branch, Buckhorn Realty, Gerry's Ladies Wear.

Two Hills Hillside Lodge, established in 1979

Two Hills Concrete, 1977

Delaire Oilfield Hauling Ltd., 1979

The growth of the Town of Two Hills is a human success story in which there are many players - farmers, industrial workers, municipal and school employees, businessmen, teachers, and others. Among this group, however, the name of one individual deserves special attention. That name is Richard (Dick) Geleta, mayor of Two Hills for over 35 years, a record in civic government unparalleled in the history of Alberta.

Dick Geleta in drugstore pharmacy, circa 1950

Premier Lougheed unveils the plaque to the D.M. Geleta Recreational Park, which was dedicated in memory of late Dick Geleta by the Town of Two Hills on June 12, 1981. (L to R) - Councillor Steve Miskiw, Premier Lougheed, and Mrs. L. Geleta.

Dick Geleta's insights, patience, dedication, industry and hard work were factors which contributed significantly to the growth of Two Hills, especially in the 1944-79 period when he served the townspeople with great distinction.

Other councillors and mayors who served the villagers and townspeople during the past 57 years are listed below:

TWO HILLS MAYORS, SECRETARIES, AND COUNCILLORS
1929-1985

YEAR	MAYOR	COUNCILLORS		SECRETARY
1929 & 1930	George Skakun	J.K. Olinyk	Peter Odynski	Wm. E. Buk
1931 & 1932	Wm. Yuskow	J.K. Olinyk	George Skakun	J.S. Aucoin
1933	J.K. Olinyk	Wm. Yuskow	R.H. Solowan	S.R. Douglas
		Harry Miskiw	Harry Molofy	
1934	Peter Odynski	Harry Miskiw	Harry Molofy	S.R. Douglas
1935	Peter Odynski	Harry Miskiw	Harry Molofy	Maxim Tomyn
		Wm. Krawchuk		
1936	George Skakun	Peter Odynski	Harry Molofy	Maxim Tomyn
1937	George Skakun	Peter Hrynyk	Harry Molofy	Maxim Tomyn
1938	Alex Phillips	Peter Hrynyk	George Skakun	Maxim Tomyn
1939	Alex Phillips	Peter Hrynyk	Peter Odynski	M.R. Dowhaniuk
1940	Alex Phillips	John Kolisniak	Peter Odynski	M.R. Dowhaniuk
1941	John Kolisniak	Wm. Harasym	Peter Odynski	M.R. Dowhaniuk
1942	John Kolisniak	Wm. Harasym	Peter Odynski	M.H. Ponich
1943	S.J. Yuskow	Wm. Harasym	M.S. Chrapko	M.H. Ponich
1944	S.J. Yuskow			
	D.M. Geleta	John Kis	M.S. Chrapko	M.H. Ponich
1945	D.M. Geleta	John Kis	M.S. Chrapko	Mrs. Elsie Ponich
1946	D.M. Geleta	John Kis	M.S. Chrapko	Mrs. Elsie Ponich
1947	D.M. Geleta	Metro Iftody	M.S. Chrapko	Mrs. Elsie Ponich
1948	D.M. Geleta	Metro Iftody	Sam Wilinski	Mrs. Elsie Ponich
1949	D.M. Geleta	Metro Iftody	Sam Wilinski	M.H. Ponich
1950 & 1951	D.M. Geleta	Metro Iftody	Sam Wilinski	M.H. Ponich
1952	D.M. Geleta	Metro Iftody	Sam Wilinski	M.H. Ponich
			Wm. Hnydyk	
1953	D.M. Geleta	Adolph Kotyshyn	Wm. Hnydyk	M.L. Tanne
1954	D.M. Geleta	Adolph Kotyshyn	Wm. Hnydyk	M.L. Tanne

1955	D.M. Geleta	Paul Spak, W.H. Kitt, John Pundick, Mike Zalaski, Adolph Kotyshyn, Wm. Hnydyk	M.L. Tanne
1956	D.M. Geleta	Paul Spak, John Pundick, Mike Zalasky, Adolph Kotyshyn, Wm. Hnydyk, B.K. Baron	M.L. Tanne
1957	D.M. Geleta	Paul Spak, John Pundick, Mike Zalasky, Adolph Kotyshyn, B.K. Baron, Mike Danchuk	M.L. Tanne
1958	D.M. Geleta	Paul Spak, John Pundick, Mike Zalaski, Adolph Kotyshyn, B.K. Baron, Mike Danchuk	M.L. Tanne
1959	D.M. Geleta	Same Council	Joseph Blonsky
1960	D.M. Geleta	Paul Spak, Mike Zalasky, Adolph Kotyshyn, B.K. Baron, Mike Danchuk, Wm. Tymko	Joseph Blonsky
1961 to 1964	D.M. Geleta	Paul Spak, Mike Zalasky, John Pundick, Wm. Tymko, Wm. Uhrynchuk, James Hamilton	Joseph Blonsky
1964-65	D.M. Geleta	Paul Spak, Wm. Tymko, Nick Ewanishan, Mike Zalasky, Geo. G. Pawliuk, Frank Linklater	J. Blonsky & M. Olinyk
1965-66	D.M. Geleta	Same Council	M. Olinyk
1966-67	D.M. Geleta	Mike Zalasky, Nick Ewanishan, Geo. G. Pawliuk, Mike Pawliuk, Frank Linklater, Mike Chomyc	M. Olinyk & Matt Charchun
1967-68	D.M. Geleta	Mike Zalasky, Geo, G. Pawliuk, Mike Pawliuk, Frank Linklater, Mike Chomik, Mike Kozmak	Matt Charchun
1969-70	D.M. Geleta	Mike Zalasky, Geo. G. Pawliuk, Mike Pawliuk, Frank Linklater, Mike Kozmak, Walter Kolisniak	Matt Charchun
1970-71	D.M. Geleta	Mike Pawliuk, Geo. G. Pawliuk Mike Kozmak, Walter Kolisniak, Paul Spak, Nick Ewanishan	
1971-72 & 1972-73 & 1973-74	D.M. Geleta	Mike Pawliuk, Mike Kozmak, Paul Spak, Walter Kolisniak, Nick Ewanishan, Walter Kulak	Matt Charchun
1974-75 & 1975-76	D.M. Geleta	Mike Kozmak, Walter Kolisniak, Tom Ewanchuk, Peter Orlecki, Wm. Cherniwchan, Steve Shybunka	Matt Charchun
1976-77	D.M. Geleta	Mike Kozmak, Walter Kolisniak, Tom Ewanchuk, Peter Orlecki, Wm. Cherniwchan, Steve Shybunka	M.D. Pawliuk
1977-78 & 1978-79	D.M. Geleta	Tom Ewanchuk, Peter Orlecki, Jim Hlewka, Marlene Kupchenko, Sylver Lakusta, Steve Shybunka	M.D. Pawliuk

Town of Two Hills Council, 1964-65. Back row, (L to R) - Crs. Wm. J. Tymko, George G. Pawliuk, Mike Zalasky, Wm. Uhrynchuk, Paul Spak, Nick Ewanishan; seated - Mayor D.M. Geleta and Secretary-Treasurer J.A. Blonsky.

1979-80	Steve Shybunka	Tom Ewanchuk, Peter Orlecki, Jim Hlewka, Metro Lypka, Lazar Hutskal	M.D. Pawliuk
1980-1983	Steve Shybunka	Tom Ewanchuk, Peter Orlecki, Jim Hlewka, Steve Miskiw, Wm. Melnychuk, Geo. Kachmar	M.D. Pawliuk
1983-86	Wm. Melnychuk	Steve Miskiw, Peter Orlecki, Walter Kulak, Metro Lypka, Wm. Tarkowski, Leonard Babyn	M.D. Pawliuk

Two Hills Town Council, 1972. (L to R) - Cr. N. Ewanishan, Cr. W. Kulak, Cr. M. Pawliuk, Mayor D.M. Geleta, Town Administrator M. Charchun, Cr. M. Kozmak, Cr. W. Kolisniak, and Cr. Paul Spak.

Two Hills Town Council, 1977-1980. (L to R) - Cr. S. Shybunka, Cr. P. Orlecki, Cr. S. Lakusta, Mayor D.M. Geleta, Cr. J. Hlewka, Cr. M. Kupchanko, Cr. T. Ewanchuk, and Town Administrator M.D. Pawliuk.

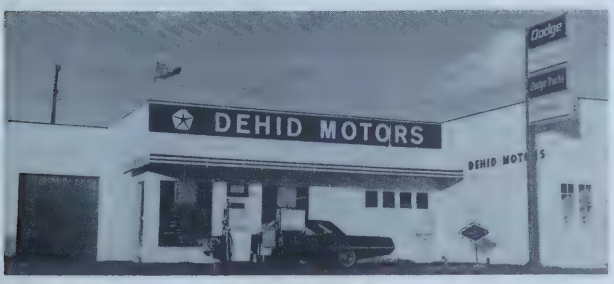
Two Hills Town Council, 1983-86. Seated, (L to R) - Cr. M. Lypka, Deputy Mayor S.H. Miskiw, Mayor Wm. Melnychuk, Cr. L. Babyn, Town Administrator M.D. Pawliuk; back row - Town Engineer L.W. Taschuk, Cr. Wm. Tarkowski, Cr. P. Orlecki, and Cr. W. Kulak.

In 1985 the Town of Two Hills boasted of no fewer than 50 business establishments:
Gas Exploration Companies such as Westmin Resourses, Hudson Bay Co., Merland and other exploration firms opened fields in the Two Hills area. Gas in the area feeds the Alberta Trunk Line and the ICG who in turn are supplying Two Hills and district with natural gas.

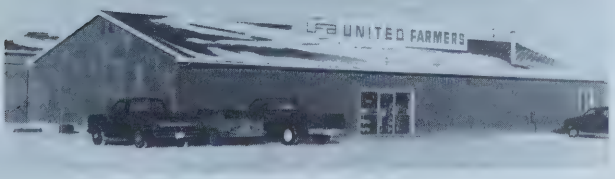
Although the last two years have seen a slowdown of economic growth in Two Hills, townspeople are optimistic that the community will continue to grow and prosper and continue to be ranked as the most progressive town in the area.

Today the Town of Two Hills boasts that the community is a good place to live- to work- and to play. And the 1354 residents of the prosperous town agree. Excellent schools, a new hospital facility second-to none in the province, modern shopping centres, old age care facilities and county and government offices attest to the town's vibrancy and bode well for its future.

Westmin Resources Ltd. office and maintenance shop, 1980



Dehid Motors, 1952



United Farmers of Alberta hardware and lumberyard, 1973

Two Hills Turbo service station, 1973

East side of main street, 1985

West side of main street, 1985 - Style-Rite Hairstyling, Kucher's Store, Double-V-Foodland, and Billiards & Family Recreation

Diefenbaker Avenue. (L to R) - Zayak's Electric, Vegreville Health Unit, Sears, Midway Flower Shop, and Lake-Land Ambulance, 1975.

Bank of Montreal, Sylver's Barber Shop, Ranny's Electric, and Two Hills Home Centre, 1980

Two Hills Co-op and Macleods, circa 1978

Chronology of Businesses

Townsite of Two Hills, 1985

HISTORY OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ON SPECIFIC LOTS IN TWO HILLS 1927-1985

Throughout the years, many businesses have come and gone in Two Hills - as indicated in the listing below.

Lot 1 of Block 1 which was first owned by the C.P.R. in 1927, became a market square in 1929 when it was purchased by the Village. In the late 1940s it was the site of Alex Hannochko's Paragon Motors. After Paragon Motors was sold, the Melnychuk Brothers operated their Imperial Motors Garage in the same location. In later years, Dehid Motors occupied Lot 1, Block 1 and still later an autobody shop owned by Winston Hay operated on the lot.

By following the listing below and to the map, an interesting picture is revealed of the large number of businesses operating on the same location in the 58 years that Two Hills has existed.

LOCATION ON MAP	BUSINESS	OPERATED OR OWNED BY:
BLOCK 1		
LOT 1	Market Square	C.P.R.
	Market Square	Village
	Paragon Motors	A. Hannochko
	Imperial Motors	Melnychuk Bros.
	Dehid Motors Ltd.	I. Dehid
	Bodyshop	Winston Hay
	Vacant	Federal Business Bank
LOT 2	Market Square	C.P.R.
	Market Square	Village
	Iftody Farm Supply	M. Iftody
	Toma Farm Equipment	G. Toma
	Lakeland Ambulance	D. Schueler
LOT 3	Market Square	C.P.R.
	Market Square	Village
	J.I. Case	A.B. Young
	M & B Contractors Ltd.	S. Miskiw, H. Bachinsky
	B & B Flooring	B. Reber
	Sears	K. Lypka
	Midway Ceramics & Flowers	L. Tupechka
LOT 4	Market Square	C.P.R.
	Market Square	Village
	International Harvester	M.S. Chrapko
	International Harvester	O. Chrapko
	Zayak's Electric &	W. Zayak
	Vegreville Health Unit Office	
LOT 5	Market Square	C.P.R.
	Market Square	Village
	Elko's Electric	J.F. Elko
	Zayak's Electric	W. Zayak
	Midway Ceramics	L. Tupechka
	Vacant	W. Nashman
LOT 6	Market Square	C.P R.
	Market Square	Village
	Fire Hall	Village
	Seniors' Drop-In Centre	Town
LOT 7, 8	C. Gordon Lumber	C. Gordon
	Kieryluk's General Store	C. Gordon
	Lumber & Hardware	Crown Lumber
	Marshall Wells	N. Tkachuk
	Town Office & Medical Centre	Town
	FCSS	
LOT 9	Pool Hall	S. Bachinsky
	Pool Hall	H. Miskiw
	Recreation Hall	P. Hrynyk, J. Kolisniak & N. Dowhaniuk
	Recreation Hall	P. Rybak & J. Serna
	Recreation Hall	F. Harmata
	Recreation Hall	Elk's Lodge
	Family Billiards & Recreation Centre	Sylver Lakusta
	Recreation Centre	Gary Hall
	Recreation Centre	E. Theroux
	Vicky's Beauty Salon	Vicky Grabas
LOT 10	Laundry	Tom Sing
	Sunrise Cafe	Chow Bing
	Jollity Cafe	C. Makee
	Dawn's Cafe	A.B. Young
	Cafe	A. Shwed & J. Kolodychuk
	Treasury Branch	
	Adler's Store	S. Adler
	Radio Shack	H. Hutscal
LOT 11	General Merchant	J.K. Olinyk
	General Merchants	J.K. Olinyk, J. Oneschuk & J. Pundick
	General Merchants	J. Pundick, J. Oneschuk & N. Babiuk
	General Merchant	J. Pundick
	General Merchant	A. Onushko
	Double-V-Foodland	W. & V. Pundick
LOT 12	D & K. General Merchants	N. Dowhaniuk & J. Kolisniak
	Red & White Store	N. Dowhaniuk
	Pundick's Store	J.J. Pundick
	Men's Wear	M. Kucher
LOT 13	Barber & Confectionery	W. Krawchuk
	Confectionery & Barber Shop	Slevinsky Bros.
	Grocery & Confectionery	S. Orlecki
	Barber & Hairdressers	
	Hair Styling	N. & M. Orlecki
LOT 14,15,16	Two Hills Hotel	S. Hrynyk
	Two Hills Hotel	A. Korpan
	Two Hills Hotel	A. Garbe
	Two Hills Hotel	A. Phillips
	Two Hills Hotel	D. Achtem
	Two Hills Hotel	S. Wilinski, Nye
	Two Hills Hotel	S. Wilinski & J. Tomyn
	Two Hills Hotel	Kupchenko Bros. & M. Pawliuk
	Charles Hotel	C. Svekla & M. Charchun
	Charles Hotel	Stelmack Bros.
	Two Hills Inn	P. Halko & D. Grekul
	Two Hills Inn	D. Gray
LOT 17	Massey Harris	J. Tkachuk
	Post Office	J. Tkachuk
	Two Hills Coffee Shop	A. Samoil
	Two Hills Coffee Shop	M. Lypka
	Two Hills Coffee Shop	B. Kitt
	Two Hills Coffee Shop	A. Choban & O. Gorychuk
	Two Hills Coffee Shop	J. Werenka
LOT 18	Hall	O. Chrapko
	Machine Shop	W. Chrapko
	Alberta Power	G. Gorsline
LOT 19	Blacksmith Shop	K. Chyzowski
	Blacksmith Shop	T. Diachuk
	Blacksmith Shop	A. Reznik
	Coffee Shop	S. Dwanishan Jr.
	Coffee Shop	J. Stoski
	Wong's Restaurant	D. & M. Wong
LOT 20	Vacant	J.S. Aucoin
	Shoemaker	M. Wulchak
	Shoemaker	J. Muzyka
	Larry's Produce	L. Dwanishan
LOT 21	Vacant	A. Wakaluk
	Shoemaker	P. Cymbaliuk
LOT 22	Vacant	A. Wakaluk
	Restaurant, Jeweller & Tailor	J. Lakusta
	Second Hand Store	S. Dwanishan Sr.
	Egg Grading Station	Dwanishan Bros.
	Avenue Grocery	Dwanishan Bros.
	Marshall Wells	E. & J. Majeau
	Vacant	F. Borger
LOT 23	J. Elkow	Vacant
	Frost & Wood	A. Harasym & W. Pashniak
	Cockshutt	H. Bachinsky
	Pool Hall & Bowling Alley	A. Kotyshyn
	Pool Hall & Bowling Alley	J. Hlus
	Pool Hall & Bowling Alley	F. Babyn
	Pool Hall &	J. Pawliuk
	Macleods Store	E. Bureyko
LOT 24	Vacant	C.P.R.
	Blacksmith Shop	J. Kis
	Two Hills Motors	A. Hnatiuk
	Wright Ford	E. Wright
	Vacant	
LOT 25	Two Hills Plumbing & Tinning	P.J. Hryciw
	& Two Hills Motors	N. Pidscalny
	Two Hills Motors	Buk Bros.
	Two Hills Motors	T. Hnatiuk
	Two Hills Motors	A. Hnatiuk
	Wright Ford	E. Wright
	Vacant	
BLOCK 2		
LOT 4	Royal Canadian Mounted Police	Federal Gov't.
LOT 7	Alberta Lumber Company	Alberta Lumber
	Revelstoke	Revelstoke
	Two Hills Home Centre	L. Shwed
LOT 8	Confectionery	W. Flynn
	Post Office	M.R. Dowhaniuk
	Men's Wear	M.R. Dowhaniuk
	Alberta Lumber Company	Alberta Lumber
	Two Hills Home Centre	L. Shwed

LOT 9, 10	Butcher Shop	H. Malofe
	Butcher Shop	Mr. Jewra
	Dawn's Cafe	A.B. Young
	Butcher Shop & Boarding House	I. Yuzda
	Grocery Store	Prokopiuk Bros.
	Horon's Barber Shop	P. Horon
	Olga's Beauty Salon	O. Kindrake
	Beneda's Bakery	I. Yuzda
	Two Hills Bakery	Mr. Chmilar
	Western Minerals Ltd.	
	Two Hills Glass	G. Nikiforuk
	Sylver's Barber Shop	S. Lakusta
	Two Hills Times	C. Hohol
	Ranny's Electric	R. Bourassa & B. Pona
LOT 11	Bank of Montreal	Bank of Montreal
LOT 12	Butcher Shop &	N. Solowan
	Drugstore	P. Fedorchuk
	Meats & Groceries	N. Solowan
	Meats & Groceries	Chickloski Bros.
	Treasury Branch	
	Java Inn	M. Kostek
	Java Inn & Bakery	Kalancha & Fedun
	Java Inn	Adamowski & Kondratiuk
	Java Inn	D. Zaharichuk
	Barber Shop &	M. Fedun
	Anton's Jewellery	A. Shchurek
LOT 13	General Merchant	G. Skakun
	Anton's Jewellery	A. Shchurek
LOT 14	Barber & 5 to $1.00 Store	A. Palamaruk
	5 to $1.00 Store	Mike Lutzak
LOT 15	Two Hills Trading	P. Odynski
	Two Hills Co-op	Two Hills Co-op
	Marshall Wells	E. & J. Majeau
LOT 16	Empress Theatre	E. Odynski
	Geleta Drugs	D.M. Geleta
	Two Hills Drugs	Joan Cholak
	Boschman Insurance Broker	Lorne Boschman
LOT 17	Confectionery	Steve Gresiuk
	Bakery	Mr. Samaka
	Law Office &	M.H. Ponich
	Sawchuk's Studio	D. Sawchuk
	Dental Office	Dr. J.P. Lukenchuk
	Law Office	J. Blonsky
	Department of Environment	
	Family Community Services Office	
LOT 18, 19	Garage	J. Nikilchuk
	Hall &	A. Harasym
	Cafe	J. Lakusta
	Garage	A. Harasym
	Garage	Fedun Bros.
	Garage	Two Hills Co-op
	Garage	Melnychuk Bros.
	Alberta Government Telephones	
LOT 20	Vacant	A. Makowichuk
	Vacant	J.S. Aucoin
	International Harvester	M.S. Chrapko
	Cold Locker Plant &	Buk Bros.
	Clothing Store	M.R. Dowhaniuk
	Cold Locker Plant &	Buk Bros.
	Confectionery Store	J. & W. Danyluk
	Treasury Branch &	
	Department of Agriculture	
	Alice Melnyk Public Library	
	Department of Agriculture	
BLOCK 3		
LOT 1	Telephone Central	H.R. Pozer
	Jewellery Shop	A. Fedoruk
	Parking Area	A. Palamaruk
LOT 2, 3, 4	Livery Stable & Dray	P. Hrynyk
	Livery Stable & Dray	N. Severyn
	Livery Stable & Dray	W. Harasym
	Livery Stable & Dray	W. Kalynchuk
	Livery Stable & Dray	N. Hlewka
	Alberta Liquor Control Board	
	Hlewka Transfer	N.N. Hlewka
LOT 5	Oliver Implements	A.P. Major
	Trucking	M. Lupul
	John Deere Agency	P.J. Miskiw
	John Deere Agency	H. Bachinsky
	Alberta Poultry Producers	
	Dehid Motors Ltd.	
	Streets Shoe & Leather Repair	S. Streets
LOT 8, 9	Livery Stable & Dray	F. Prokopiuk
	Livery Stable & Dray	W. Eglinski
	Dehid Motors Ltd.	
LOT 10, 11	International Harvester	Yuskow Bros.
	International Harvester	S. Yuskow
	Tractor Parts	S. Yuskow
	Dehid Motors Ltd.	
LOT 12	Tractor Repair	A. Sawchuk
	Dehid Motors Ltd.	
LOT 13	Miskiw Transfer	H. Miskiw

BLOCK 8		
LOT 6,	County of Two Hills No. 21	
7, 8, 9	Post Office	
BLOCK 9		
LOT 1 East	Lux Theatre	W. Dowhaniuk
	Lux Theatre	W. Sorochan
	Lux Theatre	A. Hnatiuk
LOT 1 Cent.	Kitt's Auction	W.H. Kitt
LOT 1 West	Avenue Cleaners	M. Zalasky
	Residence	T. Sawchuk
LOT 2	Solo Shopping Centre	
	(a) Royalite Petroleum	
	Gulf Oil Canada	
	Jody Oilfield Service	J. Oxtoby
	Vacant	
	(b) Avenue Grocery	Dwanishan Bros.
	Two Hills Co-op	
	(c) Anton's Jewellery	A. Shchurek
	Beale Accounting	J. Beale
	(d) Robinson Store	Mr. Thatchuk
	Robinson Store	J. Oneschuk
	Co-op Dry Goods	
	Macleods Store	
EAST MALL	(a) Laundromat	
	(b) Zayak's Electric	W. Zayak
	Laundromat	
	(c) Barber Shop	E. Horon
	Rosalind's Beauty Shop	R. Hauca
BLOCK 10		
LOT 1, 2	Grocery Store	M. Slevinsky
	M.D. of Eagle No. 81	
	Iftody Farm Equipment	M. Iftody
	Toma Farm Equipment	G. Toma
LOT 9, 10	Lumber Yard	C. Gordon
	Crown Lumber	
	M.D. Sobor No. 514	
	Barber Shop	W. Antoniuk
	Post Office	
	Rudy's Lumber	R. Karokachuk
	Beaver Lumber	
LOT 7,8,9,10	IGA Shopping Centre	
	(a) IGA Grocery Store	G. Marchand
	(b) Stedman's	E. & O. Mulek
	Two Hills Pharmacy	J. Cholak
	(c) Treasury Branch	
	(d) Sunshine Pizza House	
	Vacant	
	(e) Buckhorn Realty & Insurance	P. Popowich
	(f) Gerry's Clothing	
	(g) Heart of the Hills (Clothing)	
	Van Hout Bakery	
BLOCK 11		
LOT 6	Two Hills Dairy	M. & L. Chomik
LOT 7	Vacant	Dr. I. Hawryskewich
	Chiropracter	
LOT 9A	Feed Mill	M. Dadensky
	Feed Mill	B. Baron
	Feed Mill	A. Hlewka
	Feed Mill	S. Yarmichuk
	Feed Mill	E. Gorgichuk
	Vacant	
LOT E	Royalite Petroleum	M. Zalasky
	Gulf Oil Canada	
	M & B Contractors Ltd.	S. Miskiw & H. Bachinsky
	County of Two Hills No. 21	
LOT K	County of Two Hills No. 21	
LOT L	Alberta Department of Transport	
BLOCK 12		
LOT 1	Hryciw Plumbing & Heating	P.J. Hryciw
	Hryciw Plumbing & Heating	N. Hryciw
LOT 2	Chop Mill	Joe Petecki
	Chop Mill	H. Bachinsky
	John Deere Agency	H. Bachinsky
	John Deere Agency	G. Pawliuk & Son
	Sunrise Drugstore	M. Ripka
	Two Hills Pharmacy	J. Cholak
	Vacant	J. Cholak
LOT 3	Lot	T. Hnatiuk
	Massey-Harris Agency	Danchuk & Rosichuk
	Fountain Tire	
	Automotive Parts	A. Hnatiuk
	Two Hills Tire	J. Olah & R. Wright
LOT 4	Shoe Hospital	P. Cymbaliuk
LOT 6	Stockyard	Odynski & Hrynyk
	Stockyard	Odynski & P. Miskiw
	Stockyard	Odynski & Tymko
	Stockyard	Tymko
	Vacant	
PT - A	Larry's Produce	L. Dwanishan
	Highland Produce	L. Dwanishan

PT - A	Town Shop	
BLOCK 13		
LOT 1	Sam's Drive-In	S. Ruptash
	G.O.'s Drive-In	G. Olynyk
LOT 19, 20	Frontenac Motel	T. Hnatiuk
	Frontenac Motel	A. Hnatiuk
BLOCK 15		
LOT 8	Royal Canadian Mounted Police	
BLOCK 16	Eventide Homes	
L	Two Hills Eagle-View Nursing Home	
BLOCK 17	United Farmers' of Alberta	
BLOCK 17A		
LOT 1, 2	Antique & Bargain Centre	A. Hnatiuk
LOT 18, 19	Burger Palace	B. Zayak
BLOCK 18	Turbo	J. Euchuk
BLOCK 19		
LOT 18	Apartment Block	
BLOCK 20		
LOT - A	Esso Service	J. Greyory
	J & P Mercury Sales	J. Anderson
	Kol-Ru Enterprises	Kolisniak & Rudyk
	Rudyk's Auto & Marine	A. Rudyk
LOT 20-AA	Eastwood Builders	S. Miskiw
LOT 21-A	Junction Inn	B. Maciborski
PARCEL A & B	Alberta Liquor Control Board	
C	C.P.R. Station	
1	Imperial Oil	Yuskow Bros.
	Imperial Oil	J. Odynski
	Imperial Oil	S. Yuskow
	Imperial Oil	E. Dehid
	Imperial Oil	P. Fuyarchuk
PARCEL 1A	Stockyard No. 1	Shandro & Orlecki
	Stockyard No. 1	N. Orlecki
	Stockyard No. 2	J. Greene
	Stockyard No. 2	S.R. Douglas
	Stockyard No. 2	J. Kolisniak
	Stockyard No. 2	Two Hills Co-op
BLOCK 2	British-American Oil	J. Kolisniak
	British-American Oil	W. Kolisniak
	Gulf Oil Canada	W. Kolisniak

ELEVATORS

FROM W to E	No. 1	United Grain Growers
		Searle Grain
		Alberta Wheat Pool
	No. 2	Federal Grain
		Alberta Pacific
		Alberta Wheat Pool
	No. 3	Gillespie Grain
		United Grain Growers
	No. 4	Province
		McDonald Grain
		United Grain Growers
	No. 5	Alberta Wheat Pool
	No. 6	W.J. Anderson
		Alberta Wheat Pool

BLOCK 1A		
LOT 5, 6	Gulf Service Station	O. Kolisniak & J. Werenka
	Superior Gulf	S. Fedoruk
BLOCK Z	Two Hills Concrete Ltd.	P. Chemerys

NEW DEVELOPMENT - NORTH OF HIGHWAY NO. 45

BLOCK 1		
LOT 2	Dehid Motors Ltd.	
LOT 5	Beamar Performance	R. Marchenko
LOT 7, 13	Toma Farm Equipment	G. & N. Toma & L. Carpentier
LOT 10, 11	Westmin Resources Ltd.	
LOT 18	Sunburst Perforating Service	
LOT A & B	Gulf Oil Canada	W. Kolisniak
BLOCK 2		
LOT 1	J & D Carwash	J. & D. Euchuk
	Town & Country Flowers & Ceramic	E. Bachinsky
LOT 2	Art Barry Chev-Olds	A. Barry
	Gord Liner Chev-Olds	G. Liner
BLOCK 4		
LOT 1	N. Chrapko Trucking	N. Chrapko
	Delaire Oilfield Services	R. Delaire
LOT 2	Theroux Trucking Ltd.	R. & I. Theroux

J & D Carwash and Town & Country Flowers & Ceramics, 1981

Toma Farm Equipment, 1981

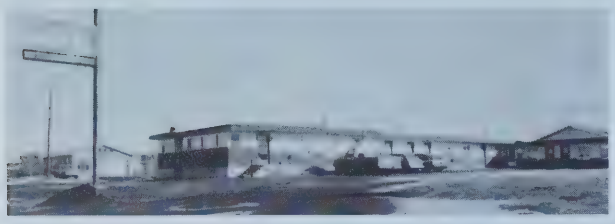
Gord Liner Chev-Olds, J & D Carwash and Town & Country Flowers & Ceramics, 1980

Beamar Performance Centre - Richard Marchenko, Prop., 1981

Construction of Lux Theatre, 1948. Among the workers are: Michael Ponich, M.L.A.; Walter Dowhaniuk, owner; Mayor Dick Geleta; Nick Dowhaniuk and Frank Petasky.

Hlewka's Two Hills Transfer Ltd., 1984

Junction Inn - Wm. & Jeanette Maciborski, Props., 1976



Frontenac Motel - Alex Hnatiuk, Prop., 1961

Along Highway No. 36 - Two Hills Tire, Sunrise Drugs, and Hryciw's Plumbing, 1984

Diefenbaker Avenue - W.H. Kitt and Lux Theatre, 1948

Alex Palamaruk cutting Billy's hair (George Rusnak's son)

Burger Palace - Brian & Deborah Zayak, Props., 1984

G.O.'s Drive-In - Gerald Olynyk, Prop., 1985

Superior Gulf Service, 1985

Dehid Motors along Highway No. 45, 1983

Anton's Jewellery, 1985, in business for 32 years

TWO HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

by Larry Shwed

The Two Hills Fire Department originated in 1929, when Two Hills was still a hamlet. As the needs of the growing community increased, the fire department also grew. It started with an array of equipment: 12 pails, two ropes (25′ long) with hooks, three axes, one steel tank with a force pump, a tank wagon and a fire alarm bell. In 1930, the fire hall was located behind the present Radio Shack store. Typical bylaws of the day directed that all persons must clean their chimneys and pipes each month; any person throwing live ashes carelessly would be fined $25. and the informant would receive a reward of $5.

First Two Hills fire-fighting engine, circa 1931

On January 1, 1930, Two Hills became a village with a population of 103. George Skakun was acting fire chief at this time. His volunteer department was comprised of the following men: Alex Harasym, Nick Dowhaniuk, Wm. E. Buk, Louis Petasky, Joe Nykilchuk, Harry Molofy, Sam Bachinsky, Steve Yuskow, Pete Odynski, Alex Palamaruk, J. Pedleski, Jacob Olinyk, and P. Hrynyk.

Sam Douglas was appointed fire chief in 1933 and the brigade was reorganized with new men added to the force in the same year. Among the new fire laws enacted in 1936 were regulations to have cement floors in garages and brick chimneys in every residence and business establishment.

Alex Phillips became the new fire chief in 1939. John Pedleski was appointed the night watchman for the fire hall and one of his duties included maintenance of fire equipment. A year later, John Kolisniak was elected as the new fire chief.

In 1941, two ladders, two extinguishers, 1000 feet of hose, barbed wire, a time clock and two nozzles were added to fire hall equipment. The fire engine, and a two-wheel trailer style 500 GPM gear pump, was used to obtain water from Harry Molofy's cellar in 1943. A year later the new fire chief was Fred Prokopiuk.

Plans were initiated to construct a proper fire hall in 1945. Built by Matt Hnydyk, and completed in 1948, the building contained a reservoir of water in the basement. By January 31, 1947, the fire department expanded again with Mayor Dick Geleta as chief.

Purchase of the first fire truck, 1955. (L to R) - Billy Elko, John Elko, Metro Iftody, D.M. Geleta, Wm. Hnydyk, Adolph Kotyshyn, and Mike Tanne.

The year 1950 saw plans for new water distribution scheme which included a 30,000 gallon reservoir tower. Walter Dowhaniuk was appointed fire chief in 1951. In the same year, the water system, including fire hydrants, was completed.

In 1952, John Elko was acting fire chief. A special garage addition was built for the $9,000. fire truck purchased in 1955. After gaining town status in 1955, Walter Horon was elected fire chief of Two Hills.

Steve Sorochan, who became fire chief in 1956, did much to promote fire safety within the community. He organized the "EMO" Emergency Rescue crew which won a provincial trophy. Members of this unit included Ron Kupchenko, Orest Choban, Steve Sorochan and Ernie Pshyk. Sorochan also organized many hose-laying competitions. Two Hills did well in these contests, winning prizes in 1963 and 1964.

Two Hills Fire Department receives the Proficiency Award, 1963. (L to R) - unknown, Nestor Hryciw, John Kushniruk, Gary Gorsline, and Peter Orlecki.

With the resignation of Steve Sorochan, Nestor Hryciw took over the office in 1967. He was succeeded by Joe Kshyk and Alex Hlewka in 1968.

The Town of Two Hills experienced some major fires in the early 1950s - one in the garage and cold storage unit in 1955, and another in the 1956 elementary school. The 500 GPM gear pumper was used to extinguish the latter,

Dadensky Chop & Feed Mill built in 1945, was destroyed by fire in 1970.

drawing water from a pit north of the Gulf bulk station. A fire ravaged the feedmill in 1970.

On May 1, 1972, Larry Shwed was appointed as local fire assistant to the fire commissioner, and in 1978, as acting local Director of Disaster Services for the Two Hills community. As new buildings were erected, the need for extra building facilities and equipment was required. In 1974, a new $40,000. firehall, located next to the water tower was constructed. It was officially opened on July 2, 1975.

Alberta Disaster Services Agency officially presented the Fire Department with an emergency rescue kit in 1977. Much appreciation was expressed to the Two Hills Chemical Plant for their donation of a "Bs9" portable pumper, valued at $1,500. and to the Lakeland Breakers for their contribution of a resuscitator valued at $800.

In 1983, the County of Two Hills purchased four 1,500-gallon-capacity fire trucks, one of which is located in the Two Hills Fire Hall and maintained by the Fire Department. Presently the Two Hills Fire Department is manned by 24 volunteer fire fighters, with practices on the first and third Monday of each month. The town and community are certainly indebted to members of the Fire Department for their efforts to keep the district safe for the 1300 residents of Two Hills.

POLICING THE VILLAGE AND TOWN (1930-1960)

from source materials provided by Mrs. E.I. English

In addition to the efforts of the RCMP to maintain law and order in the district, the Village of Two Hills appointed its own constables in the early years. Many of these local constables assisted the RCMP in their duties.

According to some 1930-1960 research notes provided by the late Mrs. Isbister-English, the first policeman in the bustling village was George Fedoruk who was empowered to enforce the by-laws passed by the council. Fedoruk received no official salary but he was allowed to keep 100% of all the fines collected.

By 1933, village policeman Harry Molofy is reported to be receiving a yearly salary of $240. and his duties were expanded to include the responsibility of being a poundkeeper in charge of stray livestock.

Night watchman duties were added to the policeman's responsibilities in 1934 and Mrs. English's reports indicate that Policeman John Pedlesky received, in addition to his salary, 50% of all fines collected.

At the height of the Depresson in 1934, the Village constable Louis Petasky, had his salary reduced to $15. per month. A year later the town constable's salary was eliminated but 10% of all license fees and 100% of all fines collected could be retained by the policeman-watchman.

Additional money could be claimed everytime an unlicensed dog was destroyed in the village and a well aimed 22 bullet would net the town gendarme 50¢ for every canine shot.

At about this time, the village councillors passed bylaws relating to store closing and curfews for children under the age 16. A bell which was to be rung by the town policeman at 6:00 p.m. warned all merchants that business operations must cease. The 9:00 p.m. toll warned all young people to scurry home or suffer the consequences of being caught by such constables as the wiry Nick Fedoruk who was much feared by the young lads of the town.

Between 1935 and 1939 individuals who were hired to police the village and carry on other duties included Paul Spak, John Lakusta, Nick Humen and Albert Desrosiers.

From 1939 to 1943 Mike Eglinski served effectively as town constable earning a salary of $45. per month. Eglinski's uniform, which was ordered for a cost of $31.20 was to be worn only while on offical duty, warned the village councillors.

Following Mr. Eglinski's departure, the duties of town policeman, and the night watchman expanded to include garbage collection and even road maintenance. Among the policemen and night watchmen who were hired between 1947 and 1957 were the following: Nick Fedoruk, D. Ilkuff, Wm. Hlewka, A. Dominiuk, J. Tymko, F. Harmata, W. Meroniuk, P. Frankiw, J. Gretzan, and Matt Hnydyk.

Constable Matt Hnydyk was hired at this time to police the town, serve as weed inspector and also be poundkeeper. In return for these duties he was to earn $200. per month. Hnydyk's services were well appreciated by the mayor and council, who presented him with a purse of $50. upon his retirement in 1960.

Following Matt Hnydyk's departure, the council hired Marshall Walker who served at a time of rapid growth and development of the town. In an attempt to combat juvenile crime and vandalism, town policeman Marshall Walker attempted to reinstate the 9:00 p.m. curfew for juveniles. The attempt, however, was not successful, according to Mrs. English, whose police history notes stop at this time in the town's history.

Alice Melnyk Public Library, circa 1980

Sunburst Oilfield Servicing Ltd., 1982

Gulf Canada Ltd., 1985

Shirley and Josie Pundick with their cousin Cheryl on the front step of their parents' grocery store Double-V-Foodland. William and Vicky Pundick have been in business since 1965.

Radio Shack established, 1978

Hryciw's Plumbing & Heating, 1957. (L to R) - Paul Spak, Nestor and Peter Hryciw.

Two Hills Sixteen Suiter, built 1981

HISTORY OF THE RCMP DETACHMENT IN TWO HILLS

by Steve Miskiw

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police did not open a detachment in Two Hills until 1932. Prior to that the hamlet was policed by the Alberta Provincial Police.

The first RCMP detachment building in the Village of Two Hills was rented from the Alberta Lumber Company for $35. per month. Situated on Lot 4 Block 2 of the town plan, the RCMP remained in that building until 1960, when a new one was constructed on Centre Street.

William Edward John Davis was the first Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman to be stationed in Two Hills. Born in 1883, the native of Bath, England, immigrated to Canada in the early 1900s. He served with the 19th Alberta Dragoons in World War I. After the war, he joined the Edmonton City Police Force and remained with that force until he took up farming in the Lloydminster district.

In 1926, he joined the Alberta Provincial Police and was sent to Medicine Hat where he remained until his transfer to Lethbridge, and later, in 1932, to Two Hills. Corporal Davis later served at Tofield and Edmonton and was discharged on August 11, 1945. Five years later he passed away.

The early mounties served the Two Hills district well but their lives were far from the movie versions of the scarlet coated guardians of the plains. Poor road conditions and adverse weather often forced the RCMP to work long hours to maintain the law. Although they relied on the automobile for their road patrols and other law enforcement duties, the early RCM Policemen had to resort to other transportation when road conditions deteriorated. In the early 1930s Constable Davis and Gair often chartered Alec Harasym's snow plane particularly when roads were badly drifted. The canvas-skinned snowmobile, equipped with a Model A engine which powered an airplane propeller, glided on runners over fields and lakes at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour. The whir of the snowplane's propellor could be heard for half a mile. Although the conveyance scared cattle and horses, it certainly intrigued onlookers, especially little boys who flocked around the contraption in the hope of getting a ride.

According to RCMP records in Ottawa, the RCMP in Two Hills did not have many serious crimes to investigate over the years. The Ottawa headquarters reports to only one murder investigation some 40 years ago and describes the Two Hills district as a peaceful one. But some old timers add that in the 1930s and earlier there were a few serious crimes committed and point to the unsolved axe bludgeoning of a Morecambe elevator agent in the 1930s and some shooting incidents which resulted in at least one life being taken. Apparently these are no longer on the RCMP books.

Most of the duties and responsibilities of the mounted police in the Two Hills district were associated with traffic offences. Violations of game laws or trapping regulations, disturbances of the peace, minor assaults, minor thefts, and liquor act infractions, occupied much of the time of the RCMP in Two Hills.

R.C.M.P. Barracks and Residence, 1985

Residents of the area who were caught distilling liquor, or who were in possession of moonshine were dealt with severely, and a Vegreville Observer edition of the early 1930s carry reports of the harsh penalties imposed on moonshiners by magistrates.

Fines for illegal manufacture of liquor ranged as high as $300. for a first offense and those who could not pay were often incarcerated at Ft. Saskatchewan for periods of up to six months.

One somewhat humourous report regarding the illegal manufacture of liquor was reported in an early copy of the Vegreville Observer. The news article details a very interesting defence used by a district farmer who was hauled before Magistrate Gore-Hickman of Vegreville.

> Wasyl Blanir caught with illicit liquor in his possession, put up quite a novel plea. It seems that Wasyl's appetite is not so good and he is condemned to eat only dry crusts. Crunching dry crusts is hard on the old teeth, so Wasyl explained that he had to soak the crusts in moonshine to enable him to eat them at all. In fact, he would surely die if not allowed to continue this form of sustenance. Mr. Gore-Hickman listened most sympathetically and agreed that there were times when life was not worth living if one was deprived of his favourite dish. But the law was inexorable and he was regretfully compelled to fine Wasyl $200. and costs. Even at the price charged by Mr. Dinning's minions, two hundred bucks will buy a lot of legal crust-softener, so Wasyl feels that the cost of living has gone up like an aeroplane.

Cst. Stan Surby, long-serving R.C.M.P., 1945-51

RCMP personnel stationed in Two Hills during the 54 years the detachment served to maintain law and order in the area, included the following:

1932 Cst. E. Davies
1932-36 Cst. C.A. Gair
1936-41 Cst. J.W Stanton
1939-40 Cst. J.J. Molyneux
1941 Cst. J.D. Waring
1942-44 Cst. T. McNally
1942 Cst. Wesgate
1945-51 Cst. S. Surby
1945 Cst. L.R. Clevette
1952-55 Cst. R.M. Allan
1952-54 Cst. J.W. Foreman
1955 Cst. E. Bartkowski
1956-60 Cst. D.L. Madill
1956-58 Cst. R.G. Maxwell
1958-61 Cst. G. Young
1961 Cpl. R.C. Shaw
1962-64 Cpl. W.R. Williams
1962 Cst. L.M. Earle
1963 Cst. E.P. Kokoszka
1964-65 Cst. L.A. Trelenberh
1965-67 Cpl. G.A. Gray
1966 Cst. G.R. Graham
1967 Cst. T.L. Woodhouse
Cst. G.H. Miller
Cst. O.T. Morrow
1968 Cst. Van Patten
1968-69 Cpl. J.L. Morton
1968-70 Cst. F.H. Sigmundson
1968 Cst. W.J. Thomas
Cst. P.J. Warenchuk
1969 Cst. D.G. Tait
Cst. J.I.S. Beattie
Cst. F.S. Creaser
1970 Cpl. B.I. Tricker
Cst. B.T. Mousseau
Cst. H.G. Walter
Cst. D.E. Spitzke
1971 Cst. G.D. May
Cst. D. McKibbon
Cst. E.E. Knobbs
Cst. C. Dehaas
Cst. T.M. Snell
Cst. B.J. Brook
1972 Cst. R.V. Baker
1973 Cst. S. Bowles
1974 Cst. G.D. Chammen
Cst. Morrison
Cst. R. Matycio
1975 Cst. Flanigan
1977 Cst. D. St. Pierre
Cst. M. Kerr
Cpl. G. Gibson
Cst. G.A. Matzner
1978 Cst. M. Rattray
Cst. C. Chizek
1980 Cst. B.V. Teske
1980 Cpl. W.G. McIldoon
1981 Cst. C.R. Brennan
Cst. R.G. Petit
Cst. D.N. Asp
1983 Cst. B.W. MacGregor
1984 Cst. N.J. Douglas
1986 Cst. K.A. McGee

Former Two Hills R.C.M.P. officer R. Allan rose to rank of Superintendent, circa 1978

In 1986 the Two Hills RCMP detachment was composed of Constables MacGregor, Douglas, McGee and Cpl. McIldoon.

Many of the RCM Policeman who served in the Two Hills district rose to higher ranks in the force but none to the heights achieved by Cp. R.M. Allan who was stationed at Two Hills from 1952-55. After his successful career at Two Hills Cpl. Allan was rapidly promoted to posts in Regina and Ottawa where he was appointed to the rank of Superintendent. Now retired, Mr. Allan resides in White Rock, B.C.

TWO HILL SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

by Walter H. Kitt and Mrs. Anne Bykewich

In the late summer of 1972, Alberta government representative Herb Hartwig, arrived in Two Hills to organize a Senior Citizens' Club.

At the first meeting held in the present centre, 25 people displayed active interest and in a short time the former Fire Hall was donated by the Town of Two Hills to the senior citizens of the district. At this time, a steering committee consisting of Harry Verenka, John Ewasiuk, Mike Zacharuk and Alex Zelez was appointed to act as an executive. A membership fee of $1. per person was decided upon and the committee started an active soliciting campaign.

After two meetings, an executive was elected which included President George Pawliuk, Secretary-treasurer Harry Verenka, and Directors John Ewasiuk, Nick Ursuliak, Peter Hryciw, and Nick Holyk.

On January 3, 1973, a general meeting was called and a new executive was elected consisting of President George Pawliuk, Vice-President Nick Orlecki, Secretary Harry Verenka, Treasurer John Kachmar, Directors John Ewasiuk, Alex Zelez, Bill Hryhirchuk, Mike Zacharuk, Joe Harasym and Nick Holyk. A pool table and shuffle board were purchased for the club at this time.

Following the passing away of President George Pawliuk in 1973, a special meeting was called to elect another President. Nick Orlecki was elected to this post, and Trifon Arychuk was elected vice-president at this meeting. The rest of the executive remained and the club

Senior Citizens' Float at the local fair, 1985

continued with activities and the preparation of the constitution. On July 13, 1973, the club was incorporated under the name of the Two Hills Senior Citizens' Centre, Society No. 7234.

Between 1973 and 1975, the executive remained the same except for the election of William Mandrusiak as secretary, and Trifon Gorgichuk as treasurer.

In 1976, the executive included President Joe Harasym, Vice-President William Luchak, Secretary William Mandrusiak, Treasurer Peter Rybak, Directors Mike Zacharuk, Dan Babiuk, Mike Dumka, Walter Kitt, Fred Sorochan, Alex Zelez, Nick Orlecki, and John Ewasiuk. Extension of the building took place at this time.

At the annual meeting a year later, a new executive including President Walter Kitt, Vice-President Trifon Arychuk, Second Vice-President Nick Orlecki, Secretary John Sakaluk, Treasurer Lazar Hutskal, Directors John Ewasiuk, Peter Rybak, William Hryhirchuk, Dan Babiuk, Nick Hlewka, and Philip Frankiw were installed.

A ladies' executive was elected at this time as well consisting of President Elsie Rybak, Vice-President Rose Galichowski, and Secretary Mary Kitt.

At the first 1977 board meeting it was decided to renovate the inside of the building to make it presentable to the members and the visiting public. Encouragement was received from Culture Minister Horst Schmidt who sent the centre a Certification of Achievement.

In 1978, new executive members included Vice-President Philip Frankiw, and Treasurer Tony Sawchuk. Much progress was made this year with the acquisition of a new electric stove and fridge, 100 new stacking chairs, 13 folding tables and rubber tired wagon on which was built a beautiful float for the parade. The float highlighted 35 persons all dressed in their Ukrainian costumes which were appraised at $11,000. by St. Paul officials. Over the years many prizes and trophies were brought back from every parade in which the seniors participated.

On Sunday, September 17, 1978, the official opening of the Senior Citizens' Centre took place with approximately 200 people in attendance. President Walter Kitt was the master of ceremonies for the program. Myrnam, Willingdon, Andrew, Smoky Lake, Vilna, Vegreville, Mundare and Two Hills communities were represented at the function. Dignitaries included Don Mazankowski, M.P.; John Batiuk, M.L.A.; Dick Geleta, Mayor; John Porozni, Master Farmer; and many others.

Work progressed during the following three years and much money was raised to improve the centre. In the span of the three years, ten parades were attended. As well, numerous dances, suppers and programs were pursued. Bus tours to southern Alberta and Fort McMurray were also organized.

The year 1980 saw President Joe Harasym, Vice-President John Boychuk, Secretary Anne Chrapko, and Treasurer Lena Gorgichuk, enter the executive. A new garage was built at this time and the existing one remodelled into a kitchen and sitting room.

The Executive in the next six years included the following:

1981: President Joe Harasym, Vice-President Nick Orlecki, Secretary Rose Harasym, Treasurer Lena Gorgichuk.

1982: President John Sakaluk, Vice-President Peter Rybak, Secretary Tony Sawchuk, Treasurer Lena Gorgichuk.

1983: President Joe Harsym, Vice-President Nick Orlecki, Secretary Rose Harasym, Treasurer Tony Sawchuk.

1984-1985: President Tony Sawchuk, Vice-President Fred Sorochan, Secretary Madeline Shandruk, Treasurer Nick Stoski.

1986: President Anna Bykewich, Vice-President Steve Gorgichuk, Secretary Madeline Shandruk, Treasurer Tony Sawchuk.

For about 14 years the Two Hills Campsite was kept clean and presentable to tourists thanks to the assistance from Two Hills Senior Citizens' Centre.

Bingo games, loom work, suppers and dances continue to keep members quite busy. Among other activities, Senior ladies have formed Carpet Bowling and Red Cross exercises under the direction of Madeline Shandruk and Elsie Rybak. Ladies Floor Curling and Ladies Shuffle Board was introduced as well.

The Two Hills Senior Citizens' Centre is a vibrant institution which is symbolic of the spirit of our early settlers in the district.

I AM FINE ... THANK YOU

There is nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as I can be,
I have arthritis in both of my knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street,
Sleep is denied me, night after night,
My mem'ry is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this, as this tale unfolds,
That for me and you who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is spent?
Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went.
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my "get up" has been.

Old age is golden, I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up.
E're sleep comes o'er me, I say to myself
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?

Anon.

Floor Curling, one of the popular Senior Citizens' activities. (L to R) - M. Buk, R. Galichowski, A. Pawluski, M. Cherniwchan, A. Kimak, D. Babiuk, and N. Hlewka.

An Alice Melnyk memorial plaque is presented by Mr. Wm. Cherniwchan, Superintendent of Schools, to the Two Hills Elementary School. Principal M. Pawliuk received it on behalf of the school in 1976. The plaque reads: "This plaque is to honor the memory of Mrs. Alice Melnyk, who lost her life as a result of a car accident on January 7, 1976. She had devoted her life to the teaching of children for over 36 years, most of these in the Two Hills area. For her warmth and understanding, and her talent in art and music, she gained high esteem from her students, colleagues, and the community at large. Her dedication to all her work, and especially to the library, is an inspiration for others to follow."

ALICE MELNYK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Alice Melnyk - 1975

Alice Melnyk was a teacher in the Two Hills Elementary School from 1969 until her untimely death in January, 1976. She devoted much of her time to music, art and the library. Although the Two Hills Municipal Library was housed in the Elementary School for many years, it was not well organized in the 50s and 60s. As teacher-librarian, Mrs. Melnyk became interested in the library and spent many after school hours to set it up. Through her efforts, an official board was appointed by the Town and Alice became the librarian of the Two Hills Municipal Library. In the spring of 1976, the Library Board paid tribute to her devotion and effort by renaming it the Alice Melnyk Public Library.

THE OLD LIBRARIAN

I watched him one day fingering a shelf
Caressingly, forgetful of himself
And all around him. Very well I knew
He could not see the titles, but he threw
A touch of ownership into his hand
As if he still were privileged to command
Their journeyings. I paused to read his face.
In all that sunny, quiet crowded place
There was not one who wore so proud a look
As if he knew he was with friends, and took
Sweet pleasure in the knowledge.
Row by row
His fingers greeted them in gentle, slow,
And measured salutation. Long years moved
In memory past those volumes that he loved;
Season of service, outgrown now and gone
Like old books over-read, dog-eared and torn,
Thrown to the dustheap!
And I turned away
Lest my quick tears should cause him
some dismay!

- Anna Hamilton Wood

Centennial Year: Two Hills Celebrates

TWO HILLS CENTENNIAL ARENA

by Michael D. Pawliuk

In 1964, the Two Hills Lions Club undertook the major task of constructing an arena in the town. Gary Gorsline, Mike Chomik, and Peter Orlecki were appointed to the building committee while Nick Ewanishan served as the town representative. Mike Chrapko was in charge of the construction work as well as co-ordination of volunteer labour.

Funding for the project was obtained from the following sources:

Two Hills Lions Club	$5,000. (cash grant)
Two Hills Lions Club	$7,000. (donations from community and district residents)
Two Hills Lions Club	$18,000. (interest-free loan from Celanese Canada Ltd.)
Town of Two Hills	$20,000. (A.M.F.C. debenture loan)
Town of Two Hills	$34,000. (tax levy)
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST	$84,000.

In 1972, the Two Hills and District Agricultural Society, with financial assistance from Alberta Agriculture, upgraded the arena and curling rink operations through the installation of an artificial ice plant.

Andrew Gorgichuk, President of the local society, co-ordinated the purchase of the plant, the ice surface piping, and cementing of the surface. Sources of funding were as follows:

Alberta Agriculture	$50,000.
Two Hills and District Residents	$15,000.
Town of Two Hills; truckers; M. & B. Contractors, volunteer help; and the Two Hills and District Agricultural Society	$40,000.
Total project cost	$105,000.

In 1976, the Two Hills and District Minor Hockey Association spearheaded a further upgrading project. O. Kuzio and W. Zayak co-ordinated efforts to construct a second level in the arena to house a concession booth and a spectator viewing area.

Another upgrading of the facilities occurred in the winter of 1981-1982, when the Two Hills and District Agricultural Society became active in the project. President A. Zaparniuk and Secretary M.D. Pawliuk co-ordinated the installation of the plexi-glass and fiber board surrounding the arena ice surface. Spectator area glass windows were replaced with plexi-glass for greater fan protection. At this time various hockey equipment lockers were also renovated to better meet the needs of the various hockey organizations.

Included within the scope of the project was the construction of two ball diamonds and bleachers, a fenced and paved tennis court, enclosure of the pole barn and a fenced chariot race track on a ten-acre parcel of land purchased by the Town of Two Hills.

Project costs, with the assistance of a $75,000. Alberta Agriculture grant, exceeded $150,000.

In 1983, the Two Hills Lions Club arranged for the installation of folding chairs in the arena which were acquired from the old Edmonton Gardens. The Town Council and the Lions Club dedicated the sports grounds to the memory of long-serving Mayor Geleta. Officially named the Geleta Memorial Park, it is now the site of a covered arena, curling rink, sports grounds, and the Centennial Hall.

The facility presently appraised at $1,500,000., is a real asset in promoting a healthy community recreational environment.

TWO HILLS CENTENNIAL HALL

by Michael D. Pawliuk

In 1967, the Two Hills Town Council initiated plans to construct a community social and cultural centre. The structural design of architect N.W. Stroick was approved for tender. Contractor McRae & Associates Construction Ltd. was awarded the construction of the project for a sum of $184,523.

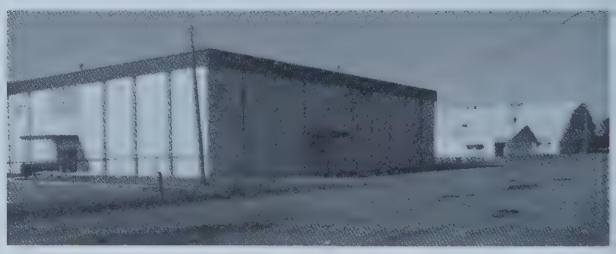
Cost to construct the community hall was realized from the following sources:

Town of Two Hills	$89,000. (debenture borrowings)
Celanese Canada Ltd.	25,000. (10-yr. interest-free loan)
Community Donations	6,000.
Town of Two Hills	64,523. (general revenue)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	184,523.

The facility was partially completed late in 1967, to enable the first of many weddings to be celebrated at the centre. Anton Shchurek was the first to rent the hall.

Official opening ceremonies for the arena and hall were held on November 2, 1968, and various prominent dignitaries were invited to celebrate the event. The Two Hills Elks Club sold their hall to the Town of Town Hills for $1. and donated the chairs, tables and dishes for use in the new facility.

The structure continues to serve the community residents with a facility designed to host a variety of events and programs.



Centennial Hall (foreground). Centennial Arena (background) 1985

THE CENTENNIAL YEAR - 1967

by Mike Pawliuk

At the September, 1966 meeting of the Two Hills Chamber of Commerce, a decision to involve the community in the coming Centennial Year celebrations was made. Mike Pawliuk, Principal of the Elementary School, was appointed to coordinate activities. Subsequently, a committee consisting of P.M. Shavchook, N. Myskiw, N. Olinyk, J. Kozmak, D. Geleta, D.C. Hagerman, F. Linklater, R.F. Steele, R. Steinhauer, G. Gorsline and C. Lutic, with Pawliuk as its chairman, was established.

In November, 1966, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a supper to which the general public was invited. The purpose was to create enthusiasm for the Centennial Year and the committee outlined some planned activities.

Centennial celebrations opened with a Christmas program held on December 18, 1966, in the Two Hills High School auditorium. The program was very well attended and this encouraged the committee, which hoped to make it an annual event.

The major event of the year, however, would be the Centennial Canoe Pageant and much time was spent in its planning. Much help was provided by Provincial Centennial officers "Bud" Salloum and Vic Chapman as well as local M.L.A. Nick Melnyk. The Pageant was well advertised through the local newspapers and the Edmonton Journal. In early May, the committee sent aloft about 1000 helium filled balloons with a free pass to the pageant attached to each. One of these balloons reached Unity, Saskatchewan, and a reply was received by the Centennial Committee.

Many other projects and events were sponsored by clubs and organizations during Centennial Year.

The Centennial Year ended with a Christmas Carol Program in which church groups from surrounding communities participated. This was held in the newly-constructed Centennial Hall, which, along with the Centennial Arena, are lasting reminders of Canada's one hundredth anniversary.

Centennial Committee, Town of Two Hills. Front row, (L to R) - P.M. Shavchook, N. Myskiw, M. Pawliuk, N. Olinyk, J. Kozmak, D. Geleta; back row - D.C. Hagerman, F. Linklater, R.F. Steele, R. Steinhauer, G. Gorsline, and C. Lutic.

Two Hills Prologue Centennial Year With A Lively Christmas Concert

Two Hills Centennial Christmas festival Sunday, described as a prologue to the 100th anniversary of Confederation was appropriately wrapped around a theme of entertainment which could be truly described Canadian with its varied program of beautiful songs and pageants in three languages — English, Ukrainian and French — which are an intrinsic part of the population in this area.

In opening the program, master of ceremonies N. Miskiw called on the overflow audience in the High School auditorium to pause and contemplate how fortunate we are to be a part of this great land of Canada.

Two Hills Centennial Committee when planning the festival program had a two-fold purpose in mind, he said. The initial challenge was to arouse enthusiasm and culture of the community and secondly to weave us closer in national pride and achievement through a common experience of music, song and dance.

Mr. R. F. Steele, director of the Centennial Committee recognized the Christmas event as the first such to be sponsored in Two Hills, with a combined effort towards a common goal.

The enthusiasm displayed by the various groups comprising of some 250 participants of every nationality in three different languages, is a marvelous thing he said, proof of the co-operation which can be mustered in this great land of ours. It is a fitting prologue to Canada's Centennial activities which cannot be successful without full participation of all our citizens. It is a unique night.

Mr. Steele thanked Mike Pawliuk, chairman of the Centennial Committee for his leadership, Mr. N. Miskiw the program director and the other directors, N. Olinik, J. Kozmak, ~~Fr. Linklater and P. M.~~ Shavchook who are heading the Centennial organization in Two Hills.

The program was fittingly introduced by a drill performed by the Ladies of the Order of the Royal Purple.

The opening curtain fell back to reveal the ladies sharply dressed in the purple and white colors of their order, each of the twelve carrying a letter opened in succession to compose "Canada 1967".

After some precise pattern marching the ladies turned the letters around, each making out one of the centennial emblem triangles with the names of individual provinces inscribed, which they assembled together on the back wall of the stage to complete the emblem which reigned throughout the program.

The hall was iself ingeniously decorated with nativity scenes painted by the school children while the background of the stage said Merry Christmas in English, Ukrainian and in French in a combination of red, blue and green colors.

Chorus featured predominantly in the program designed to bring out the spirit of Christmas in a national way.

The Two Hills 4-H Interior Decorating Club were first on stage with "What Child is This", and "Winter Wonderland".

A skit by the Brosseau 4-H Beef Club, "Her Christmas Wish" captured the mood of Christmas from the teen point of view.

The Two Hills United Church, a mixed chorus with the ladies dressed in traditional gowns of black bordered by white produced "I heard the bells on Christmas day" "To Bethlehem", "Christ is Born Today".

The Two Hills Ukrainian Catholic Parish choir selected, "God Eternal", and Ukrainian carols, "Christ is Born", "New Joy Comes This Day".

The Two Hills Senior and Junior High Schools presented gymnastics in a show that was stolen by two clowns who kept disrupting the act. The choral sang "Silent Night" in English, French and Ukrainian.

From the St. Laurent Separate School in Brosseau, came a choral group with three French selections: 'Mon Bon Sapin", "La Prière en Famille", "Les Cloches du Hameau".

The Ukrainian Orthodox Parish mixed chorus specialized in Ukrainian songs, both sentimental and light hearted, blending fine Christmas carols and songs. They sang "Oh the Lord Sees", "The Miraculous Star", "Ring Christmas Bells". The men's group concluded the number with "From Beyond the Hills, the Wind Blows".

Several University students, Sharon Gelata and Arlene Iftody teamed up in a vocal duet leading off with "Jesus Rest Thy Head" in Ukrainian and finished off with a popular French number, "Il Est Né le Divine Enfant". Their diction in French was very good. Sharon Gelata combined with Karen Miskiw at the piano for a "Christmas Overture".

The last scene on stage was produced by the Two Hills elementary school with a Christmas Fantasy — "The Little Drummer Boy". To the background singing of a choir of boys and girls, nativity scenes were introduced on the stage to focuss attention on the spirit of Christmas in a well timed and executed finale.

The program came to a close with the audience invited to sing the Two Hills Christmas festival song with the following words:

Sing with us, we'll sing with you
On our Centennial, on our Centennial, on our Centennial;
Merry Christmas to you too
On our Centennial,
This great holiday.

We salute beloved Canada,
O Canada, dear Canada,
Happy birthday to you Canada,
We're proud of you today.

TWO HILLS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL HAS CENTENNIAL THEME

A Christmas concert in Two Hills Sunday carried a Centennial theme and was used to mark the start of Canada's 100th anniversary in that town. The opening number is seen above as the Ladies of the Royal Purple display triangles spelling "Canada 1967" which reversed and assembled represent the complete emblem with all the names of the provinces

A CHRISTMAS FANTASY UNFOLDS

The Two Hills elementary school students brought to a close the first annual Centennial Christmas Festival with a Christmas Fantasy called "The Little Drummer Boy". While nativity scenes were introduced on the stage, the boys' and girls' choir sang appropriate songs in the background reliving the scene of Christ being born

Varied Program of Activities Undertaken By Organizations In Two Hills and Area

Numerous Centennial projects and activities are being undertaken by different organizations in Two Hills and surrounding districts.

(1) By far the most involved activity was the reception to Canada's Centennial Canoe Voyageurs at Duvernay and Two Hills on the afternoon of May 30. This is described elsewhere in the Bulletin.

(2) The Lion's Club of Two Hills together with the Two Hills Town Council are happy to report that the Two Hills Arena is now near completion. This centennial project spearheaded by the Lions and supported financially by the town will be a real asset to the Town of Two Hills. An official opening will be held in the fall of 1967.

(3) A second major centennial building project in the town of Two Hills is the construction of a $100,000 recreation centre, construction of which is now underway.

(4) The Chamber of Commerce reports that in August of our centennial year a 2-day baseball tournament of major proportions will be sponsored. An attempt is being made to have teams present from "south of the border" (possibly from Washington) and other distant points in Alberta and B.C. For the day of the tournament a giant parade will be organized.

(5) The Two Hills High School has been presented with 7 Centennial Award plaques with 15 annuals on each plaque, one plaque for each of 7 grade 12 examination subjects. On each annual will be inscribed the name of a grade 12 student from the Two Hills High School who will have attained the highest mark annually in English 30, Social Studies 30, French 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Mathematics 30, and Biology 30.

The plaques are being donated by the following organizations:

(1) The Two Hills High School Students' Union (two)
(2) The Two Hills Elks Lodge (one)
(3) The Two Hills Ladies of the Royal Purple (one)
(4) The Two Hills Branch of the Canadian Legion (one)
(5) The Two Hills Sub-Local of the A.T.A. (one), and
(6) Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association (one)

(6) The Two Hills Sub-Local of the A.T.A. will also present a Centennial Award Plaque to the Elementary School to be presented annually to the student with the highest achievement in Grade VI.

(7) The Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association will award a $15.00 prize to the male student achieving the highest mark in Ukrainian 10 and $15.00 to the female student achieving the highest mark in Ukrainian 10 (for 1967 only).

(8) The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League will also award a prize of $15.00 each to the best girl and boy student in Ukrainian 10 in 1967.

(9) Chemcell (1963) Ltd. also plans to institute a scholarship plan for the Two Hills area. Details have not been released.

(10) The beard growing contest sponsored by the Two Hills Elks commenced 100 days prior to May 30 and produced some really handsome beard growers. Judging took place just prior to May 30 and prizes were presented to winners on the night of May 30.

(11) The Elks Lodge will also sponsor a trip to the Alberta Game Farm late this summer for all children interested. After centennial year this will become an annual event but will be restricted to grade 7 children only.

(12) The Two Hills Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will install electric lighting at the Legion Cenotaph in Two Hills. Also they will sponsor a mammoth Teen-age dance, a more extensive parade on November 11, 1967 and a centennial essay contest

(13) The Two Hills Lions Club will sponsor again but in a bigger fashion the Miss Canada Pageant in the fall of 1967. The Santa Claus parade in December 1967 will prove to be bigger and better also because of the centennial year. The Lions Club also hopes to proceed with the building of a tennis court.

(14) The Two Hills Fire Brigade plans to promote fire fighting competition and to improve parking facilities behind the ball park and by adding more picnic tables in the area just south of the ball park.

(15) The Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Parish is planning an open air service followed by a lunch and a concert featuring noteworthy speakers. The parish has also pledged its support of an interdenominational sunrise service.

(16) The Ukrainian Women's Association is toying with the possibility of establishing a museum in Two Hills. This should be very possible after noting the different antiques which were brought in by community residents for the "Antique" Science Fair sponsored by the Two Hills Jr. High Students Union.

(17) The Two Hills High School is planning the construction of a fenced hard-surface playing area, 70 - 120 feet in size. The area will be used for basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, roller skating, etc. The cost will be approximately $3000.

The students in Senior High are also making good progress on a 100-page centennial yearbook.

(18) The Junior High Students are to purchase "steel" letters for the name TWO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL to be placed at the front of the school. The "Antique" Science Fair sponsored by the Jr. High Students Union as a centennial project proved very successful. This was a display of antiques dating back to 1850.

(19) The Two Hills Ukrainian Catholic Parish will proceed with the completion of the church interior and construction of church domes. They will also make an attempt at beautifying the church grounds by planting centennial ornamental trees.

(20) The Two Hills United Church Women will hold a tea with a display of antiques with special tributes being paid to old-timers.

(21) The First Two Hills Group, Boy Scouts of Canada are proposing a Scout Hut.

(22) The Two Hills Fish and Game Association are planning the planting of more fish in Lac Sante and the setting up of a ball park at the lake. A wild-life supper is also being planned.

(23) The Two Hills Dairy Club is preparing a "welcome to Two Hills" sign. An annual pioneers banquet is also being instituted.

(24) The Two Hills Interior Decorating Club is planning to invite members from other parts of the province to visit this area—a worthwhile project.

(25) The Vermilion Light Horse Club pledged participation in parades using ox carts, chuckwagons, chariots, etc. They will also sponsor a mammoth beau supper.

(26) The Brosseau 4-H Beef Club will sponsor a centennial talent night

(27) The Town of Two Hills pledges full support to all activities. It will give neglected parks a boost and will promote an extensive town clean-up. "Welcome to Two Hills" signs are to be erected. An increase in town lighting both during the Christmas season and during the off-Christmas season. Now that streets and avenues are numbered, homes will be given numbers. Consideration is seriously given to the construction of a swimming pool

(28) Other activities too numerous to mention

Centennial Canoe Pageant

Two Hills, Alberta
May 30th and 31st, 1967

LES VOYAGEURS

British Columbia — Simon Fraser
Alberta — David Thompson
Saskatchewan — Henry Kelsey
Manitoba — Radisson
Ontario — William McGillivray
Quebec — La Verendrye
New Brunswick — Samuel de Champlain
Nova Scotia — John Cabot
Yukon Territory — Robert Campbell
N.W.T. — Sir Alexander Mackenzie

Dignitories

Rt. Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker
Senator J. Gladstone
Hon. A. Holowach, Provincial Secretary
Hon. R. Reierson, Minister of Tel. and Labor
Major F. Fane, M.P.
Mr. N. Melnyk, M.L.A.
Commanding Officer, K Division, R.C.M.P.
Officer Commanding Edmonton Subdivision R.C.M.P.
Mr. A. Gordey, M.L.A.
Mr. R. Steele, Manager of Chemcell, Edm.

Indian Tribes Participating

Blood — Cree
Blackfoot — Piegan
Chipewyan — Sarcee
Stoney

PROGRAM

AT RIVER SITE – MAY 30

1:55 — O Canada — RCAF Cold Lake Band

2:00 — CF 104 Jet Flypast and Performance

2:15 — Cross River Boat Race
Competitors: Bonnyville — Two Hills
Hairy Hill — Vegreville
Myrnam — Viking
Saddle Lake — Willingdon
St. Paul

RCAF Cold Lake Band —
Salute to Mayors and Chief

2:45 — Viking High School Band

3:00 — Pow Wow
— Smoke Signals

3.30 — RCAF Cold Lake Band

3:45 — Arrival of Canoes
— 100 gun salute

4:10 — Official Welcome — Color Party, North West Mounted Police

4:30 — Sprint

5:00 — War Dance
— Mock Battle

5.30 — Canoe Pageant moves to Two Hills
Concession Booths at River Site

TWO HILLS RECREATION PARK PROGRAM

6:30 — Banquet
— Band Entertainment
Andrew High School
Viking High School
RCAF Cold Lake
— Visits to Voyageur Camp and Indian Village

8:00 — Arena Program

1. O Canada — Two Hills Mixed Chorus
2. Welcome Address — Mayor Geleta
3. 100 Candle Salute — Two Hills Elementary School Children
4. Centennial Hymn — Two Hills Mixed Chorus
5. Centennial Drill — Two Hills O.O.R.P.
6. Introduction of Dignitaries
7. Centennial Address — Rt. Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker
8. Presentation of Sprint Prizes — Mr. R. Steele
9. Presentation of prizes for cross river race, Mr. N. A. Melnyk, MLA
10. Indian Hoop Dance
11. Two Hills Men's Choir
12. Shumka Dancers
13. Indian Eagle Dance
14. Myrnam High School Choir
15. March Past of Beard Growers and presentation of prizes
16. Miss Gail Scraba, Miss North-eastern Alberta 1966
17. Miss Marlene Jackson, Indian Princess
18. Presentation of Centennial Badges to Indian Chiefs
19. Two Hills Mixed Chorus
20. God Save the Queen

10:00 — Fireworks
10:15 — Program at Indian Village
10:30 — Public Dancing, Curling Rink

Concession booths and carnival rides on park grounds

Wednesday, May 31

7:30 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast, Curling Rink
Move to Duvernay
10:00 a.m. — Send-off

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Two Hills Chamber of Commerce
Two Hills Branch Royal Canadian Legion
Two Hills Lodge, B.P.O. Elks
Plains Western Gas & Electric Co. Ltd.
Two Hills Order of the Royal Purple
Chemcell Ltd.
Two Hills Lions Club
Two Hills Lioness Club
Two Hills Ladies' Curling Club
Ladies' Auxiliary to Royal Canadian Legion
Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Parish
Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association
Two Hills Local, Farmers Union of Alberta
Dr. Joseph Lukenchuk

CUTTING CANOE PAGEANT CAKE

Mr. and Mrs. John Diefenbaker are at the honors cutting the Centennial Canoe Pageant cake which adorned the head table at the Two Hills reception, Tuesday. The leader of the opposition for the Conservative party stayed in St. Paul overnight and was guest at a morning breakfast. He was in fine spirit and at his best with the crowd, making a deep impression. St. Paul Journal, 1967

BEARDED MEN FROM TWO HILLS

St. Paul Journal, Sep. 1967

Raising beards is all a part of stimulating interest in the centennial Canoe Pageant which is going to hit Two Hills on May 30th. Some luscious beards for the contest are seen above, left to right, on the faces of John Stepanik, a read head; George Eglinski, white; and Marshall Grekul, a real darkie. They should be top contenders among the 50 which are being grown.

They Had (Choke) Grand Time

Paddlers Reach Two Hills Amidst Swirls Of Dust

By GORDON AALBORG
And ART ROBINSON
Of The Journal

TWO HILLS — The wind blew, the dust flew and 10,000 grimy people cheered as the centennial voyageurs arrived here Tuesday.

It was like a dust-bin — but even that couldn't stifle the success of the centennial canoe pageant this district staged.

People came from miles around this community to see the voyageurs arrive and there wasn't one who'd let some dust spoil the occasion.

In winds up to 40 miles per hour they watched Two Hills' Mayor D. M. Geleta and councillors Gary Gorsland and Nestor Hryciw win the cross-river boat race against competitors from Hairy Hill, Vegreville, St. Paul, Myrnam, Viking, Saddle Lake and Willingdon.

They lined the river-bank 50 deep for half a mile to see the paddlers arrive for the sprint —all but one team on time and every paddler as dusty as if he'd been riding a tractor all day.

Edmonton Journal 1967

Standings

Times cumulative in hours, minutes and seconds after the seventh leg of the pageant.

Manitoba	36:19:26
B. C.	36:21:45
Alberta	36:35:09
Saskatchewan	36:52:33
New Brunswick	37:02:15
Ontario	37:06:09
Quebec	37:08:43
Yukon	37:18:28
N.W.T.	37:50:26
Nova Scotia	39:34:21

MANITOBA AGAIN

The Manitoba team won the sprint in five minutes, 16 seconds, to increase their averall lead over B.C. by 25 seconds. Alberta was fourth in the sprint with 5:31, followed by B.C. with 5:41. Quebec, seventh in the overall standings, took second in the sprint with a time of 5:17.

Alberta held the third place in the overall standings, and is 15 minutes, 43 seconds behind Manitoba. B.C., in second place, is two minutes, 19 seconds behind the leading team.

Nova Scotia's team, in last place Monday, slipped even further behind by arriving late in Two Hills, being disqualified from the sprint, which they were too late to enter and taking penalties for both. The team lost a total of 1:36.08 to put them 1:43.55 behind the ninth place Northwest Territories team.

MOCK BATTLE

Any of the paddlers who chanced to view the mock Indian battle staged by natives of various Alberta bands, found that Tuesday the losers really bit the dust.

Earlier in the day the Indians staged a dusty pow-wow and traditional dances for a large gathering. They were to announce the arrival of the voyageurs by sending up smoke signals but the wind put the damper on this.

Federal Conservative leader John Diefenbaker and his wife arrived to watch the sprint and shake hands with the spectators. In the evening he spoke to about 2,000 persons who gathered in the arena.

There was dancing and singing galore, including performances by the Indians of the area, Shumka Dancers, Two Hills Men's Choir, Myrnam High School Choir and the Two Hills Mixed Chorus.

Among the other groups participating in the fun-filled day were the RCAF Cold Lake Band, Viking High School Band and the Andrew High School Band.

Prizes were presented to the best beard-growers in the district and the Indian chiefs were given centennial badges.

Dignitaries present for the festivities included Senator James Gladstone; Ray Reierson, minister of telephones and labor, and Frank Fane, MP.

The day wound up with a fireworks display and a dance.

Indians Bite Dust—For Real

Indians bit the dust, literally, at Two Hills Tuesday. A mock battle was staged as part of the Voyageur Canoe Pageant and winds gusting to 40 miles an hour whipped up clouds of dust which not only interfered with the war but obliterated the smoke signals that were to be sent up to welcome the canoeists. [illegible] June, 1967

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Two Hills Ukrainian Catholic Parish
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County of Two Hills
Department of Highways
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Two Hills F.W.U.A.
Two Hills Evangelical Free Church
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Andrew School Band
Two Hills Fire Department
Avenue Grocery
Two Hills Mixed Chorus
Two Hills Men's Choir

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Blue Ribbon Ltd.
Victoria Fancy Sausage
Central Alberta Meat Co.
Kimberly-Clark Ltd.
Scott-Paper
Larry's Produce
Alberta Poultry Producers Ltd.
Two Hills Dairy
Pepsi-Cola
Byers Flour Mills (Camrose)
Liptons
Kraft Foods Ltd.
Maple Leaf Mills Ltd.
Brown Fruit Co.
Scott Fruit Co.
Dominion Bottling Co.
Canada Dry Co.
Calgary Brewing and Malting
Revelstoke Building Materials
Beaver Lumber

All others who contributed their time and effort.

HAPPY CENTENNIAL

TO ALL

Two Hills Centennial Committee

M. Pawliuk	D. M. Geleta
N. Olinyk	F. Linklater
J. Kozmak	R. Steele
P. M. Shavchook	D. Hagerman
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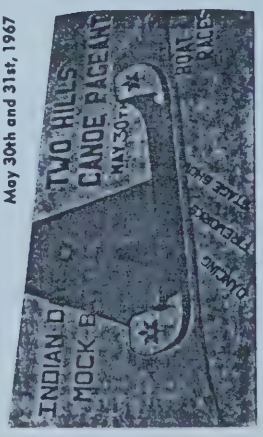
May 30th and 31st, 1967



RCAF BAND IN ATTENDANCE
JET FLY PAST
RIVER BOAT RACE
POW WOW
BANQUET
FIREWORKS
DANCING

First wedding at the Two Hills Centennial Hall--Ken and Eileen Fox (Shchurek), November 4, 1967

Two Hills arena, opened in 1968

As the Vegreville Observer Saw It!

Much can be learned about the growth of Two Hills through a perusal of old copies of the "Vegreville Observer" whose editor, A.L. Horton maintained close contact with friends in the hamlet. Often Horton's acid tongue combined with a wry sense of humor provided some interesting glimpses of the business, educational, social and political scene in the Two Hills area.

December 11, 1906

Wasyl——— caught with illicit liquor in his possession, put up quite a novel plea. It seems that Wasyl's appetite is not so good and he is condemned to eat only dry crusts. Crunching dry crusts is hard on the old teeth, so Wasyl explained that he had to soak the crusts in moonshine to enable him to eat them at all. In fact, he would surely die if not allowed to continue this form of sustenance. Mr. Gore-Hickman listened most sympathetically and agreed that there were times when life was not worth living if one was deprived of his favorite dish. But the law was inexorable and he was regretfully compelled to fine Wasyl $200 and costs. Even at the price charged by Mr. Dinning's minions, two hundred bucks will buy a lot of legal crust-softener, so Wasyl feels that the cost of living has gone up like an aeroplane.

April 29, 1914

SAM ENGLISH WINS PRIZES AT CALGARY

Vegreville Breeder is Successful at Annual Stock Show. Gets Good Prices for Animals Sold.

S. R. English Lanuke, has returned from the Horse and Pure Bred Bull Show at Calgary, where he exhibited fifteen head of Shorthorn Bulls. Amongst this herd three yearlings were entered for competition. One was awarded first prize in the class under eighteen months, and was reserved for the championship for all ages. This young bull was sold after the exhibition at the public auction for $395. He was sired by "Meteor's Last" who was bred by J. G. Barron, Carberry, Man. His dam "Ninga Jubilee" who formerly carried off the sweepstakes at Winnipeg, was raised by the late Hon. Thos. Greenway, an ex-premier of Manitoba.

The second yearling entered by Mr. English won the fourth prize in a field of twenty. At the auction sale it realized $145. The third sold for $185, but received no award.

April 26, 1916

POBEDA SCHOOL DISTRICT DONATIONS TO PATRIOTIC FUND

Name	Cash	To Pay
W. Krywicak	$10.00	
Iwan Odynsky	5.00	
Nick Nykiforuk	5.00	
Ukrainian Institute	5.00	
Peter Buk	4.00	
Steve Human	3.00	
Paul Pilip		2.00
John Marianycz	2.00	
John Urchar	2.00	
John Chrapko		1.00
Dimytro Human	1.00	
Wasyl Nykilaruk	1.00	
Tom Pawbucky	1.00	
Iiko Buk	1.00	
Andry Buk	1.00	
Frank Petecky	1.00	
D S Delowsky	—	—
W Buk	—	—
John Human	1.00	
St Delawsky	—	—
Dmytro Delawsky	—	—
John Chimlar	1.00	
John Ferbey		1.00
Den Ferby		1.00
D Danyluk		1.00
W Delawsky	—	—
Onufry Myronuk	1.00	
Alex Delawsky	—	—
Mike Myronuk		1.00
Wasyl Nykiforuk	—	—
Peter Tymchyshyn	1.00	
Harry Wynnyczuk		1.00
Nick Chrapko	—	—
Jacob Miskiw	1.00	
Total	$47.00	$8.00

STEVE HUMAN,
Collector

NOTE—In several cases above the amounts were not set opposite the names, and the Observer is at a loss to know exactly what is meant.

July 1, 1917

GOT $672 AT TWO HILLS

The Red Cross Auction Sale held at Two Hills on July 4th resulted in the receipt of $672 for the Red Cross Funds. M. A. Worth handled the sale and put up a big variety of animals and articles which had been donated. Among the donations were one horse, one yearling colt, three cattle, seven hogs, forty chickens and three geese, together with a lot of preserved fruits, etc. Four jars of horse radish brought the record price of $10.00.

The receipts were augmented by the sale of Red Cross tags to the extent of $7.40.

A number of Vegrevillians attended and were caught by the heavy rain. They had a slippery time returning to town.

September 1, 1927

Maxim Tomyn brought in a fine lot of cattle from Plain Lake on Monday which were sold to S. R. Douglas. Dmytro Odynski and Peter Nikiforuk of Lanuke also brought in an extra good bunch which went to the Cadzow corrals.

November 23, 1927

Harold Cundal has gone to Two Hills to take charge of Charles Gordon's lumber yard there and along the new railway line.

November 23, 1927

The steel reached Two Hills last week and building operations aer now going speedily on. Two elevators are under construction and also a restaurant. Work will start next week on a hotel for Flynn & Maillioux.

March 2, 1927

M. D. of Sobor Demands Prompt Building of C.P.R.

The following resolution was passed by the ratepayers of the Municipal District of Sobor, No. 514, at the annual meeting held on the 21st day of February 1927, in the community hall at Musidora in the Province of Alberta:

"Whereas we, the ratepayers of the Municipal District of Sobor No. 514, in the Province of Alberta, being promised by the Dominion and Alberta members of Parliament about fifteen years ago, the construction of the Cutknife-Whitford railroad, which up to this date has been constructed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as far as Range 5 west of the 4th M., between the Canadian National Railway and North Saskatchewan River, are aware of the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company intends to ask the Dominion Parliament for extension of certain limited time in constructing the said railroad.

"Therefore we, the ratepayers of the said municipal district, residing from 15 to over 30 miles from the nearest railroad, do hereby petition the members of the Dominion Parliament of Canada not to extend the time for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to construct the said railroad; but to insist on the said company to have it constructed during the season of 1927."

Maxim Tomyn, Sec-Treas.
Municipal Dist. of Sobor, No. 514.

January 18, 1928

The question is being asked these days which of the new towns on the new line is going to be the biggest and the busiest. We venture the opinion, despite the contrary opinion of Dick Fife, that Willingdon will be far ahead of either Hairy Hill or Two Hills. There are already twenty businesses of various kinds in operation now, and there is every likelihood that before this year ends there will be a population of several hundred people claiming the classic name of Willingdon as their home town.

February 13, 1928

A real turkey supper was held at Mr. Fife's the other night. After the turkey was finished, cribbage was made the general pastime. Dick got beaten at every table he tried. No, we're wrong; he didn't get beat at the supper table.

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People in Two Hills and district need not go to Vegreville or St. Paul if they have any ailment. See Dr. Weistub, who is a graduate of Vienna and has practiced in Alberta for a considerable length of time. His temporary office is at the Two Hills Hotel.

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Bill Flynn has been laid up with what he calls the flu, for over a week now. Bill was a pretty sick man for about four days when one day Dick Fife walked into the bedroom and lifted the covers slightly —well, you can ask Dick what he discovered, but he said: "I think we'll need a six-room school here after all." Bill is able to be around again and we hope he stays home in the future.

September 5, 1928

NORTH TOWNS MAKING FINE PROGRESS

The new towns along the C.P.R. Cutknife-Whitford branch, north of Vegreville, are all making rapid strides and promise to develop into thriving centres. All have a good quota of business establishments and for the present can handle the trade in their respective territories. Two Hills, Hairy Hill and Willingdon are running a close race, with the odds at present in favor of Willingdon which appears to be assuming permanent form a little more rapidly than the other two.

All districts surrounding these towns have magnificent crops this season, although frost damage is severe in places. But there will be a heavy yield even if the grade is not so good as had been anticipated.

One thing striking the casual visitor to the C. P. R. line most forcibly is the apparent overdose of grain elevators. Doubtless thousands of bushels of grain will be marketed in the territory but there really appears to be nearly double the number of elevators required. Thus Musidora has 4; Two Hills, 5; Kaleland 5; Hairy Hill 5; Willingdon 8; a total of 25 elevators from Musidora to Willingdon, a distance of about 23 miles.

September 12, 1928

TWO HILLS NEWS

Threshing operations will soon be well under way in this district. Jack Forbes is among the early ones. He has finished threshing and received No. 2 for all his wheat.

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A local Board of Trade has been organized with the following officers: President, W. B. Flynn; Vice-President, A. Korpan; Sec-Treas. H. Zolmer; Directors: J. Olinyk, P Odynski and O. W. Baldwin.

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J. Nykilchuk is building a large garage and expects to be ready for business this month.

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Two halls are now under construction and it looks very much as if dancing is going to be a very popular pastime this winter.

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George Skakun, who has been a patient at the Calgary Sanitorium for the last two months, is expected home shortly.

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Wm. Krawchuk, late of Vegreville, has opened up a barber shop in the building vacated by Jock Clark, and is doing a rushing business.

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The large hotel, being built by Messrs. Korpan and Hrynyk, will be open for business by the first of October.

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An additional building has been acquired by the Two Hills school district to accommodate the many children here. Thos. Chrapko has accepted the position as teacher.

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It is expected that we will receive our mail via the C.P.R. by next month. The old truck service will then have gone into a thing of the past.

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Two Hills has a splendid opening for both a doctor and a druggist. Residents in the surrounding district have to go to Vegreville, (a distance of 30 miles and more) for their requirements.

September 26, 1928

It is expected that the Two Hills hotel will be ready to open its doors to the public within a week. Two Hills is very fortunate in having a hotel of this sort and it is considered one of the best between Lloydminster and Willingdon.

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V. R. Baldwin of Vegreville, was a week-end visitor in town.

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The British America Oil Co. are erecting a large warehouse and two storage tanks here.

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Sidewalks are being built in front of some business places. Let's hope they all continue to do the same.

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Mrs. Wm. McCutcheon has accepted the position as teacher in Luzan school.

The Two Hills Board of Trade are venturing to have the town linked with the new air mail service. We have an excellent landing place located, and it is expected that work will commence immediately on the construction of an airdrome.

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Telephones have been installed in all the business places, so that the continual running to the one phone has ceased. H. R. M. Poxer is in charge of the new office.

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Wm. Chrapko is building a large residence on his farm, one mile out of town. Billy Moren is building a barn, and John Frankiw a house and barn.

November 21, 1928

The ferry has been taken out of the river at Duvernay for the winter season, which makes it practically impossible for anyone to cross although a few people have walked across and it has been reported that the ice is strong enough to allow cars to cross.

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November 21, 1928

The lots have been sold in Two Hills now and the different owners are busy erecting fences, etc., preparing for the winter months.

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Nick Dowhaniuk has sold more of his land adjoining the Two Hills townsite to different of the business men.

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March 13, 1929

Another fight will be staged at the Vimy theatre in Two Hills; this time a legal boxing tournament no neckyokes or knives will be used. Battling Jackson from the coast may look like an axe beaten boy after Lightning Chester gets through with him. This boxing tournament will be held on March 15th, at 8.00 p.m.

Four good preliminaries: Waseleshko vs Cabbage; Orleski vs Waseleshko; Ames vs Terlecki. The above mentioned six pugilists are all in fighting shape, training in between weddings.

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The building program is in full swing here. Messrs. Dowhaniuk & Kolisniak are erecting a warehouse, Peter Hrynyk is shingling has barn, Mr. Malofy has commenced to survey his lot and in a few days we'll see a brand new butcher shop. W. Chrapko is hauling out lumber for a new residence on his farm.

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The farmers are hauling in grain and are taking out groceries, dry goods, etc. Busy town this, Two Hills and we don't mean "I guess so." A few that never grow wheat bring in an odd load at times.

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The roads, although drifted in places, are fine for driving; in fact very good, if you can stay right side up.

Station agent, Mr. Briggs, has been transferred to Elfros, Sask. Mr. Campbell will assume the duty for the next two weeks until the new agent arrives.

July 10, 1929

Mr. Chas. Gordon has just completed a large building for his increasing lumber trade under the managership of Mr. H. V. Cundal.

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The new buildings erected in the village this spring are Pool Elevator, Butcher Shop and Meat Market, Drug Store, two Confectionery stores and two residences.

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Two Hills is incorporated as a village and at the election held on the 26th of June the following gentlemen were elected as councillors: Messrs. George Skakun, Jacob Olynick and Peter Odynski.

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Mr. Jellit has secured the contract for the erection of a new school house and has already commenced work on this structure—this building will be a four room full brick with full basement at a cost of over $20,000. The Board of Trustees consists of Messrs. R. C. Fife, O. Charpko, A. N. Dadynski who are deserving great credit for their spirit of progress in erecting a modern school which will be a credit to this village.

May 22, 1929

The Two Hills hotel has changed hands, Mr. Garbe of Edmonton is the new proprietor and takes possession on Tuesday.

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Wm. Yuskow and brother, Steve, have taken over the agency for the McCormick-Deering implements. A. Harrison, former agent, is going on sales for the Doherty garage, Lavoy.

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Wm. Yuskow was a business visitor in Vegreville on Monday.

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Nick Terleski, who has been in the employ of Chas. Gordon, has resigned the position recently.

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R. J. Dinning, liquor commissioner, was a business visitor in town last week. We are informed that the government will open up two liquor stores along the new line.

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Sam Bachinsky will shortly commence the erection of a much larger pool room by moving the present building to the rear and building in front.

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Messrs. Panko Fedorchuk and Nick Humen are building a drug store and confectionery store. Mr. Fedorchuk is a qualified druggist and will look after the drug end, while Mr. Humen will conduct the confectionery store.

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Mr. Jelliff has received the contract for the new four-roomed school house here and work will commence shortly.

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A party from Mannville were in town last week and intend putting in a grist mill here.

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The pool elevator is nearing completion, and will be ready for business this week.

September 11, 1929

It is with deep regret that we learn of Mr. G. W. Baldwin's departure. He has practised law in Two Hills for over a year and leaves to assume a new position in the Peace River district.

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The new four-roomed brick school being incomplete as yet, the staff is carrying on in the different buildings rented for the purpose. Mr. Loughlin, formerly of Fort Saskatchewan, being principal. Miss R. Powell, the intermediate teacher, is returning for her third year. Mrs. Wm. McCutcheon has accepted the position of primary teacher. Enrollment numbers about 75.

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Between the early hours of two and three in the morning the residents of Two Hills were called out of their warm beds to fight fire. The blaze started in the blacksmith shop and as the equipment for fire-fighting was not very good several of the buildings were burned to the ground. Great care was exercised to see that the hotel did not catch on fire.

The buildings destroyed included a community hall, shoemaker shop, blacksmith shop, garage and power house and the Cockshott warehouse.

December 18, 1929

The town of Two Hills is increasing every day. Alex Palamaruk has built an addition to his barber shop expecting more business.

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The two hearty men, J. R. Bowman Federal Grain buyer and J. W. Daneliuk of the Province Elevator, decided to make a little collection for the J. Hucul family recently arrived from Europe. Mr. Daneliuk went up town and collected $16.00 in a few minutes and handed the amount to the poor family and received hearty thanks for his kind deed.

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Steve Yuskow is getting better every day after being badly burned in the Imperial oil house.

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November 19, 1930

Among other classes hard hit by the present depression are those sturdy industrialists who have persistently developed local industry in spite of powerful opposition, and without calling on the Right Hon. R. B. Bennett for protection. They are called, by the vulgar, "moonshiners," while a word is itself imported from the United States, and is therefore an insult to such a class of manufacturers.

On the occasion of Magistrate Gore-Hickman's last visit to us, several of these gentlemen appeared before him, and without exception decided to spend the winter at Fort Saskatchewan. The inference is, of course, that the spirit was sufficiently strong, but the finances were weak.

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The C.P.R. Company having finally agreed with Nick Dowhaniuk concerning the necessary right of way, this thriving city will shortly cease to be on a blind alley.

Hitherto there has been only one road leading to Two Hills, in which respect Rome has had the advantage of us. However we are assured that the latter burg was not built in a day, and there is no telling what may be accomplished here if the necessary time is allowed. The new road will run northward from the eastern end of the village to join the correction line, and will mean a saving of about a mile for farmers hauling grain from the east and north-east.

That same benevolent corporation, the C.P.R., has now made it possible for the dwellers along this line to get to Edmonton and back by rail in a single day, which journey formerly took nearly a week, if one wished to spend any time in the city. This will be of great benefit to any fortunate individuals who happen to be possessed of sufficient money for the necessary fare this winter.

December 17, 1930

Some unknown person broke into Alec Harrison's garage one night last week. Evidently he had an intention of setting up in the burglary business, as the only thing stolen was a revolver. Having thus acquired equipment for his own profession, the burglar was very thoughtful to leave behind him a pair of pliers. It may be that he had heard that a fair exchange is no robbery.

Mr. Gore-Hickman will doubtless disagree with im on this point, but the exchange was a most appropriate one. A garage man has use for pliers and a burglar may find use for a gun. Mr. Harrison, however, does not entirely appreciate his visitor's sense of fitness. In the matter of beating the sword into a ploughshare or the gat into a pair of pliers, the owner naturally prefers to do so at his own will and his own time.

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Dick Fife's meadow bids fair to become the municipal airport of Two Hills. The occasional plane that visits us appears to have no difficulty in dodging haystacks and the surface is sufficiently smooth.

March 4, 1931

Concerning events in connection with the Communist demonstration here a week ago, there seems to be a good deal of misapprehension. There was no fighting, the Union Jack was not attacked, nor was the red flag torn to pieces. With the exception of one incident, namely the tearing of a printed banner carried in the parade, there was nothing at all in the way of violence.

It is true that the speakers were drowned out at the first meeting place by the noise made by the party around the Union Jack. The communists thereupon re-formed their parade and marched around the block toward a new meeting place. On their route they were obstructed by the other party who planted the long flagstaff bearing the Union Jack, directly in front of their column. The paraders merely wheeled to one side and walked around the flag. They stopped at a point about a hundred yards further on, and after about five minutes, dispersed.

The whole thing merely amounted to a demonstration and counter-demonstration, and in justice to the followers of the red flag, it must be admitted that they were quite peaceable and orderly. Their column, by the way, included a large number of women and children.

There would probably have been no opposition at all but for the fact of their carrying the flag of a foreign country. We are all quite aware that these people maintain that the banner in question is international. But in doing so they wilfully ignore the fact that the majority of people in every country but one refuse to recognize it. It is a national flag if anything, and as the British Empire happens to have one of its own, the citizens thereof are apt to be annoyed when folk who choose to live under the Union Jack prefer to carry something else.

The way to Russia is open!

February 25, 1931

PARADE AT TWO HILLS RUDELY INTERRUPTED

Hundreds of tiny red fragments are all that is left of a red flag borne at the head of an "anti-unemployment" parade held in Two Hills this afternoon. The flag bore on its field in Ukrainian characters the initials of the newly formed Unity Farmers League, an organization of frankly communistic designs.

The flag was carried at the head of the parade estimated by observers to be at least 250 strong, by a tall six foot six Ukrainian. H. R. Pozer of Two Hills tore the flag from his grasp and tossed it to the mercy of the crowd who were watching the parade. In a short time the flag was torn to ribbons, each with a piece of it, saving it proudly as a souvenier of the day.

At the same time, E. L. Whittaker and A. P. Major of Two Hills marched to the centre of the street and planted the Union Jack firmly on a silent policeman which directs the traffic of that village.

In passing the Union Jack some of the paraders attempted to pull it down, but were unsucessful as it was well guarded by a number of the stalwart patriots of the village of Two Hills.

When the crowd gathered "Comrade" Jan Lakeman attempted to make the first address in English, but the boos and hoots of the crowd soon had his voice drowned out, so that he gave up. He was followed by Ukrainan speakers who fared little better than he. Lakeman again attempted to speak later in the day, but again was unsuccessful.

April 15, 1931

PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

The United Loyalists of Canada is the name of a new organization formed by citizens of Two Hills and the district with the avowed objects of promoting loyalty and patriotism among all citizens of Canada; to advance education, to insure the integrity and maintain the honor of our country and to be active in establishing a pure and noble citizenship throughout the Dominion.

An article in the constitution is strongly aimed against "seditious propaganda" within the Dominion.

The provisional officers of the organization are:

President: H. R. M. Pozer
Vice-President: V. Kupchenko
Secretary: Waldemar Maschuch
Treasurer: Panko Fedorchuk.

Mr. Pozer, who was in town for several days this week, believes that an organization of this type is necessary to offset the activities of the Communistic workers who are busy at Two Hills and Musidora. Some stirring events are expected at Two Hills in the near future in the form of parades, counter-parades and other demonstrations.

April 11, 1931

TWO HILLS' OLDEST RESIDENT PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

The sudden death of William B. Flynn, which occurred on the morning of Thursday, March 26th, deprived Two Hills of one of its oldest and best known residents.

Since the departure of Mr. Tivey a couple of weeks ago, Mr. Flynn had been assisting in the postoffice. On the morning of his death he had been working as usual, and was apparently in a normal state of health. After the mail had been sorted he went to a room at the rear of the building, and sat down to rest. About five minutes later he fell from his chair and never recovered consciousness.

Dr. Reid was summoned from Vegreville and responded promptly but arrived only to declare life extinct.

Mr. Flynn was a native of Minnesota, and the earlier part of his life was spent in the United States. He came to Western Canada in the eighties, and worked on the C.P.R.

March 25, 1931

Tom Tivey, postmaster of Two Hills, has left for a visit to his parents in England having obtained three months leave of absence for that purpose.

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J. S. Aucoin has succeeded Wm. Buk as secretary of the village, Mr. Buk having resigned from this office a short time ago.

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Leigh Tyner, local manager of the Alberta Lumber Co., paid a brief visit to Edmonton last week.

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Constable Davis also went to Edmonton as a witness on the Hardin trial, and while there, was observed by a representative of the Edmonton Bulletin to salute a lady. The activities of the A. P. P. are manifold.

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May 26, 1931

Fire Demon Visits Village of Two Hills $12,000 Damage

An estimated loss of about $12,000 was occasioned by a fire which destroyed business buildings and the postoffice at Two Hills at an early hour last Saturday morning. The heaviest loser was the Hayward Lumber Co. Ltd. whose yard and office and hardware store were completely destroyed. The building owned by the late Wm. Flynn was also burned and the postoffice next to it, was destroyed. The citizens rallied to the rescue and by dint of heroic measures saved the Malofy butcher shop and the Bank of Montreal.

May 20, 1931

Several buildings were destroyed last Saturday morning by a fire which started in the Alberta Lumber Company's yard at about 2.00 a.m. Driven by a very strong north-east wind, the flames spread rapidly, and little hope was entertained for the safety of any of the buildings in their path, particularly as the water tank from which the fire engine is supplied was all empty. The vigorous work of the bucket gangs and the demolition of the post office, however, finally checked the fire. The only buildings remaining on the south front of the block are Malofy's butcher shop and the Bank of Montreal.

The Builders' Hardware, the post office and two small dwellings were burned, as well as the lumber yard. All mail had been removed from the post office before the burning building was pulled to pieces by Alec Harrison's tractor. The last mentioned action was a very snappy bit of work and undoubtedly prevented a good deal of damage. Constable Davis is accorded great credit for his able and energetic direction of operations.

January 27, 1932

Constable Ted Davies enjoyed his sleigh ride from Vegreville, as it was impossible for him to drive his car, owing to the badly drifted roads.

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A party of oil prospectors from the States are working one mile south of this town in the hope of striking oil which they think must be found in that location.

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John E. Buk, the town electrician, has started what he calls his "Jewelry Shop" in the pool hall. John is fitting unbreakable crystals on all makes of watches at the low price of 50 cents. Cheap enough.

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The Ukrainian holidays in this town were "dry" as the roads were drifted to such an extent that it was impossible to get the Vegreville to the vendor's store. Lucky for our town constable John Padlesky, as he passed his time in peace and did not come in contact with any drunks.

December 16, 1932

Sam Douglas has been recently appointed to the postmastership of Two Hills. Thus Sam has developed into a man of weight varying from an ounce at three cents to a pound at two and a half. This appears a trifle inconsistent, but doubtless Sam will be able to reconcile the two.

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January 2, 1933

The nabobs of this renowned burg have of late been disporting themselves each fine evening in a pasture south-west of the town, to the infinite relish of the mosquitos. Wide gashes are cut in the atmosphere, mother earth sustains superficial abrasions and the —th commandment suffers numerous compound fractures. Occasionally a small white ball gets in the way of one of the grim reapers and vanishes into the great unknown. Resurrection is rare.

In other words, golf is upon us, and the addicts are running true to early form.

Note—I hope the editor knows the number of the commandment referred to. (I do; it is the 3rd.)

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Harry Molofy has recently become a member of the village council, which seems fitting, as he has the traditional alderman's dimensions, demeanor and dignity. When one hears now of the mayor and corporation he knows what is meant.

Folk in general do not take very kindly to pure abstractions such as artificial legal entities, and every public corporation should have at least one member who is solid and symbolic. Mr. Holden of Vegreville and Mr. Molofy are cases in point—embonpoint, in fact.

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The new post office building is nearly completed. It is somewhat less imposing than that of Vegreville but the local powers did not have the opportunity of awakening the tardy conscience of a moribund government. Some years hence, when, say, a C.C.F. government feels that the sands have nearly run out, they may be able to wangle a building or two as a sort of donatio mortis causa. Vegreville set a good precedent.

November 1, 1933

One member of the community who is evidently undaunted by the depression is Nick Dowhaniuk. That gentleman has in the course of construction a large and somewhat imposing residence; larger, in fact than any other in this fair village. This is interesting from another angle, as it suggests that Nick is not expecting a communistic regime to prevail here in the immediate future.

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August 22, 1934

Chow Bing, local restaurant proprietor, had an alarming experience last week, when he involuntarily held up a car on the highway between here and Edmonton. The car in question swerved and upset, and Chow, who had lately been one of the occupants thereof, found himself supporting one side of the car on his tummy. As his companion was unable to lift the car off him, Chow was compelled to remain in this uncomfortable situation until a team of horses could be brought. Fortunately he is none the worse for his experience, barring a few bruises.

July 3, 1935

A recent development in Two Hills school affairs proved the closed contract for teachers to be a double-edged instrument. At the end of the last school year the School Board prevailed upon one of the teachers to surrender her continuing contract and sign a term contract expiring at the end of June of this year. As she had received no notice, the teacher was in no wise obliged to comply with this request of the board, but did so in the interests of peace, order and good government.

The board's idea in making the demand was, without doubt, to put itself in a position to dictate terms at the end of the term contracted for. There was no idea of dispensing with the services of the teacher, who was of altogether outstanding calibre in her profession, and had a rather phenomenal record of performance; but although she was already at the general legal minimum, it was proposed to reduce her salary still lower.

Everything went acording to plan, and a week or so before the end of the term the intention of the board was revealed to the lady in question. Whereupon she sprang a little surprise of her own in the form of a contract with another school at a salary exactly one third higher than that the locals proposed to pay her. his proceeding left the trustees lightly flabbergasted, as it had been quite settled that they were to retain this teacher—on their own terms. They had merely overlooked the trifling circumstance that in manoeuvering themselves out of the necessity of giving notice, they had, perforce, to place her in a position of similar advantage.

Well, as the poet saith, "'Tis sport to see the engineer hoist with his own petard."

June 27, 1934

Inspector Doucette paid a visit to the district on June 18th. Apparently the school board had decided to purchase two acres of land for school purposes and were met with considerable opposition. No definite results have been made public of the meeting, but the trustees are confident they shall make the purchase.

September 23, 1936

Two Hills has a hitherto unsung canine celebrity of its own. Rover, a pooch of uncertain ancestry belonging to Leslie Moreau, was left at Shaunavon, Sask., last year, when his owner came to Two Hills. Early this summer Leslie's father went to his elevator one morning, and found waiting there Rover, who received him with manifestations of joy.

The strange thing is that the dog had never been in Two Hills before, though the previous summer he had travelled through the country with his owner in a truck as far as St. Paul. Explain it who can.

The reunion effected, Rover is proceeding to live happily ever afterwards, in spite of a collar whose width prevents him from attending to fleas on his neck as fleas on a dog's neck should be attended to.

October 1, 1936

The new Two Hills hall is nearly finished, the carpenters being now engaged in laying a hardwood floor. The building is very well ordered as to lighting and decoration and would be a credit to a much larger town than this.

Canadian Utilities Limited are at last furnishing us with light and power. This would probably have been done some time ago, but for earlier difficulties between the village and the company.

May 12, 1937

Mr. John Sorochan, of the United church, is with us again for the summer. He proposes to hold services, weather permitting, at Warwick, Ben's Lake and Two Hills each Sunday, as well as at Munich. Hence we conclude that the Sabbath will be a reasonably busy day with him. Services at Two Hills will commence at 7.00 p.m. until further notice.

February 23, 1938

Two Hills hockey team played against Kaleland on Sunday night and against Kaleland-Lanuke on Monday. In the first of these two games the score was more or less out of sight in favor of Two Hills, which team also won Monday's game by a score of 7-1. It should be remembered, however, that neither Kaleland nor Lanuke has a rink, and that their players have had little opportunity for practice. Your correspondent witnessed part of the second game, the play of which appeared to be always at one end of the rink. Andy Holyk, the visitors' goalie, had a busy time and performed well, as also did John Berezan (Lanuke) on defence. The latter appeared to be the opposition's only player of any considerable experience and he accounted for their lone tally.

But, regardless of the score, the boys on both sides displayed a commendable enthusiasm for the game.

All is reasonably quiet on the Two Hills front except when Alec Harrison is experimenting with his snowplane, which appears to have developed into a going concern after various turns of fortune and the propeller.

November 30, 1938

The Willingdon team visited Two Hills on Sunday night, and came out at the small end of a 7-1 score. The lop-sided score was due largely to the presense of Constable Molyneaux on the Two Hills defence. As that party is accustomed to better hockey than is usually played along this line, it is hoped that the locals will derive some ideas from him.

August 21, 1940

Mr. M. H. Ponich and family returned last Sunday from a trip to Banff. Mr. Ponich being in the habit of taking on eight-day week end trips, feels greatly refreshed and has been a new man at business since his return.

Other Hamlets

KALELAND

by Andy Gorgichuk

In 1915, Kaleland was a post office on NW 23-55-13-W4th in the Szypenitz area. Its postmaster was Nick Ruptash.

Prior to the establishment of Kaleland Post Office, people picked up their mail at Island Lake which operated from 1911 to 1914. Mrs. Elizabeth Trabysh was the Island Lake Postmistress at this time.

Kaleland hamlet was not named after an old country town or region or name of a pioneer family. Oddly enough it was named after a vegetable once abundant in the area. The kale or cabbage was used primarily in salads in the summer and prepared as a sauerkraut in 45-gallon barrels for winter use.

Across the road from the Kaleland Post Office on SW 26-55-13-W4th, George Skakun managed his general store, and Kazimir Chyzowski his blacksmith shop. Shortly after Skakun sold his store to Messrs. Choban and Ruptash, he opened another one in Duvernay. Chyzowski moved his smithy to Two Hills after the railway arrived. The Kaleland Post Office was relocated closer to the rail line, on SW 10-55-13-W4th and its new postmaster, Nick Eliuk, commenced operations. Five elevators sprung up like mushrooms after a summer rain shortly after the railway passed through Kaleland in 1928. Hardin and Son opened up a large general store and blacksmith shop in the tiny hamlet in the same year.

Scene at Blacksmith Shop, 1928

Nick Olynyk, who operated the Two Hills Post Office moved to Kaleland and a new postmistress, Mrs. Graff, succeeded him. In Kaleland, Olynyk built a new store with a four-table poolroom attached to it. The poolroom also housed John Arychuk's barber shop.

Mike Yuchim operated a successful McCormick Deering agency in the hamlet at this time. One of the "15-30" McCormick Deering tractors that he sold was responsible for breaking 80% of the land in the Kaleland area.

Another business in the Kaleland area during the early years was a lumberyard. The hamlet also boasted a chop mill owned by Philemon Fedoruk and a garage operated by John A. Gorgichuk.

McCormick Deering tractor sold by Mike Yuchim (agent), circa 1928

An excavation was once started for a hotel in Kaleland and the C.P.R. built a stockyard there but the yard never housed an animal.

With the completion of the Duvernay bridge, Two Hills experienced rapid growth and one by one businesses of Kaleland either closed or were assimilated with Two Hills establishments.

John Tkachuk operated a Massey Harris agency at Kaleland before moving it to Two Hills.

The McCormick Deering agency moved to Two Hills as well, and its owner Mike Yuchim found employment as a buyer for Pioneer Grain. The lumberyard also relocated to Two Hills.

When Postmaster Eliuk resigned, J.M. Arychuk was appointed postmaster temporarily. Two other applicants, Messrs. Hardin and Olynyk were not successful.

The matter of a permanent postmaster was resolved after Hardin's store caught fire. Some speculated that the fire may have been helped somewhat, but such rumours were probably embellished and exaggerated as nothing was proven otherwise. Hardin left Kaleland and his blacksmith shop was bought by the Ostafychuk brothers. Nick Olynyk who had previous experience in post office affairs was hired as custodian for the post office.

A Mr. Jewra opened a grocery store when Hardin left Kaleland, but sold it to Metro Yerichuk in 1935. At this time Peter Knapp started the John Deere and Esso agencies. In 1939, Yerichuk sold his store to John

Threshing time at J. Mandryk's

The last to stand - operated until 1975 and dismantled in 1981

Towpich. The John Deere and Esso agencies were moved to Two Hills, and Towpich sold his store to Sam Rudyk .

After postmaster Nick Olynyk retired, he was succeeded by Mrs. Sam Rudyk who was in charge until 1960.

Of Kaleland's five elevators, two burned down and one was dismantled. The remaining units, the U.G.G. and Pioneer, operated independently for a short time. Eventually, U.G.G. sold to Pioneer and continued operations under Nick Choban until 1975.

Kaleland was one of the first communities to support a recreation hall which was built entirely by community volunteers. It staged many dramas, entertained many dances, witnessed many fights, card games, and weddings, especially during the depression years. Three-hour-long school concerts were staged in this hall as well.

Kaleland Community Hall, circa 1932-1950, a place of entertainment for many school and social activities

Kaleland Baseball Team, circa 1932. Back row, (L to R) - Charlie Svekla, Alex Hannochko, Nick Tkachuk, Mike Yerichuk, Nick Mazar; front row - Nick Vegara, Chris Culshaw, Metro Yerichuk, Meron Tkachuk (manager), Orest Kalancha, Ernie Didier, Charlie Whitford, Bat boy - George Olynyk.

Many old timers still remember the exploits of the unbeatable Kaleland baseball team. It consisted entirely of local farm boys: Meron Tkachuk, Sally and Nick Tkachuk, Nick Wygera, Metro, Will, and Mike Yerichuk, Nick and Steve Gorgichuk, Mike Drapaka, and Nick Diachuk. Later, the famous Choban, Shandruk, Olynyk, Kalancha, Kindraka and Tchir sluggers joined the team. Although attired in ordinary clothes such as bib overalls, they were capable of "peeling the horsehide off the ball," almost everytime they were at bat.

At one time Kaleland also had a hockey team and a real skating rink. Because there was insufficient water in the hamlet's well, the rink (as well as the team) was dismantled.

Efforts to revitalize the little hamlet were unsuccessful and its demise came when the Pioneer elevator closed in 1975. Today, Kaleland is but a name, however its recollections go on. It is inevitable that it will wither and die like the Kale after which it was named.

HAMLET OF MORECAMBE

by Mike Romaniuk

The history of settlement in the Morecambe area dates back to the early 1900s when pioneers such as Ila Pylypiuk (NE 14-54-11-4), Wasyl Romaniuk (SW 24-54-11-4), Wasyl Lukanuk (SE 28-54-11-4), Onisam Lakusta (NW 13-54-11-4), and Leon Boida (SE 23-54-11-4) filed for homesteads in the district. One of these early settlers, Wasyl Romaniuk lived to the ripe old age of 105.

Before the arrival of the C.P.R., settlers had to rely on Mike Pylypiuk's General Store in Innisfree for their farm supplies and other essentials.

After the arrival of the railway in 1927, a number of businesses were established in the tiny hamlet. Among these were the Parrish and Heimbecker and Searle grain elevators.

Early merchants in the new hamlet included John Demkiw, Philip Chmilar, Metro Nikiforuk, and Steve Wakaruk whose store also housed one of the first post offices. An early garage was established by Bill Makarowsky; later garages were operated by Joe Golinowsky and Steve Balash.

Other businesses that operated during the 1930s included M.S. Chrapko's I.H.C. Implement Agency, J. Dulaba's Pool Hall and Danchuk's Livery Stable which was later converted into a hall. The hamlet's first blacksmith was John Begoose who was followed by Sam Tonshaniuk and P. Yawin. The first hardware store in Morecambe was owned by John Kowalchuk. Later, hardware store operators included John Golinowski and Mike Saskiw who also were livestock dealers in the hamlet.

At the height of its development, Morecambe could boast of a population of 100 souls.

Today, only the hall and the Greek Catholic Church continue to thrive in the once bustling hamlet.

MUSIDORA

The old Musidora Post Office was first located on Nickola Chomik's farm just north of the present hamlet. The first mail came through in 1912, and was delivered from place to place with the aid of a horse.

Musidora hamlet was located about half a mile east of its present location at this time.

A hall named the "Adam Kotzko Ukrainian National Home" was one of the first large buildings completed in the tiny hamlet. The first store in Musidora was opened with the bare necessities available to accommodate pioneers. It was situated on Wasyl Kolisniak's farmyard and operated by Josephat Hawryliuk. In 1915, another store was added on Lyzaniuk's farm across the road. It was later destroyed by fire. A year later, John Kolisniak built a store on the east side of the hall. This store was later operated by Alex Budnick.

Fedor Humenuik, in 1919, opened his store on Dmytro Mandrusiak's farm, two miles north of Kolisniak's place. In the early twenties, he moved his store building to the present hamlet site, where he sold dry goods and groceries, and operated the post office.

Between the years 1928 and 1929, John Demkiw opened up a little confectionery before moving it to Morecambe.

In 1929, a carpenter by the name of Obermeir, along with volunteer labour, built the St. Mary's Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church. Shortly after the railroad went through, Pete Kostinuik opened a store and pool hall in the growing hamlet. Later, Alex Bigus opened up a blacksmith shop, and after a short operation, moved it to Morecambe. John Zalusniak took his place, but moved to Lac La Biche after a short time.

Mary and Mike were very active within the Musidora Church where Mike served as president for a number of years.

In 1932, the "Adam Kotzko" hall was destroyed by arsonists. In the same year, Mike Elkow's store which he moved from Morecambe was also destroyed by fire. In 1934, Elkow hired a Lamont mason, Mr. Dubeltz, to erect a stone store structure which still stands today.

At that time Musidora had three stores, a barber shop, three implement dealers and three elevators. The stores were operated by John Kostiuk, Mike Elkow and Fedor Humenuik, who also operated the post office. Andrew Eluik was the hamlet's barber for a few years before moving to Mundare.

Mike Elkow helped to build the stone Musidora Hall, where he served as president for a number of years.

In 1939, Fedor Humenuik passed away leaving his wife and sons to run the store, post office, and railway station building. Joe Humenuik and John Lyzanchuk represented the Cockshutt and International Harvester agencies at this time. A chop and feed mill was opened up by Mike Lyzanchuk and later operated by Messrs. Tupechka and Humen.

In 1943, the stone hall was erected. Fieldstones for the building were hauled in by local farmers.

In the late forties and early fifties, Mike A. Elkow operated the chop feed mill and stockyard while Martin Krewenchuk operated the pool hall and confectionery. Walter, son of Fedor Humenuik was in charge of the general store and post office. Mac Paulichuk operated

Mike and Mary Elkow's store of stone construction still stands in Musidora today.

New Holland, Case Machinery, White Rose Gas and Oil franchises as well as his hardware store business.

In the mid-fifties, the Humenuik store was closed and the post office moved to Mike Elkow's store to be operated by his son, Ben. In 1956, the elevator operated by Josephat Lyzanchuk was destroyed by fire. A short time later the pool hall was also lost as a result of fire.

In 1958, Mike Kucher and his wife purchased the Elkow Store and became custodians of the post office. In 1971 they sold the stock to Andy and Mary Harasewich who operated the store until 1976. At the present time, Mary Harasewich continues to operate the post office.

The only convenience store in the community which operated in Musidora in 1976 was owned by John Kostiuk. In 1977, Kostiuks retired and moved to Two Hills, selling their property to Paul Zaharko.

The board of directors of the Musidora Hall and Church decided to sell their property in 1977. This decision was contested by the local community and the property was reinstated. The church which was reblessed in 1981, continues to serve parishioners of Musidora and district.

The business building in Musidora

Joe Hawreliuk's first country store at Musidora, 1915, before C.P.R. came through. In 1950s, used as chicken-coop on Andrew Kolisniak's farm.

Community Halls

LANUKE COMMUNITY HALL

by William P. Buk and Edward Teresio

In July, 1913, Rev. Drapaka, a Presbyterian minister, organized a drama club in the Lanuke community. Dramatic activities were staged on Sunday afternoons in Pobeda School. Admission was 15¢ per adult, and the first audience of 52 adults and children, contributed $7.80 in admission fees. After the production, Rev. Drapaka called a general meeting to discuss the building of a community hall. At this meeting all those who were present agreed to become members of the new organization and the following committee was elected: Peter Odynski, president; Nick Chrapko, secretary; Steve Humen, treasurer; and George Delawski, recording secretary.

Lanuke Hall built in 1915

Meetings were to be held monthly and a small membership fee was to be levied. The name of the Society was to be the "M. Pawlyk Literary Society of Lanuke Alberta", in honour of a prominent literary leader in Lwiw, Ukraine. Bylaws were drawn up and the Society was registrered under the statutes of the Province of Alberta. At later meetings, with $7.80 in the treasury, it was decided to build a community hall. A location was chosen for the hall near Pobeda School where half an acre of land was donated by Peter Buk. With preliminaries completed, plans went ahead for the building of the hall with volunteer labour.

Each member had to cut eight full-lengths of poplar logs, not less than eight inches thick, and deliver them to the construction site. Work on the building commenced late in 1914, and continued all that winter. The hall, completed in the year 1915, was named the "Ukrainian National Hall of Lanuke, Alberta." This was the only such hall built in a northern Alberta rural area. Opposite the hall was Nick Chrapko's General Store, which did a brisk business.

Founding members of the Literary Society of Lanuke, Alberta - July, 1914. Top row, (L to R) - Dmytro Humen, John Urchak, Andrew Buk; second row - Tom Chrapko, Nick Humen, Alex Odynski, John Humen, Nick Chanasyk, Nick Chrapko, Peter Odynski, Harry Myroniuk, John Danyluk, George Delawski; third row - Wm. E. Buk, Mary E. Buk, Jessie E. Buk, Kate W. Nikiforuk, Jennie Humen, Irene Delawski, Mary Myroniuk, Rose Odynski, Kate Humen, Kate N. Nikiforuk, Steve Humen, William Humen; fourth row - Mike Snaychuk, Nick Buk, Josie Odynski; bottom row - John P. Buk (7 years old), Wm. P. Buk (6 years old).

With the completion of the hall, there occurred a change in the lifestyles of the Lanuke community. Instead of congregrating in private homes on Sundays, people began to use the hall as a meeting place.

A fairly large library was built up and members made good use of it.

During the next few years, the community was a beehive of social activities which included dances, basket socials, live-stage plays, and concerts.

Nicholas Chrapko conducted and managed all live-stage dramas in the early years. One of the highlights at that time was the annual July 7th sports day. Although this was still the horse-and-wagon era, this did not deter the people from travelling long distances to take part in this event. Christmas carolling was another annual activity in which the young men and women participated and the money collected was used for the upkeep of the hall.

A play in Lanuke Hall, 1930. Actors, (L to R) - Lois Gaba (actor and director), Peter Delawski, Nick Nickiforuk, Mary Buk, Joe Laschuk, John P. Buk (assistant director).

Some of the families who participated in the various events at that time included the Nikiforuks, Danyluks, Chrapkos, Ferbeys, Buks, Odynskys, Soldans, Urchaks, Hamars, Humens, Teresios, Kuzios, Pilips, Pawluskys, Delawskys, Myroniuks, and others. These activities continued until about 1917. Canada was at war then, and Borden Conservative Government imposed some repressive measures against foreigners, including the banning of large gatherings. Thus all social activity in the Lanuke Community came to a standstill. It was not until early in 1919 that life became normal again. By this time new people arrived in the community. These were sons or relatives of the original settlers. Some came from mines and lumber camps, and others from internment camps where they were held for the duration of the war.

By this time a new organization was formed in Canada by Ukrainian workers. This was the Ukrainian Labor Temple Association which formed branches all across Canada where there were Ukrainian workers. In 1921, the Branch of the Ukrainian Labor Temple Association in Edmonton directed its mandolin orchestra to stage

concerts in the National Hall at Lanuke. These performances proved to be a great success, insofar as the audience was concerned, and thus a fraternal bond was established between the members of the two organizations. In the months that followed, the Lanuke Literary Society continued to make contact with the Ukrainian Labour Temple Association of Edmonton. Speakers from Edmonton held frequent meetings in the hall urging the local members to become part of the Ukrainian Labor Movement. However, it was not until 1925, that the "M. Pawlyk Literary Society of Lanuke" was dissolved, and in its place a branch of the Ukrainian Farm Labor Temple Association was organized.

Lanuke Orchestra, 1925. Standing, (L to R) - Nick Buk, Frank Pawluski, Nick Nikiforuk, Andrew Buk, Wm. P. Buk; seated - Mary Ferbey, Irene Ferbey, Annie Fedun, Annie Odynski, Mary Urchak, Mary Hamar, Mike Hamar, Steve A. Delawski, Nick Humen, Marshall Hamar.

In 1925, a stage concert group was formed by Nick W. Nikiforuk. The group consisted of about 20 men and women who played mandolins and guitars, and sang in the choir. They travelled and performed concerts at Lac Bellevue, Myrnam, Slawa, Ranfurly, Plain Lake, Kiew, Vegreville, and Two Hills.

During the next ten years the members of the Ukrainian Farm Labor Association of Lanuke continued to play an active political role. During the 1920s, they supported the Alberta Wheat Pool and United Farmers of Alberta.

Concert and picnic at Lanuke Hall staged by Pobeda School pupils under the guidance of John Koroliuk - July, 1915. Bottom row, (L to R) - John P. Buk, Steve A. Delawski, Rose Buk, John E. Buk, Wm. P. Buk; middle row - Tilly Fedun, Annie Nikiforuk, Annie Odynski, Mary Urchak, Barbara Nikiforuk, Annie Myroniuk, Jessie Nikiforuk, Ruth Odynski, Mary Primak, Josie Odynski; back row - Nick Buk, Steve Nikiforuk, Nick Humen (of Edmonton), John Pilip, Kate N. Nikiforuk, Rose Odynski, Mary W. Nikiforuk, Kate Humen, Nick A. Delawski, Mike Snaychuk, unknown, Steve Buk, John D. Delawski.

A home economist, Miss Romanchich often visited the hall to demonstrate the safe methods of canning and preserving meats, vegetables, fruits and berries. She also taught the local ladies all types of handicrafts, including sewing, weaving, and rug making. District Agriculturalist, Fred Mygera, also visited the hall and gave lectures on horticulture and better farming methods.

By the year 1937, however, there was a noticeable lag in the activity. Many of the younger members were beginning to leave the community to seek employment in other parts of Canada. This left a gap in membership of the organization, and further disinterest became evident on the part of the remaining members. When World War II broke out in 1939, the government began to curb the activities of some organizations. Police began to make raids on branches of Ukrainian Farm Labor Temple Association and the community hall at Lanuke did not escape the vigil of the R.C.M.P. who siezed all the records and library books of the organization. These were returned when the Soviet Union became an ally of the Western Nations in 1941.

All the activity in the Ukrainian Farm Labor Temple Association at Lanuke has ceased. Today it stands lonely and abandoned after being vandalized, the beautiful hand painted curtains, library and all furnishing completely destroyed - a sad fate for a centre that at one time was overflowing with life and bustling activities.

Nick and Anne Chrapko's store across the road from Lanuke Hall, 1922-28

NEW KIEW UNITED LABOR AND FARMERS' TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

by William Duke

The New Kiew U.L.F.T.A. established its roots in 1918, when early organizers formed an association to serve the cultural and educational needs of the community.

In 1923, a hall was constructed and for 49 years it provided the district with many cultural, recreational and social functions. Activities such as drama presentations, and concerts were very important in establishing the unique social qualities of many individuals in the district.

Banquets and social dancing drew crowds from far and near. During the Dirty Thirties, the Depression was of the utmost concern to many farmers who often gathered in communities to express their plight. The United Farmers' Temple served as a meeting place for the lonely and the desolate at this time.

In the 1950s there was an exodus of local residents to the city and ULFTA activities declined noticeably. Finally in 1972, it was decided to have the Farmers' Hall moved to the Ukrainian Cultural and Heritage Village where it will be preserved for future generations.

New Kiew U.L.F.T.A. Hall now restored in the Ukrainian Cultural and Heritage Village, 1981

New Kiew Choir, Music and Drama Club, 1936. Back row, (L to R) - Peter Samoil, John Korba, Mike Horbaty, Sam Klemra; middle row - Pauline Samoil (Farion), Carl Cylurik, Nancy Killick (Tymchuk), Mike Kitz, Tillie Kisilevich, Dick Geleta, James Tymchuk, Ann Molofy, Anton Hyduk; front row - Kate Hyduk, Rose Hyduk, Steve Kitz (music director), Mrs. Peter Samoil, Catherine Samoil, Eva Hyduk, Elsie Hyduk, Peter Samoil's boys - Don and Terry.

New Kiew National Hall, 1932

Competition in the late 20's

NEW KIEW NATIONAL HALL

by George G. Yuskow and Peter M. Samoil

On March 3, 1929, an organizational meeting was held to discuss the building of a hall on church property in the Kiew district. The nine members present at the meeting included Steve Bushko, William Sawchuk, George Yuskow, Mike Bushko, William Steblyk, Michael Samoil, Peter Bushko, William Fedyna, and Paul Sharun.

An executive of three was elected to continue further planning: William Steblyk, president; Michael Samoil, secretary; and William Sawchuk, treasurer. All members agreed that a parish hall was needed and authorized the executive to call another meeting to discover if the majority of the parishioners were in favour.

At the second meeting, the majority of the parish members voted in favour of constructing the hall. At this date they elected a new building committee. Construction began immediately, with volunteer labour from the start and to completion. Members of the hall agreed to name it in honour of the Ukrainian poet and writer, Ivan Franko.

Construction commenced in the summer of 1929, and by September of the same year it was completed. It was opened on September 30, 1929, and blessed by Father S. Diakowich.

Soon other parishioners became members of the hall. These included Nick Yakimetz, Bronco Melnyk, Wm. Farion, Paul Semenovich, Wm. Samoil, Tom Yaremko, John Horon, Nick Misik, John Misik, Mike Yuskow, Damian Shyshlak, Fred Semeniuk, Mike Killick, Paul Cymbaluk and Mike Cymbaluk.

The New Kiew Hall became a busy institution: a library was established, and concerts, plays, meetings, Pushchynia church banquets, choir practices and carnivals were held in the building.

Members soon discovered that the hall was too small for large gatherings. A meeting was called to discuss the matter and a decision made to sell the original hall. It was also decided to build a new one on the same site. A building committee was elected at this meeting to proceed with the construction: William Semeniuk, president; John Pauk, vice-president; Peter M. Samoil, secretary; and Marshall Samoil, treasurer.

The old hall was moved away in the summer of 1961 and a new hall was completed in the same year. The main floor of the new hall was the entertainment area and the basement housed a kitchen, bar and dining hall.

After receiving a government grant for the hall in 1981, members decided to add a tavern to the building. Construction was completed by the members during their spare time.

The present (1984) executive of the New Kiew hall includes Edward Cymbaluk, president; John Kulak, vice-president; Peter M. Samoil, secretary; and Tom Yaremko, treasurer.

At present the hall is mainly used for such functions as Pushchynia, New Year's Eve ball, bingos, dances and weddings.

New Kiew National Hall, 1984

Szypenitz Hall - Mother's Day Banquet and Concert, 1937. Front row, (L to R) - Sophie Kereliuk, Eddy Lutzak, Evelyn Skakun, Rose Diachuk, unknown, Master Mazar, Slawka Mazar, Walter Mazar, Christine Ruptash, Eva Arychuk, Mary Ruptash, Victoria Malanchuk, Lillian Ursuliak, unknown, unknown, P. Yakimchuk, Mike Zelez, Bill Diachuk, Nick Yakimchuk, Harry Ruptash, Romko Chrustawka, Ernie Chrustawka, Mike Wennechuk, Mike Ursuliak, George G. Pawliuk, Dave Hohol, Harry Hohol, George M. Pawliuk, Peter Arychuk, Rose Mereska, Lena Kereliuk, Pearl Wennechuk, Sophie Pawliuk, Sophie Kereliuk, unknown, Mary Ursuliak, Angela Verenka, Isador Towpich, Mike Verenka; second row - Annie Lakusta, Mary Lakusta, Eugene Corry, Mrs. J. Yakemchuk, child Cecil, Rachel Ewasiuk, Mrs. B. Hunka, Mary Hunka, Annie Mazar, Kalena Ruptash, Jennie Arychuk, Mary Mandryk, Rose Yakimchuk, Ann Pawliuk, Pearl Stogre, Zonia Chrustawka, Rev. A. Chrustawka, Mrs. J. Ewaniuk, Rose Arychuk, Helen Towpich, Rose Tatarin, unknown, Mary Kereliuk, Rose Kereliuk, Stephanie Towpich, Victoria Tatarin, John Tatarin; third row - Bill Eliuk, unknown, Jennie Hohol, Nick Mazar, Rachel Lutciak, Bill Corry, Phyllis Corry, Jennie Kereliuk, Ann Hohol, Pearl Vegara, Rose Pawliuk, Rose Buzak, Natalie Corry, Medoria Pawliuk, Pearl Basaraba, son Marshall, Mary Olineck, Vera Ruptash-Clarence, Elsie Grekul, Rose Hunka, Mary Martyniuk, Ann Melnychuk, Katherine Corry, Pansy Orleski, Paraska Eliuk, Frozina Eliuk, Elizabeth Kereliuk, John Stogre, Sanda Ruptash, Harry H. Verenka, Mrs. M. Orleski, Tofel Kereliuk, Wasalena Mandryk, Mary Lakusta, Elizabeth Shandruk, Wasyl Meroniuk, Annie Kereliukwith baby, Mary Vegara, Solomia Vegara, Mary Zelez, Pete Kereliuk, Martha Kereliuk, Maria Tatarin, Martha Kereliuk, Annie Lutciak, Stephanie Verenka, Jennie Grekol, Pearl Verenka, child Olga, Maria Eliuk, Daria Diachuk, Jennie Malanchuk, Mrs. P. Eliuk, Elizabeth Verenka; back row - Petro Eliuk, George Lakusta, John Vegara, Wasyl Mazar, Sylvester Verenka, Nick Lebid, Paul Martyniuk, John Buzak, Kost Palahniuk, Elia Eliuk, Bill Hunka, Stephan Lakusta, Jack Yakemchuk, Wasyl Mandryk, Wasyl Yakimchuk, Alec Zelez, Fred Kerich, John Melnychuk, J. Hunka, Metro Pawliuk, Metro Orleski, Wasyl Basaraba, Nick T. Ruptash, Pete Diachuk, George Fedoriuk, Wasyl Grekol, Safroni Grekol, Wasyl Ewasiuk, Nick Grekol, George Pawliuk, Harry Tatarin, Bill Eliuk, John Ewaniuk, Nick Kereliuk, (in window) - Nick Vegara, Nick M. Ruptash, Philmon Fedoriak, Walter Hoyteniuk, Metro Lastiwka, Sylvestor Mandryk, Alec Verenka, Oleksa Lutciak, Deezio Skakun, Nick Lutciak, George Oneschuk, Metro Kereliuk, Protz Eliuk, Tophel A. Kereliuk, (in doorway) Peter Taschuk, unknown, Bill P. Eliuk, John Lakomski.

Szypentiz Ladies' Fastball Team, 1938 (at picnic on Paul Woloschuk's farm). (L to R) - Victoria Verenka, Mary Pawliuk, Marion N. Kereliuk, Mary Verenka, Rose Pawliuk, Hazel Chamberlain, Rose Lutciak, Rose Arychuk, Anne Ewasiuk, Pearl Kereliuk.

Szypentiz Play Actors, circa 1924. Front row (L to R) - Bill Ursuliak, Steve M. Ruptash, Nick Solowan (prompter), Thomas Chrapko, Nick T. Ruptash, Bill M. Ruptash, John Ursuliak; second row - Dora Boyko, Mary Lazariuk, Vera Ruptash, Jennie Diachuk, Elizabeth Lutzak, Eva Lutzak, Annie Mazar, Pearl Basaraba, Mary Towpich, Onufry Chrapko; third row - John Arychuk, Paul Yakoweshen, Metro Ursuliak (director), Ignatzy Fedoriuk, Nick M. Ruptash, Nick Eliuk, Pete Luciak, Nick Kereliuk, Nick Mazar, Bill Basaraba, John Towpich, John Ewasiuk, Petro Eliuk, Mike Werenka.

The official opening of Ispas Hall, 1932

Plain Lake Catholic Hall of Taras Shevchenko built in 1938, houses a dance and meeting area, a dining room and small library. It was originally a place for cultural experiences and continues to be so.

Nature's Wrath and Other Disasters

1943 flood on Vermilion River south of town

1956 Flood, Two Hills

Winter of 1955-56

J. Oneschuk's house wrecked by propane explosion

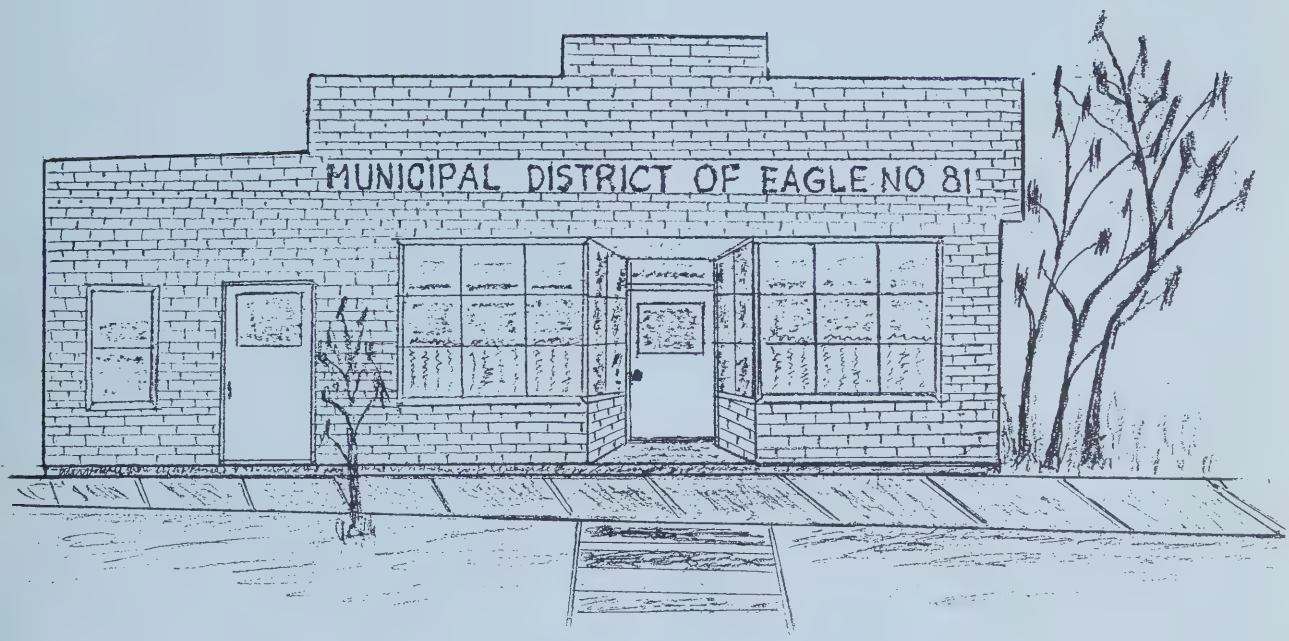
Fire destroys Two Hills Public School, 1956

C.P.R. line washed out in Two Hills area, 1940s

Derailment near Duvernay, circa 1982

C.P.R. train wreck on Two Hills-Duvernay line, 1982

Local Government



They came from Europe and the States,
Some came from British Isles,
And settled on ten-dollar homesteads
To which they walked for miles.

Their first concern was a shelter,
From winter cold and summer rain,
And then to clear a few acres of land
On which to grow a garden and grain.

They built churches, they built schools,
They travelled endless trails,
To supplement their farm income,
They worked in mines and on rails.

With roads and bridges to build,
And bylaws to implement,
The men of foresight organized
Local government.

First there were the L.I.Ds,
Then Municipal districts too,
Followed by the County of Two Hills,
For the ratepayers and you.

Councillors were elected ev'ry year
To represent divisions.
'Twas difficult to serve the public
Under the then conditions.

Do not forget these men of worth,
Who served you then and now.
They did their best with what they had,
As only they knew how.

S.P. Mulka

The History of Local Government in the Two Hills Area

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

by S.P. Mulka and Alice Miskiw

Settlement in the Two Hills and adjoining districts began at the turn of the century when Alberta was still part of the North-West Territories. At that time, the rural areas were legislated through the Statute Labour Ordinance. In 1897, the Local Improvement Ordinance replaced the Statute Labor Ordinance and provided for two-township local improvement districts. In each of these local improvement districts the territorial legislature levied a tax of $2. per year for up to 160 acres of land.

The Local Improvement Ordinance was amended in 1903 to provide self-governing districts from three to six townships in size. Councillors (one per township) were elected annually. Revenues for road and bridge construction were obtained by a tax levy ranging from 1 1/4 to five cents per acre.

In 1905, when Alberta became a province, the local improvement districts were placed under the Local Improvement Branch of the provincial Department of Public Works. Three local improvement districts (L.I.Ds.), parts of which were included in the present County of Two Hills No. 21 were soon established.

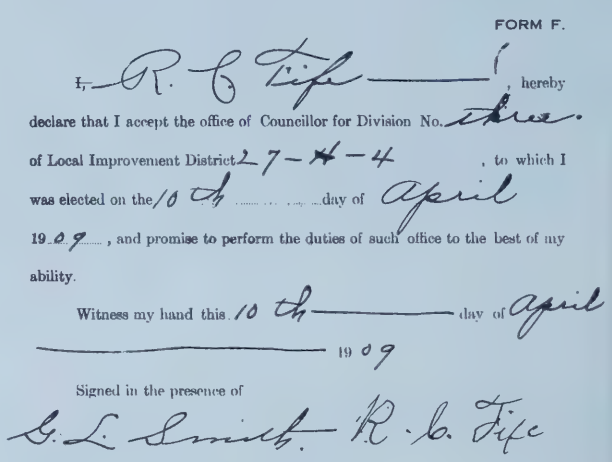
L.I.D. NO. 27-J-4, comprising of townships 53 and 54 in ranges 13 and 14-W4th, was organized in 1905. The first council meeting was held in the Fairwood School on April 8th, with chairman Dan McColeman, councillors J.W.J. Laird, J.E. Mahaffey, Weiller, and secretary-treasurer E.H. Wynn-Mckenzie. In 1913, the district became a nine-township L.I.D. of Norma No. 515, and in 1918, the Municipal District of Norma No. 515.

L.I.D. NO. 28-J-4, with townships 56 and 57 in range 12, townships 55, 56 and 57-13, townships 55, 56 and 57-14, all south of the North Saskatchewan River, were also organized in 1905. The chairman elected was Jos. H. Weber and councillors were Alexa Lusak, Prokop Eliuk, Elias Rawluk, Albert Pardis, and secretary-treasurer, A.M. Boutillier. In 1913, townships 55, 56 and 57 in range 15 were added and the district became known as L.I.D. No. 545. In 1918 it became the Municipal District of Eagle No. 545.

L.I.D. NO. 27-E-4, comprised of townships 53 and 54 in ranges 9 and 10-W4th, was organized in 1909. Its first elected councillors were: D.L. Philbric, R. Scaggan, O. Johnson, and W. Romaniuk. H. Middleton was appointed secretary-treasurer, followed by D.L. Philbric in 1910, and by W. Romaniuk in 1911. As of 1913, townships 53, 54, 55, and 56 in ranges 7, 8, and 9-W4th became L.I.D. of Ukraina No. 513. In 1918, it was known as the Municipal District of Ukraina No. 513.

M.D. OF SOBOR NO. 514

The Municipal District of Sobor No. 514, evolved from the four-township L.I.D. No. 27-H-4 organized in 1909. The first council meeting was held on May 3 at the home of R.C. Fife on SW 32-54-12-W4th. The meeting was attended by councillors Herman Block for division (1), twsp. 54-11-W4; Maxim Tomyn, Div. (2) twsp. 53-12; R.C. Fife, Div. (3) twsp. 54-12; and H. Chomik, Div. (4) twsp. 54-11. Maxim Tomyn was elected chairman, and G.L. Smith was engaged as secretary-treasurer at an annual salary of $80.



FORM F.

I, R. C. Fife, hereby declare that I accept the office of Councillor for Division No. three. of Local Improvement District 27-H-4, to which I was elected on the 10th day of April 1909, and promise to perform the duties of such office to the best of my ability.

Witness my hand this 10th day of April 1909

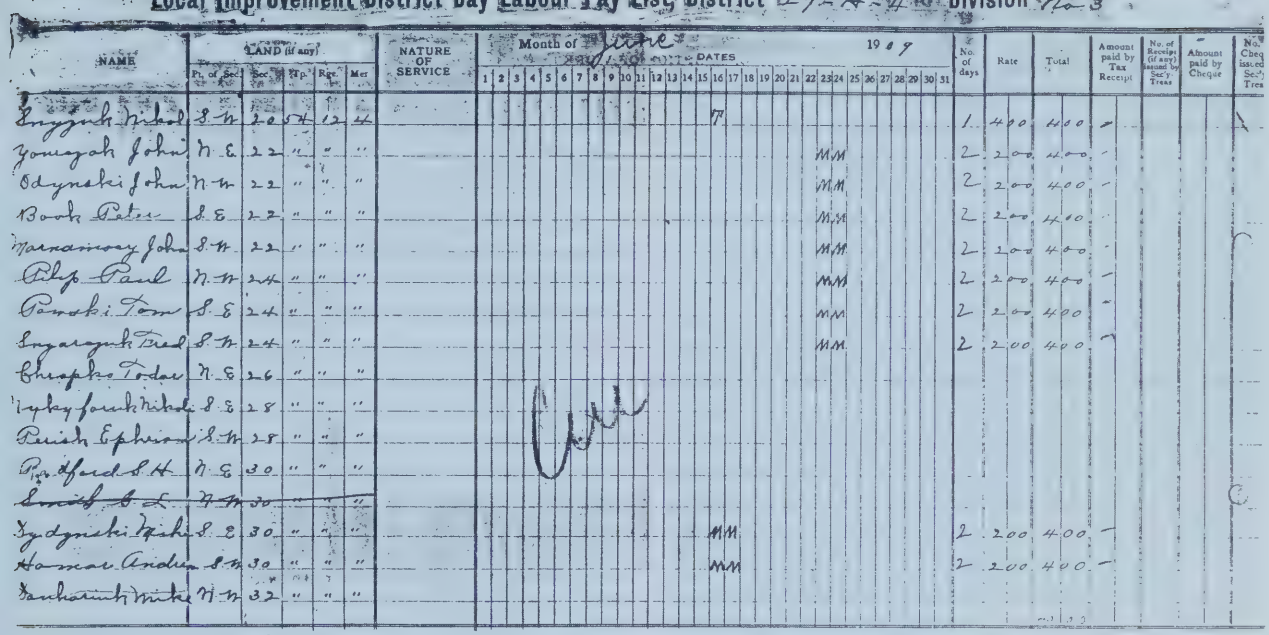
Signed in the presence of

G. L. Smith. R. C. Fife

Taxes were collected at a rate of 2 1/2 cents per acre. Road construction rates for a 10-hour day were set at $2. for labour, $2.50 for a foreman and $2. for a team of horses or oxen. Councillors were paid $2. per day and 10 cents per mile for their services. On February 1, 1910, Maxim Tomyn was hired secretary-treasurer at $70. per year. Taxes in 1911-12 were levied at 3 3/4 cents per acre. Books were inspected by local improvement districts inspector, Charles Marlow.

In 1912, the provincial government passed the Rural Municipality Act which divided the province into nine-township districts. L.I.D. No. 27-H-4 became a nine-township organized Local Improvement District No. 514, subdivided into six electoral divisions:

Division 1- Twps. 53 and S 1/2 of 54 in Rge 10 - W4th. Koshuta, councillor.
Division 2- Twps. 53 and S 1/2 of 54 in Rge 11 - Herman Block, councillor.
Division 3- Twps. 53 and S 1/2 of 54 in Rge 12 -J. Warawa, councillor.
Division 4- Twps. 55 and N 1/2 of 54 in Rge 12 -E. Grekul, councillor.



Local Improvement District Day Labour Pay List, District 27-4-4 Division No. 3

NAME	LAND (if any) Pt. of Sec.	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Mer.	NATURE OF SERVICE	Month of June 1917 DATES 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	No. of days	Rate	Total	Amount paid by Tax Receipt	No. of Receipt (if any) issued by Sec'y-Treas	Amount paid by Cheque	No. of Cheq issued Sec'y-Tres
Engynk Mikael	S.W.	20	54	12	4		17	1	4.00	4.00	–			
Yonczyk John	N.E.	22	"	"	"		MM	2	2.00	4.00	–			
Odynski John	N.W.	22	"	"	"		MM	2	2.00	4.00	–			
Book Peter	S.E.	22	"	"	"		MM	2	2.00	4.00	–			
Maranooy John	S.W.	22	"	"	"		MM	2	2.00	4.00	–			
Pilip Paul	N.W.	24	"	"	"		MM	2	2.00	4.00	–			
Panoki Tom	S.E.	24	"	"	"		MM	2	2.00	4.00	–			
Engaynk Fred	S.W.	24	"	"	"		MM	2	2.00	4.00	–			
Chrapko Todor	N.E.	26	"	"	"									
Zyla Frank Nikol	S.E.	28	"	"	"									
Reich Ephrem	S.W.	28	"	"	"									
Rudford S.H.	N.E.	30	"	"	"									
~~Smith S.L.~~	~~N.W.~~	~~30~~	~~"~~	~~"~~	~~"~~									
Zydynski Nikit	S.E.	30	"	"	"		MM	2	2.00	4.00	–			
Hamar Andrew	S.W.	30	"	"	"		MM	2	2.00	4.00	–			
Zachariuk Mike	N.W.	32	"	"	"									

Payment of above amount has been authorized by Council of District 27-4-4

M. Tomyn — Chairman

I, the undersigned foreman on the work covered by this pay list, do hereby certify that each man whose name appears thereon has worked for the number of days set opposite his name, and supplied teams as stated.

M. Sollan — Foreman

Division 5- Twps. 55 and N 1/2 of 54 in Rge 11 -S. Orlecki, councillor.

Division 6- Twps. 55 and N 1/2 of 54 in Rge 10 -E. Roberge, councillor.

All of the above townships were south of the North Saskatchewan River.

At the January 23, 1912, meeting, held at Maxim Tomyn's residence on SW 34-53-12-W4, Herman Block was elected chairman and Maxim Tomyn was hired secretary-treasurer. Taxes were levied at 5 cents per acre with a 10% discount if paid before July 1st. With the approval of the Minister, labour rates were set at $3. per day. A man and team would receive $5., and foremen were to be paid $3.25. Road equipment at this time consisted of 16 scrapers, four plows, two 4-horse eveners and one chain. The total value of the equipment was $210.

There were no changes in tax levies or labour rates during the years 1914-1917. In 1916, the Military Hospitals Commission ordered the council to form a committee for establishing a Soldiers' Bureau. The Bureau was to take care of the soldiers when they returned to the district. Minute books indicate that for four years the council devoted most of its time and effort to surveys, road opening and construction. On November 8, 1917, the Minister of Municipal Affairs advised the secretary-treasurer that the L.I.D. 27-H-4 was to be named L.I.D. of Sobor No. 514.

In 1918, the Provincial Government changed the Rural Municipality Act of 1912 to the Municipal Districts Act. All organized L.I.Ds. were renamed municipal districts. On May 17, 1918, the council was advised the L.I.D. of Sobor would become the Municipal District of Sobor No. 514. Its council was to become the council of the municipal district with the chairman to be called the "Reeve". The Act also changed the acreage basis of taxation to actual value of lands.

On May 14, 1918, the Supplementary Revenue Tax Commissioner ordered the council to levy the Supplementary Revenue Tax at 3 cents per acre - the secretary-treasurer to remit such tax to the Department of Municipal Affairs. In addition a tax of 7 1/2 cents per acre was levied for municipal purposes. Wild lands were assessed at 3¢ an acre.

An epidemic of Spanish influenza swept through the municipal district in the fall of 1918. On instructions from the Provincial Police at Vegreville an emergency council meeting was called at Duvernay on November 4, to rent a place for a hospital. Alphonse Gallant, manager of the Duvernay hotel agreed to rent rooms for a 14-bed facility at a rate approved by the District Court Judge. Patients of able means were required to pay for their hospitalization at $2. per day. The council supplied rubber sheeting, medicine, disinfectants and provided necessary help. It also paid for lighting, heating and damages during the operation of the hospital. The Duvernay hospital operated from November 4th for 11 days. Dr. Kibzey, who worked at the hospital, also took care of other patients in the district.

In 1920, an outbreak of scarlet fever compelled the council to organize a local Board of Health. Medical student, John Yakimischak, was hired as Health Officer. In 1923, Dr. Adamson of Innisfree and Dr. Bell of Edmonton ordered closing of schools, churches, stores and post offices due to the epidemic of diphtheria. Councillors of each division were required to visit quarantined homes and to provide needy families with

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Edmonton, November 8th, 1917.

M.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that an Order has been made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, attaching the name "Sobor" to your District, so that in future your District shall be known as the Local Improvement District of Sobor, No. 514.

Your obedient servant,

DEPUTY MINISTER.

.. Tomyn, Esq.,
S/Treas. L.I.D. Sobor, No. 514,
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necessities.

During the ensuing three years the council dealt with a number of matters. The secretary-treasurer's salary was increased to $1,200. per annum; Municipal tax was struck at 15 mills on a dollar based on land value. Gopher extermination and domestic animals bylaws were passed. The Dominion government was petitioned to build the Cutknife-Whitford Canadian Pacific Railway through the district. A resolution was also passed requiring the ratepayers to pay $4. of taxes in cash and the balance through labour commutation. Much of the meeting time dealt with hospital affairs, and doctors' and welfare accounts.

In 1927, when the Canadian Pacific Railway was built and the townsites of Two Hills, Musidora, Morecambe and Beauvallon were surveyed, the council was flooded with applications to operate various businesses. This trend continued for a number of years. The following year the Department of Municipal Affairs ordered a reassessment of lands and hamlet buildings since their values increased as a result of market facilities provided by the railway. Ratepayers at the annual meeting passed two resolutions to be presented at the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts convention: the provincial government was urged to assume responsibility for indigents, tuberculosis patients, neglected children and widowed mothers, and to make grants for construction of market roads.

During the depression years (1930-35), municipal records indicated that the council was faced with many delegations complaining about the inability of residents to pay taxes, seed and feed advances and hospital bills. Numerous hospital and doctors' accounts, applications for old age pension and mothers' allowance had to be screened and a number of dissatisfied applicants complained to provincial departments. Other complaints about the condition of roads, compensation for land, and the conduct of council meetings in Ukrainian were also sent in.

Municipal taxes were levied at 15 mills in 1934. One-third of the tax was to be paid in cash and two-thirds through labour. At the May 26 special meeting, ratepayers were informed that the Minister of Municipal Affairs disallowed payment of taxes by labour. Money had to be obtained by the council to clear outstanding old age pension, mothers allowance, and sanatorium and hospital accounts. To enforce collection of taxes, a sale of lands, as provided by the Tax Recovery Act, was

During the time from November 4th to Nov 15th 1918 while Duvernay Hospital was operated there were from 5 to 6 patients in the said Hospital but on Nov 15th there was only one patient in the said Hospital. And there were very many patients in their own homes in the district. For this reason Reeve of the Council of the Municipal District of Sobor No 514 decided to call meeting for the purpose to close Duvernay Hospital and to ask Dr Hibey to look after the patients in their own homes in the District. The Reeve of the Council Harry Tomyn could not come to the meeting on account of sickness but instructed Maxim Tomyn to act on his behalf. The Councillor Peter Dowhanich also could not come to the meeting but instructed Maxim Tomyn to act on his behalf. Both Harry Tomyn and Peter Dowhanich were in favour to close the said Hospital at Duvernay. Then on the 15th of November Maxim Tomyn Sec Treas sent to Nipa School house to meet Mr McLaren of Vegreville and to talk this matter with him. After Mr McLaren agreed with Maxim Tomyn to close the said Hospital and Dr Hibey is to look after the patients in their own homes. Mr Alphonse Gallant Manager of the Hospital was notified to close the said Hospital with the exception one room where is one patient. Dr Hibey agree to disinfect the place for Mr Alphonse Gallant on the 16th of November and also will disinfect the room where the patient is as soon as patient gets well and go.

Maxim Tomyn
Secretary-Treasurer.

Maxim Tomyn's handwritten minutes regarding closure of Duvernay Hospital, 1918

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ACT

DISTRICT NO.

Notice of Assessment

M. Peter Book

Take notice that you have been assessed under the provisions of The Local Improvement Act for the undermentioned lands in the above District, and that taxes are now due and payable to the undersigned as follows :

Part of Section	Sec.	Tp.	R.	M.					

Total Amount Due

Dated at ... this ... day of March 1910

Secretary-Treasurer District

P.O.

Ten per cent. discount is allowed on all payments made before the first day of July. Payments are required to be made by accepted Bank Cheque, Bank Draft, Money Order or Post Office Note, payable at par in or in cash. Postage stamps cannot be accepted in any case.

Subsection 2 of Section 58 of The Local Improvement Act provides that all persons paying taxes on or before the first day of July of the year in which such taxes were levied may be allowed a reduction of ten per cent. on the same. From the first day of July until the last day of December taxes shall be payable at par. On the first day of January following, as a penalty, an additional sum amounting to ten per cent. of such taxes shall be added thereto. On the first day of January in each year thereafter, as a penalty, an additional sum amounting to ten per cent. of all arrears of taxes shall be added thereto.

Notice of Land Assessment for Peter Buk, 1910. Note misspelled name.

scheduled for October 20. However, ratepayers boycotted the sale which was adjourned two times but finally held the following year. In June, Maxim Tomyn informed the council his office would be moved to Two Hills. The office question became a controversy that lasted until 1941. Special meetings were held to hear delegations presenting briefs for an office in Musidora (centre of the district); others lobbied for Two Hills.

Some of the items of concern dealt with at this time included the following:

1. Passage of yearly bylaws under the Tax Consolidation Act. The Act provided for annual payment of current taxes and one-fifth of arrears. By entering into an agreement, the ratepayer was able to clear the arrears of taxes in five years.
2. Location for the Beauvallon Ferry. Delegations were heard on this matter. Three sites were in question -- between Sec. 18-55-9-W4th and Sec. 13-55-10-W4th, West of Sec. 31-55-10-W4th, and North of Sec. 15-55-10-W4th. Eventually, a road was constructed to North of Sec. 15-55-10-W4th, and the ferry was installed by the Public Works Department.
3. Agreements with hospitals. The University, Misericordia, General and Royal Alex Hospitals of Edmonton, and the General Hospitals of Vegreville and Willingdon as well as the Myrnam Municipal Hospital were to provide hospitalization for ratepayers at 75 cents per day. Townships 53, 54 and 55 in range 10 were withdrawn from the Myrnam Municipal Hospital district at this time.
4. Road construction programs in 1938. The government announced road construction program through tax remission slips. The slips of employees were to be filed with the secretary-treasurer who cashed them and credited the tax account.

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In 1939, ratepayers became upset with the council's administration and at the annual meeting complained about the mismanagement of finances, and about councillors being in arrears of taxes. Accusations were made against the councillors of Divisions one and six about using municipal gasoline for private purposes as well. Councillors were also accused of other faults.

As a result of the furore and the Department of Municipal Affairs investigations, the municipal council was suspended on March 11, 1939. Municipal Inspector, Sidney V. Lea was appointed administrator. Maxim Tomyn, absolved of any wrong-doing, was reappointed secretary-treasurer, which position he held until his untimely death in January 4, 1941. Tomyn will always be remembered as a true, honourable man who unselfishly devoted his life for his fellowmen.

As of January 1, 1941, his son, John Tomyn, was appointed secretary-treasurer. Steve Petasky was hired as J. Tomyn's assistant. The office was moved into the Crown Lumber building in Two Hills. In the three years that followed, the financial circumstances of the M.D. of Sobor No. 514 improved considerably.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EAGLE NO. 515 (81)

In 1941, The Municipal District Act was amended to provide for enlarged municipal units. For the next three years, the provincial government held public meetings to point out advantages of the large municipal districts. Arguments were advanced for disorganizing of the nine-township municipalities. The chief advantage cited was that large units would increase efficiency of services and introduce equality in taxation. Public works undertaken in large districts would be under the direction of more highly-trained personnel. The large unit would be able to acquire more effective road-building equipment. Small, weak municipal districts would be consolidated with the strong.

Some residents were not too enthusiastic about enlarged municipal units. To many a farmer and his sons who went to work on road construction, for a day or so, it was a social event. Gossip and stories were exchanged while they moved dirt with plows, two-horse slips and four-horse fresnoes. As a result they were not pleased about the change.

In spite of some opposition, the municipal districts of Ukraina No. 513, Sobor 514, Norma 515, three townships of Patricia 485, and Eagle 545 were amalgamated on January 1, 1944, to become the 39-township Municipal District of Eagle No. 515. In 1945, No. 515 was changed to No. 81. Seven councillors were elected from a ballot list of 27 candidates.

The first meeting of the council was held in the Vegreville Town Hall on March 8, 1944, with Municipal Inspector, Sidney V. Lea present. At this meeting Returning Officer, William Corry reported the official election of the following councillors: Mike Karpchuk, (Div 1); Mike Chmilar, (Div 2); Wm. F. Elkow, (Div 3); Wm. Chrapko, (Div 4); Tom Horon, (Div 5); Dan Lutzak (Div 6); and Wm. A. Yusep, (Div 7). Wm. A. Yusep was elected reeve, and S.P. Mulka was engaged secretary-treasurer at $2,400. per annum.

Other staff members hired at this time included John Tomyn, assistant secretary-treasurer; Mary Ropchan, office clerk, and Steve Petasky, office assistant. The controversial office question was settled by council voting to locate the headquarters in the vacant Co-op store building in Two Hills. The office opened on March 22, 1944, and the monthly rental was $30.

M.D. of Eagle No. 81, Council and Staff, 1946. Back row, (L to R) - W.F. Elkow, Mike Chmiliar; middle row - Mike Shewchuk, P.M. Shavchook (Field Supervisor), Mike Karpchuk, Nick Petruk, Dan Lutzak, John Tomyn (Ass't Sec-treas.) Steve Petasky (Accountant); front row - Dan Tweedale, Mary Ropchan (Steno), S.P. Mulka (Sec-treas.).

At council meetings that followed, bylaws of the former districts were replaced by new ones. Road construction and maintenance rates were set to include single hand work at $4.50 per day, gradermen and foremen at $6.; maintainermen, $5.; and power equipment operators, $7.50. Motorgrader operators were to receive $1. per meter hour; a man and two-horse team would earn $6.50; a man and four-horse team, $8.50. Four-horse team road maintenance was set at 40 cents per mile one way, while tractor maintaining and grading was to be at $2.50 per hour.

An expenditure of $159,980. was prepared and a municipal tax of 11 mills was levied. The Department of Public Works grant of $12,000. on a 50-50 basis, was made available for construction and gravelling of roads. Arthur A. Voice Contractor was hired to gravel 22 miles of the Two Hills-Lavoy road, for a total of $16,749. Before any new equipment could be purchased at this time, approval had to be obtained from Wartime Prices and Trade Board. A "Be-Ge" 6-yard scraper was purchased for $4,450., and a used Barber Greene Model 42 gravel loader was obtained for $3,100.

In 1946, the Agricultural Service Board was organized with councillors M. Chmilar and N. Petruk, and members at large John Porozni and Frank McCarty as board members. The responsibility of the board was to keep the farmers informed of better farm programs and practices. District Agriculturalists, Fred Magera and W. Pidruchney, were members in an advisory capacity. Peter M. Shavchook was hired field supervisor at an annual salary of $2,000. His duties included those of a weed inspector. S.P. Mulka was hired as secretary-treasurer of the service board.

During the years that followed, the board and its field supervisors, P.M. Shavchook (1946-1948), P. Andrews (1949), F. Pawlowski (1949-1951), P. Stewart (1951-1956), B.K. Baron (1957-1961), M. Mudryk (1961-1971) and J. Bidulock (1971-), and District Agriculturalists, F. Magera, Wm. Pidruchney, R. Fodchuk, A. Letts, W.J. Dent, W. Jackson, R. Bazylo and S. Dobson, undertook a variety of programs. These included road widening; roadside seeding and brush spraying; backsloping; soil erosion demonstrations; Bangs, Warble Fly and coyote control; tree planting; seed drill survey, and roadside weed spraying. Many farm tours were also arranged.

Some of the events that took place during the next eight years are listed in the time-line below:

1947 - Delegation requested that the office be moved to Vegreville.
- Myrnam and Willingdon delegations asked for the office to be moved to their villages.
- M. Ponich, M.L.A. proposed a change in municipal boundaries (No action taken.)
- Hail damaged 14 townships.

1948 - Council obtained clear title to office property, Lots 1 and 2, Block C.G.

1949 - Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 8, were purchased from N. Dowhaniuk for $550.
- A machine shop was built at the back of Lot 6, Block 8, by Matt Hnydyk. The lot was donated by N. Dowhaniuk.
- Application was made for awards under the Prairies Farm Assistance Act (P.F.A.A.).

1950 - Drought affected 20 townships. Farmers received payments under the P.F.A. Act.

1951 - Frost and rains delayed harvesting - considerable amount of grain was left unthreshed at the end of the year.
- Uncollected taxes reached a high of $320,848.

1952 - Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant was built.
- Council passed a bylaw to contribute one-third share of $10,000., for the construction of the Willingdon Seed Cleaning Plant.
- A $2,500,000. Chemical plant was built in Duvernay.

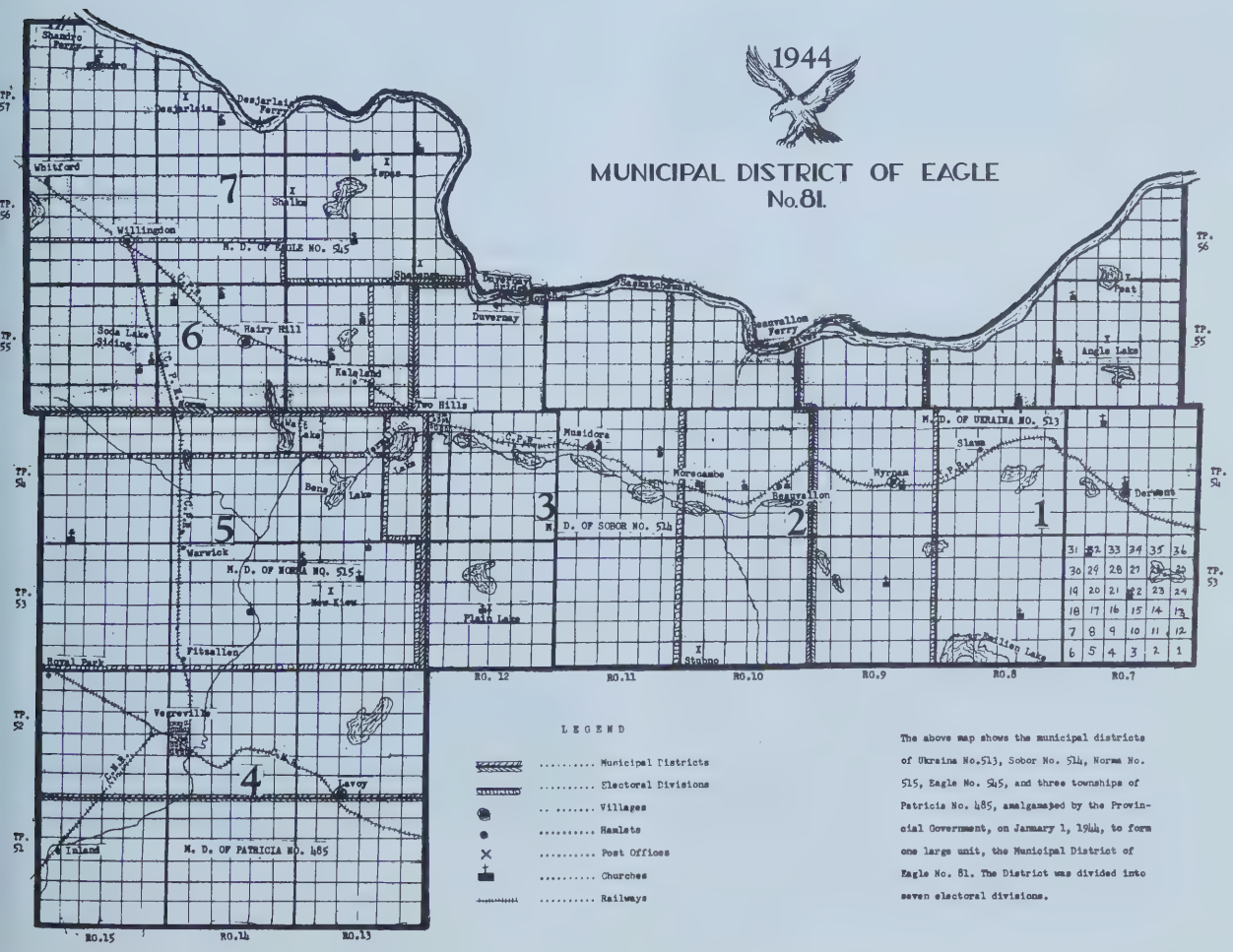
1953 - Myrnam district farmers organized to build a Seed Cleaning Plant in Myrnam.
- Municipal Act was amended to provide for expenditure on public works based on need of roads in the district as a whole and not by divisions.

1954 - The Eagle Review newspaper was provided to the ratepayers at $1. per year subscription.

CO-TERMINOUS BOUNDARIES

On January 1, 1955, the Provincial Government rearranged the boundaries of the 39 township Municipal District of Eagle No. 81, to coincide with those of the Two Hills School Division No. 21. The area of the M.D. of Eagle No. 81, was reduced to 30 townships divided into five electoral divisions represented by J.H. Fedechko, (Div. 1); N. Yackimetz, (2); J. Stoski, (3); J.A. Tkachuk chairman, (4); and M. Shewchuk, (5). Both entities, the Two Hills School Division No. 21 and the Municipal District of Eagle No. 81, having the same area, co-operated diligently and co-ordinated activities. Each jurisdiction had its own small office in Two Hills. As the need for better and larger office facilities arose, the school board and the council held several meetings to discuss building of a joint office.

At a special meeting in the spring of 1959, ratepayers approved the joint office building, to be located on the municipal machine shop Lot 6, Block 8. W. Dolinsky was hired carpenter for the $79,548., office building which was completed in January, 1960.



M.D. of Eagle No. 81 Council and Staff, 1955. Standing, (L to R) - J. Tomyn (Ass't Sec-treas.) P. Stewart (Field Supervisor), S.P. Mulka (Sec-treas.), seated - J. Stoski, J. Fedechko, J. Tkachuk (Reeve), M. Shewchuk, N. Yackimetz.

About 50% of the crops remained unthreshed due to inclement weather in 1959. At this time the Federal Government announced the Federal-Provincial Emergency Unthreshed Grain Assistance Policy to assist those farmers who threshed less than 50% of their crops. In March 1960, the council processed 213 applications for payment. Thirty applications were approved by the Farm Purchase Board in the same year.

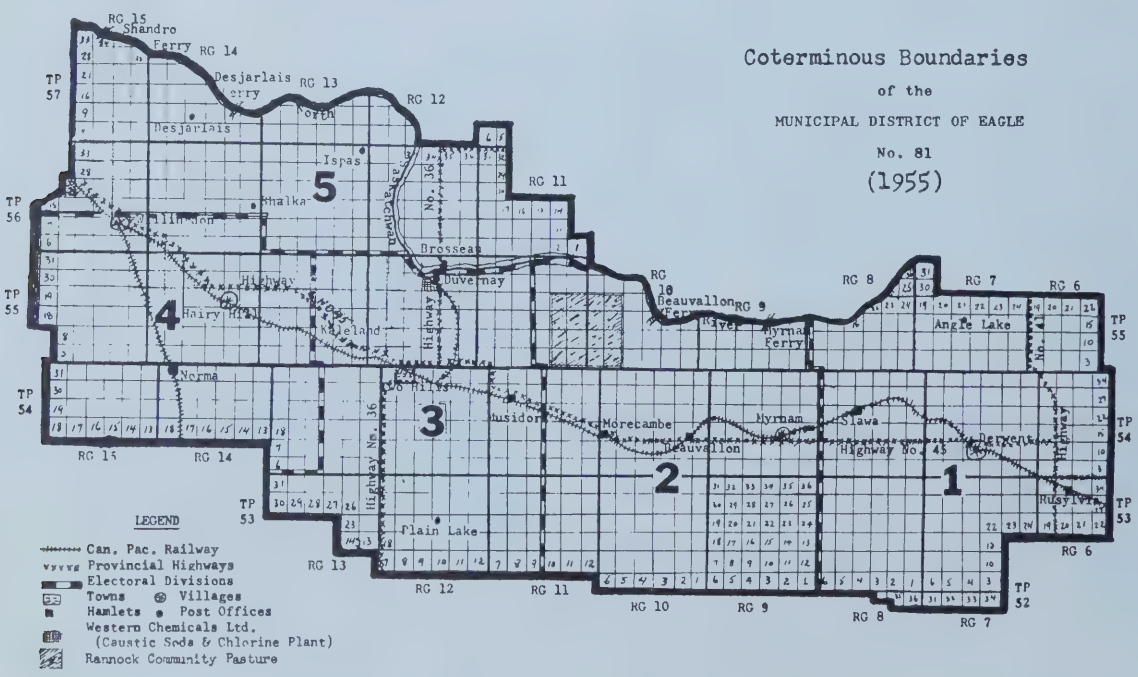
Because the municipal machine shop was found to be inadequate for the road equipment the district now owned, the council purchased Lot K Plan 6575 KS and contracted Spanmaster Building Ltd. to erect a 50 x 80 x 14 foot machine shop for the sum of $16,000.

On January 4, 1962, the Two Hills School Division Board and the council met to discuss county administration. A resolution was passed by both bodies to apply for county status which was realized through order in council on January 1, 1963. The County was divided into seven divisions represented by councillors, P. Mudryk, (Div. 1); J. Dudar, reeve (2); A. Boida, (3); G. Harasym, (4); M. Mehalcheon, (5); J.A. Tkachuk, (6); and L. Hutzkal, (7).

COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21

The first meeting of the County council which was held on January 3, 1963, was attended by Municipal Inspector, Bruce Ramsey; Department of Education representative, R. Penrice; School Superintendent, N. Myskiw; School secretary, P.M. Shavchook; Municipal secretary-treasurer, S.P. Mulka; and all councillors. S.P. Mulka was hired secretary-treasurer, and held this position until his retirement on June 30, 1972. P.M. Shavchook was engaged as assistant secretary-treasurer. All school employees became employees of the County at this time. Various committees were set up to administer the new county: The school committee comprised of the whole council and three representatives, (one each, from Two Hills, Willingdon and Myrnam). After three years Derwent and Hairy Hill were to replace Willingdon and Myrnam as representatives. The school committee was to have all the powers provided under the School Act, except the borrowing of money.

In 1966, the County Act was amended to give all villages annual representation. On May 29, 1963, the council passed a bylaw to borrow $93,000., to build the



Agricultural Service Board Members, 1959. Standing, (L to R) - P.J. Noster, J. Porozni, B. Baron (Field Supervisor); seated - J. Dudar, J. Tkachuk (Chairman), W. Dent (District Agriculturist), S.P. Mulka (Secretary).

Two Hills and Willingdon Industrial Arts and Home Economics shops.

During the next decade the County council dealt with the following items of importance:

- A Winter Works Incentive Program of $35,000., was undertaken.
- Government assessors were hired to reasses all lands and improvements. Assessment was increased from $9,440,750. to $12,171,360. The Court of Revision dealt with 388 appellants for 1114 parcels of land.
- A 32-bed Nursing Home was built in Two Hills in 1969.
- The Two Hills County, jointly with Vermilion and Minburn counties and the M.D. of Lamont, organized a committee to undertake Rural Road Study. The engineering firm of Stewart, Weir, Stewart and Watson was hired. The study was completed, resulting in a network of Secondary roads.

M.D. of Eagle No. 81, Councillors and Staff, 1961. Standing, (L to R) - P. Mudryk, G. Harasym, M. Mehalcheon, J. Tkachuk; seated - J. Dudar (Reeve), Mary Ropchan (Ass't Sec-treas.), S.P. Mulka (Sec-treas.)

334 applications (for a total of $35,342.) were processed to assist farmers through the 1970 Crop Adjustment Assistance Program which was designed to enable farmers to purchase forage seed and establish hay or pasture crops.

From 1972 to 1978, there were a number of office staff changes in the central administration positions of the County. Assistant secretary-treasurer, P.M. Shavchook retired on January 31, 1972, followed by secretary-treasurer, S.P. Mulka on June 30. They were replaced by Dave Hassen as secretary-treasurer, and M. Mudryk as assistant. M. Mudryk's position as field supervisor was filled by J. Bidulock, the present incumbent. In the fall of 1973, the secretary and the assistant were dismissed and S.P. Mulka was asked to take over until the council could fine a replacement. Early next year, P. Marcichiw was hired as secretary-treasurer and S.P. Mulka retired again on January 31. P. Marcichiw resigned in 1978 to be succeeded by Gary Popowich the present secretary-treasurer. An assistant secretary-treasurer, John Kozmak, was hired in 1981.

*County of Two Hills No. 21 Personnel, 1966. Standing, (L to R) - M. Logozar *, A. Rogucki **, G.G. Pawliuk**, Mrs. E. Pawliuk (Bookkeeper), Mrs. A. Miskiw (Steno), A. Boida *, Mrs. P. Krucik (Steno), J. Dudar (Reeve), S.P. Mulka (Sec-treas.), P.M. Shavchook (Ass't Sec-treas.); seated - L. Hutzkal *, M. Mehalcheon *, P. Mudryk *, N. Myskiw (School Superintendent), J.A. Tkachuk *. (* Councillors - ** School Committee Members)*

In 1976, the provincial government provided a 100% grant for the services of Tony Volk as Utility Officer for rural gas lines of the County Gas Co-op. Ed Bragg was hired as Gas Utility manager at this time. All necessary approvals were obtained and installation of gas lines commenced. By the end of 1977, two-thirds of the system was completed. Eugene Dmytriw was hired County Natural Gas Utility manager in 1979. The County Rural Gas System is a self-paying entity.

A general assessment in the county was completed by L. Babyn in 1982. Fire trucks were purchased for Two Hills, Willingdon, Myrnam and Derwent areas and an I.B.M. System 36 Computer was purchased for the office at this time.

Throughout the years, the council's main objective was to provide good roads for the ratepayers, so that they may get their children to schools and their produce to markets. Every year thousands of dollars were expended to purchase new, modern machinery. At present the county has a full line of equipment for construction and maintenance of roads in summer and snowplowing in winter.

M.D. of Eagle Council and Two Hills School Division School Board in the joint office building, 1962. Standing, (L to R) - P. Mudryk, J.A. Tkachuk, M. Mehalcheon, M. Paulichuk, S. Bidulock, W. Chorney, M. Mudryk; seated - S.P. Mulka (Mun. Sec-treas.), G. Harasym, J. Dudar (Reeve), G.E. Pawliuk (School chairman), M. Karbashewski, P.M. Shavchook (School Sec-treas.).

Each year the provincial government makes generous grants towards the County's road program. At this date the county has 160 kilometers of paved provincial highways, and 72 kilometers of paved secondary roads. Most of the market roads are oiled, and, with the exception of a few miles, the rest are gravelled.

During the 75 years of municipal government in the Two Hills area great progress was achieved. This was made possible by the enthusiasm of men and women who tenatiously and painstakingly devoted themselves to improve the educational, welfare and material conditions of their fellowmen. The winding trails of the past, over streams and rivers and over hills and valleys, are now but memories as one travels on today's, good and year-round-open roads.

County of Two Hills No. 21, Office, 1984

COUNCILLORS AND SECRETARY-TREASURERS

LOCAL IMP. DISTRICTS

1909-10	M. Tomyn*
	H. Block
	R.C. Fife
	H. Chomik
1911	H. Block*
	D. Wispinski
	M. Teresio
	H. Chomik
1912	H. Block*
	D. Wispinski
	F. Petecki
	H. Chomik
1913	H. Block*
	J. Warawa
	E. Grekul
	S. Orlecki
	E. Roberge
1914	E. Roberge*
	H. Czerniak
	H. Boiczuk
	H. Tomyn
	M. Soldan
	G. Chomik
1915-16	H. Tomyn*
	P. Frankiw
	W. Wolski
	T. Chrapko
	M. Dowhanuik
	A. Lefevre
1917	H. Tomyn*
	S. Uniat
	D. Wusik
	E. Grekul
	M. Dowhanuik
	E. Tkachuk

M.D. OF SOBOR No. 514

1918	H. Tomyn**
	W. Koshuta
	D. Wusik
	P. Dowhanuik
	D. Lakusta
	E. Tkachuk
1919	W. Humen**
	W. Koshuta
	D. Wusik
	J. Lyzanchuk
	W. Buk
	G. Chomik
1920	W. Humen**
	W. Koshuta
	D. Wusik
	W. Buk
	D. Lakusta
	A. Simon
1921	W. Buk**
	J. Chapelski
	D. Wusik
	W. Bileski
	D. Lakusta
	A. Mativier
1922-25	No. record
1926	W. Bilesky**
	K. Chomiak
	P. Warawa
	E. Grekul
	L. Boida
	S. Wakaruk
1927	W. Bilesky**
	W. Koshuta
	P. Warawa
	E. Grekul
	L. Boida
	E. Tkachuk
1928	W. Bilesky**
	W. Koshuta
	M. Lyzanchuk
	W. Muryn
	M. Paulichuk
	E. Tkachuk
1929	M. Paulichuk**
	J. Chapelski
	S. Demkiw
	W. Humen
	W. Muryn
	W. Arychuk
1930	W. Humen**
	J. Chapelski
	S. Demkiw
	W. Muryn
	M. Paulichuk
	W. Arychuk
1931	M. Paulichuk**
	J. Chapelski
	S. Demkiw
	S. Predyk
	W. Muryn
	E. Loiselle
1932-33	M. Paulichuk**
	J. Chapelski
	S. Demkiw
	S. Predyk
	J.A. Chrapko
	E. Loiselle
1934	S. Predyk**
	J. Chmiliar
	D. Humenuik
	K. Palahnuik
	M. Paulichuk
	E. Loiselle
1935	W. Bilesky**
	W. Koshuta
	D. Humenuik
	K. Palahnuik
	M. Paulichuk
	O. Ahlstrom
	M. Paulichuk**
	W. Koshuta
	S. Demkiw
	W. Bilesky
	P. Teresio
	O. Ahlstrom
1937	P. Teresio**
	W. Koshuta
	S. Demkiw
	W. Bilesky
	L. Boida
	O. Ahlstrom
1938	P. Teresio**
	F. Stepanik
	H. Humenuik
	W. Humen
	L. Boida
	O. Ahlstrom
1939-43	S.V. Lea, Official Administrator

M.D. OF EAGLE NO. 81

1944-45	W.A. Yusep**
	M. Karpchuk
	M. Chmiliar
	W.F. Elkow
	W. Chrapko
	T. Horon
	D. Lutzak
1946	D. Lutzak**
	M. Karpchuk
	M. Chmiliar
	W.F. Elkow
	D. Tweedale
	N. Petruk
	M. Shewchuk
1947-49	N. Petruk**
	M. Karpchuk
	W. Myskiw
	W.F. Elkow
	J. Orfino
	J. Tkachuk
	M. Shewchuk
1950-51	J. Tkachuk**
	J. Fedechko
	W. Myskiw
	W.F. Elkow
	J. Orfino
	N. Petruk
	M. Shewchuk
1952	J. Tkachuk**
	J. Fedechko
	W. Myskiw
	J. Stoski
	J. Orfino
	N. Petruk
	M. Shewchuk
1953-54	J. Tkachuk**
	J. Fedechko
	N. Yackimetz
	J. Stoski
	J. Orfino
	N. Petruk
	M. Shewchuk
1955	J. Tkachuk**
	J. Fedechko
	N. Yackimetz
	J. Stoski
	M. Shewchuk
1956-57	J. Tkachuk**
	J. Fedechko
	J. Dudar
	J. Stoski
	M. Shewchuk
1958-59	J. Tkachuk**
	P. Mudryk
	J. Dudar
	G. Harasym
	M. Shewchuk
1960-62	J. Dudar**
	P. Mudryk
	G. Harasym
	M. Mehalcheon
	J. Tkachuk

COUNTY OF TWO HILLS

1963-64	J. Dudar**
	P. Mudryk
	A. Boida
	G. Harasym
	M. Mehalcheon
	J. Tkachuk
	L. Hutzkal
1965-67	J. Dudar**
	P. Mudryk
	A. Boida
	M. Logozar
	M. Mehalcheon
	J. Tkachuk
	L. Hutzkal
1968	J. Dudar**
	P. Mudryk
	F. Hasiuk
	M. Logozar
	M. Mehalcheon
	J. Tkachuk
	B. Kokotailo
1969	J. Dudar**
	P. Mudryk
	F. Hasiuk

	M. Logozar
	M. Mehalcheon
	D. Ursuliak
	B. Kokotailo
1970-71	J. Dudar**
	P. Mudryk
	F. Hasiuk
	R. Bachelet
	M. Mehalcheon
	D. Ursuliak
	B. Kokotailo
1972-74	J. Dudar**
	J. Bober
	F. Hasiuk
	R. Bachelet
	W. Verenka
	D. Ursuliak
	B. Kokotailo
1975-77	J. Dudar**
	J. Bober
	(F. Hasiuk)
	A. Boida
	R. Bachelet
	W. Verenka
	D. Ursuliak
	B. Kokotailo
1978-80	W. Verenka**
	J. Bober
	J. Dudar
	(A. Boida)
	F. Hasiuk
	R. Bachelet
	D. Ursuliak
	B. Kokotailo
1981-83	W. Verenka**
	J. Bober
	J. Dudar
	F. Hasiuk
	M. Kotowich
	M. Stefaniuk
	N. Dushenski
1984	W. Verenka**
	J. Bober
	J. Dudar
	V. Romanuik
	V. Chrapko
	M. Stefaniuk
	N. Dushenski

* denotes Chairman
** denotes Reeve

SECRETARY-TREASURERS

1909-10	G.L. Smith
1911-40	Maxim Tomyn
1941-43	John Tomyn
1944-72	S.P. Mulka
1972-73	Dave Hassen
1973-74	S.P. Mulka
1974-77	P. Marcichiw
1977	G. Popowich

Two Hills pioneers building road, 1904. On the grader, (L to R) - Levi Brown, unknown, Geo. Brown. Holding reins - Charles W. Speers.

M.D. of Eagle No. 81, Annual Meeting, 1958. (L to R) - J. Youzwyshyn (chairman), J.A. Tkachuk (delivering Reeve's report), S.P. Mulka (Sec-treas.).

Adams No. 412 Motorgrader, 1941. Purchased by M.D. of Ukraina No. 513, for $8000. (L to R) - S.P. Mulka with sons Reg and Orest, and Peter Plishka (grader operator).

TAX STATEMENTS

	Assessed Value for each Tax	Mill Rate	CURRENT TAXES	Uncollected at Dec. 31st, 1927	Penaities	TOTAL DUE	Collections	Cancelled	Uncolected Dec. 31, 1928	Amount collected but not paid by Municipal Dist. Dec. 31st, 1927	Payments to Prov. Gov't. Hospital Bd. Hail Board	Amt. Collected by Mun. Dist. but not paid Dec. 31, 1928
Municipal Tax	1,658,430 00	15	24,893.23	8,227.05	744.69	33,364.97	23,343.15	229.14	10,292.68			
Supplementary Revenue	1,563,820.00	2	3,128.93	1,260.41	162.93	4,552.27	2,173 36	55.99	2,317.92	4.84	2,177.42	5.78
Educational on Leased Land			3.60	119 34	12.16	135.10	3.60		131.50		3.60	
Wild Lands	269,840.00	10	2,698.40	3,117.65	278.63	6,094.68	2,463 21	478.64	3,152.83		2,406.58	56.63
Gov't Tax Totals			5,830.93	4,497.40	453.72	10,782.05	4,645.17	534.63	5,602.25	4.84	4,587.60	62.41

Remuneration of Councillors for Supervision of Road Work

Indemnity Council Meetings and Mileage

Divisions	Name of Councillor	Days Engaged	Rate per Day	Amount Due	Miles Travelled	Rate per Mile	Amount Due	Balance due from Previous Year	Total Due	Amount Paid During Year	Balance Owing at Dec. 31, 1928	Meetings No.	Meetings Rate	Meetings Amt.	Mileage No.	Mileage Rate	Mileage Amt.	Total Due	Amount Paid During Year	Balance Owing at Dec. 31, 1928
Div. 1	Wm. Koshuta	12	4.00	48.00	219	10c	21.90		69.90	69.90		10	4.00	40.00	285	10c	28.50	68.50	68.50	
Div. 2	Mike Lyzanchuk	10	4.00	40.00	176	5c	8.80	.70	49.50	48.80	70	6	4.00	24.00	124	10c	12.40	36.40	36.40	
Div. 3	Wm. Bileski	15	4.00	60.00	240	10c	24.00		84.00	84.00		10	5 00	50.00	212	10c	21.20	71.20	71.20	
Div. 4	Wm. Muryn	14	4.00	56.00	194	10c	19.40		75.40	75.40		11	4.00	44.00	283	10c	28.30	72.30	72.30	
Div. 5	Mike Pawlichuk	12	4.00	48.00	233	10c	23.30		71.30	70.30	1.00	11	4.00	44.00	256	10c	25.60	69.60	69.60	
Div. 6	Ella Tkachuk	11½	4.00	46.00	211	10c	21.10		67.10	67.10		5	4.00	20.00	134	10c	13.40	33.40	26.60	6.80
	Total			298.00			118.50	.70	417.20	415.50	1.70			222.00			129.40	351.40	344.60	6.80

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Location of Expenditure	Amt. Allocated under Sec. 65, M. D. Act Including Gov't. Grant	LABOR	Machinery and Repairs	Material	Total Expended
Division 1	3,811.00	3,408.40	176.92	225.68	3,811.00
Division 2	2,851.14	2,575.86	79.22	196.06	2,851.14
Division 3	4,012.77	3,878.91	79.47	54.39	4,012.77
Division 4	4,162.43	3,811.23	117.82	233.38	4,162.43
Division 5	2,564.98	2,316.22	180.01	68.75	2,564.98
Division 6	2,533.25	2,172.31	181.94	179.00	2,533.25
Total	19,935.57	18,162.93	815.38	957.26	19,935.57

Number of unsubdivided parcels under taxation..... 1226
Number of unsubdivided parcels exempt from taxation..... 26
Number of subdivided parcels under taxation..... 64

Total number of parcels in Municipal District..... 1316

MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT

Location	Ditchers	Shovels	Fresnos	Wheel Scrapers	Slush Scrapers	Ploughs	Pinch Bars	Total Estimated Value
Division 1		2	5	4	4	2	2	400.00
Division 2	1	2	4		6	2	2	350.00
Division 3	1	1	4		8	2	1	350.00
Division 4		1	4		6	2	2	350.00
Division 5	1	1	4		8	2	2	350.00
Division 6		1	4		5	2	2	350.00
Two Graders owned by District								1,400.00
Safe, Desk and Filing Cabinet								100.00
Total								3,550.00

No. of Resident Farmers in District, 650.

Estimated Population of District, 3,500.

I hereby certify to the Correctness of this Statement.

Dated at Vegreville, Alta. his 29th day of Jan'y 1929.

(Sgd) PETER SVARICH, Auditor.

Address: Vegreville, Alta., P. O. Box 40.

Part of 1928 Financial Statement - M.D. of Sobor No. 514

Receipt for Road Work No.

Municipal District of Sobor, No. 514

1929 Jack Torlei's ..... Taxes on $

Work on the road

July 1 - 2 teams & 2 men 10 hours $ 12.00

" 2 - 2 " & 1 man 10 " $ 7.00

" 3 2 " & 1 " 10 " $ 7.00

$

$ $

Balance to pay $

.....Foreman.

Municipal Convention Delegates, 1966. Standing, (L to R) - J.A. Tkachuk, L. Hutzkal, A. Boida; seated, - P. Mudryk, S.P. Mulka, M. Logozar.

Folio.....

Oct 15th 1909

M Local Improvement District
37. H. 4.

In Acct: with Fred Shoff

Terms.....

June 20	26	6 Columbus Scrapers @ 10 ea	60.00
" 24	6	2 Moline Brush Breakers @ 30 each	60.00
Oct 16	"	5# 6" spikes	25
		Total	$120.25

Ordered paid
M. Tomyn

Paid Check No. 224

Rec'd Payment in full
Fred Shoff

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
ALBERTA

REFER TO FILE D-514.

Edmonton, November 8th, 1917.

WM.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that an Order has been made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, attaching the name "Sobor" to your District, so that in future your District shall be known as the Local Improvement District of Sobor, No. 514.

Your obedient servant,

Jno Pirrie
DEPUTY MINISTER

M. Tomyn, Esq.,
S/Treas. L.I.D. Sobor, No. 514,
PLAIN LAKE.
ALTA.

M.D. of Sobor No. 514, ratepayers building road with 4-horse fresnoes, circa 1928

Pull-type elevating grader acquired from M.D. of Eagle No. 545, in 1944

Mike Marianych operating pull-type grader, circa 1946

M.D. of Eagle No. 81, constructing a road with Cats and Scrapers, 1958

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
ALBERTA

REFER TO FILE
514-

Edmonton, January, 31st, 1913.

121.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., I beg to say that the Council of District 514 are hereby authorized to pay at the rate of $3.00 per day of ten hours for laborers and $5.00 per day of ten hours for man and team, if they find it necessary to do so.

Township 55, Ranges 11 and 12, were in old Local Improvement District 28-H-4. The Secretary-Treasurer of this District was Eugene Ouellet, Brosseau.

Townships 53 and 54 in Range 10, were in old Local Improvement District 27-E-4. The Secretary-Treasurer of this District was W. Romanink, Myrnam.

J.P.

Your obedient servant,
Geo. Perris
DEPUTY MINISTER.

M. Tomyn, Esq.,
S/Treas. L. I. D. 514.
PLAIN LAKE.
ALTA.

M.D. of Eagle Council at regular meeting, 1959. (L to R) - J. Dudar, M. Shewchuk, J. Tkachuk, S.P. Mulka, P. Mudryk, G. Harasym.

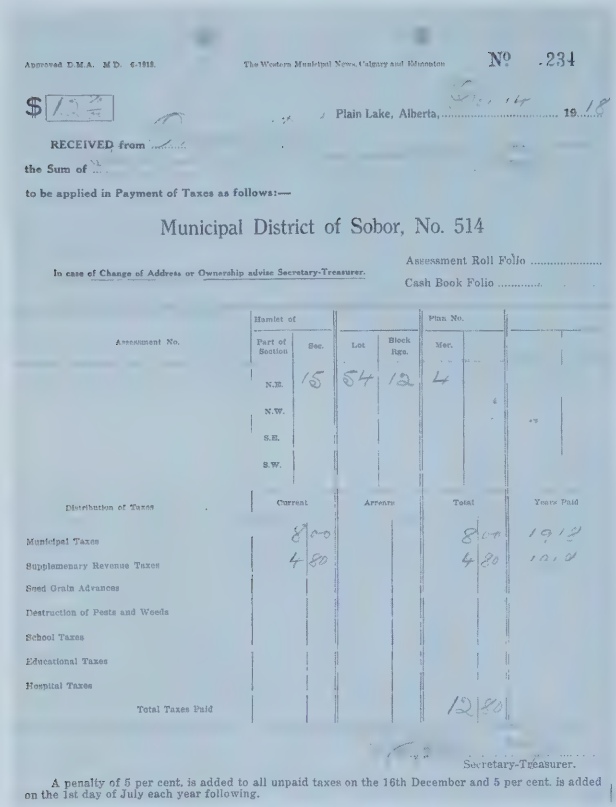
Installation of two culverts in new grade, 1984. Councillor Victor Romaniuk inspecting.

Backhoe excavation of ditch for culvert, circa 1965. (L to R) - Alex Saskiw, John Bohaychuk, Nick Hawreliak (operator)

Installing 44'' arch culvert, 1957. Note the bracing.

Part of crew to start construction of road, 1957. (L to R) - W.S. Eliuk (foreman), J. Dmytrash (helper), Wesley Ahlstrom (dozer operator).

Farmers snowplowing with tractors, 1950



Approved D.M.A. M.D. 6-1918. The Western Municipal News, Calgary and Edmonton. Nº .234

$ 12.5 Plain Lake, Alberta, 19 12

RECEIVED from

the Sum of

to be applied in Payment of Taxes as follows:—

Municipal District of Sobor, No. 514

In case of Change of Address or Ownership advise Secretary-Treasurer.

Assessment Roll Folio

Cash Book Folio

Assessment No.	Hamlet of				Plan No.	
	Part of Section	Sec.	Lot	Block Rge.	Mer.	
	N.E.	15	54	12	4	
	N.W.					
	S.E.					
	S.W.					

Distribution of Taxes	Current	Arrears	Total	Years Paid
Municipal Taxes	8 00		8 00	1912
Supplementary Revenue Taxes	4 80		4 80	1912
Seed Grain Advances				
Destruction of Pests and Weeds				
School Taxes				
Educational Taxes				
Hospital Taxes				
Total Taxes Paid			12 80	

Secretary-Treasurer.

A penalty of 5 per cent. is added to all unpaid taxes on the 16th December and 5 per cent. is added on the 1st day of July each year following.

M & B Contractors Ltd. working for County, 1967. Building road and installing 12' culvert.

County of Two Hills roadside Weed Sprayer, circa 1966

Ferguson Supply Co. demonstrates to County TS14 Euclid Scraper with plow, 1967. (L to R) - B. Pilip (County foreman), and Company operator and demonstrator. In cab Jim Gueutal.

M.D. of Eagle No. 81, Machinery Shop, 1962. With addition now owned by County of Two Hills.

County Council at ratepayers' annual meeting, 1967. (L to R) - P.M. Shavchook, G. Pundick, J.A. Tkachuk, S.P. Mulka, J. Dudar (presenting reeve's report), P. Mudryk, L. Hutzkal, M. Mehalcheon, M. Mudryk, M. Logozar.

TWO HILLS MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL

by Steve Serna

On February 12, 1944, a public meeting was called by the Two Hills Board of Trade to discuss the need for a hospital in the Village. It was agreed to form a Municipal Hospital District for the purpose of constructing a 25 bed hospital at this meeting.

A temporary hospital committee, including Peter Tymchuk as chairman and Mike R. Dowhaniuk as secretary, was struck. Members appointed to the hospital committee to draft the boundaries of the proposed district and to submit them to the Department of Public Health for approval, included Peter Tymchuk of Two Hills, Tom Melnychuk of Foisy, John Stoski of Plain Lake, W.A. Yusep of Ispas and William Elkow of Musidora. A Ministerial Order establishing the Two Hills Municipal Hospital District No. 42 (embodying the Village of Two Hills and surrounding rural areas involving a population of approxiamentely 4000), was approved on June 12, 1944.

The first provisional board meeting of the Two Hills Municipal Hospital was held August 11, 1944. Members present at this session were Peter Tymchuk, George Kordowski, Dick M. Geleta, W.A. Yusep and Fred Rusnak. On January 27, 1945, a plebiscite conducted in the district indicated that ratepayers approved of the hospital project by an 82% majority. On March 29, 1945, a first meeting of the five board members was held to appoint an architect to proceed with the hospital plans. Three acres of land were purchased from Nick Dowhaniuk for the sum of $1000. at this time.

In January, 1947, the Two Hills Municipal Hospital which was completed by contractor William Boyko, was opened to the public. The first doctor serving in the hospital was Dr. N. Winnitoy.

Two Hills Municipal Hospital built in 1947.

It became necessary to extend the hospital by 12 patient beds in 1956. In 1966, another section was added to facilitate better services, namely: medical records, administration offices, X-ray rooms, patient sitting-room, extended laundry room, auxiliary light plant and a passenger elevator.

Between 1944 and 1970 the following served as Board members: George Kordowski, William Elkow, Tom Melnychuk, Peter Tymchuk, Dick M. Geleta, Nick Logozar, W.A. Yusep, Fred Rusnak, Marshall Draganiuk, George Pundick, Peter Cymbaliuk, John Stoski, Alex Miskiw, Mac Paulichuk, William Hutzkal, Nick Babiuk, Henry Shukalak, Emil Golonowski, and K. Strychaluk.

Board members from 1971 to 1983 included: Dick M. Geleta, Emil Golonowski, (Victor Romaniuk replacement), Ed Cymbaliuk, Tom Doschewnyk (George Darda replacement), George Pundick, John Dudar, Dan Ursuliak, (Peter Orlecki replacement), John Bober, Steve Serna, John Wiwad, Nick Olinyk, Peter Jablonski, and Leonard Fedoruk. Present board members include Peter Orlecki, Orest Stelmaschuk, Steve Serna, John Wiwad, and Metro Eliuk.

Hospital Administrators over the years included S. Petaski, first secretary of hospital; P. Tymchuk, second secretary; D. McFee, Mrs. R. Boida, L. Marian, B. Dainard (interim administrator), G. Schmidt, W. Saranchuk (interim administrator), and Henry Haag (October, 1984).

Directors of Nursing: Kozak (1947), Nobert (1947), Alberta (Dow), English (1947-1950), Mary MacDonald (1950-1967), Brenda Dronyk (1967-1979), Vicki Topolinski (1979-1981), and Gale Tricker (1981-1984) are recorded in hospital administration records.

Dr. N. Winnitoy (1947-1949) was the first doctor to serve in the Two Hills Hospital. Other practitioners included Dr. P. Kaye (1951-1961); Dr. M.E. Chonko (1949-1986); Dr. Kushniruk (1958-1959); Dr. Derbawka (1961); Dr. Maryniak (1968); Dr. D. Retinberg (1973-1974); Dr. H. Retinberg (1974); Dr. O'Connell (1975); Dr. Amin (1975); Dr. R. Young (1976); Dr. K. McNeilly (1976-1978);Dr. N.E. Streight (1980-1981); Dr. T. Kolotyluk (1978-1986); and Dr. N. Sheshko (1981-1985).

Dr. M.E. Chonko, veteran medical practitioner, 1985

Of the 15 medical practitioners who served the Two Hills community the name of Dr. M.E. Chonko deserves special recognition. Undaunted service, and dedication has been the good fortune of the Two Hills Municipal Hospital, and the residents it serves, with the presence of Dr. Michael Ernest Chonko whose valued services to the district now span over 35 years.

Dr. Michael Ernest Chonko joined Dr. N. Winnitoy in

the practice of medicine at Two Hills on September 1, 1949. Three months later Dr. Winnitoy left for Toronto and Dr. Chonko began a 24-hour medical coverage vigil for 365 days a year. For the first 25 years, in addition to looking after his patients, Dr. Chonko assumed a wide variety of medical activities. He also undertook laboratory work and developed and read X-rays (gratis) because on-call lab and X-ray staff services was too costly. His car provided ambulance service, especially after house calls which were very numerous.

Effective liaison and good reciprocal medical relationships were set up by Dr. Chonko with neighboring medical practitioners such as Dr. Cholod of Myrnam. Dr. Chonko, and later his associates, always tried to make time for input and consultations with the hospital administration, nursing staff and the hospital board. These efforts led to the growth of the hospital in general. In time, this growth led to the construction of the last wing, the administration area, and the outpatient department service area. His efforts helped to hasten the accreditation of the Two Hills Municipal Hospital. From 1958 to 1960, Dr. Chonko took post-graduate studies at the University of Alberta and Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton.

Over the past 35 years, Dr. Chonko's patience and dedication to his medical practice were constant factors in bringing about good continuous medical services to the Two Hills Hospital District. He attended seminars regularly in order to update and upgrade his treatment methods and drug therapy. This along with his post-graduate training will ensure appreciative residents of the district with the medical expertise required for the new and modern Two Hills Health Care Unit.

At the March 1967 Hospital board meeting, discussion took place regarding the need for a nursing home. This need was realized in 1970, when the 30-bed Eagle-view Nursing Home was built.

The year 1972 marked the 25th anniversary of the Two Hills Municipal Hospital. Sod-turning ceremonies for a new health care facility took place in April, 1984, and this modern 110-bed hospital opened officially in 1986.

Two Hills Health Care Centre (82,000 sq. ft. facility, cost 11.5 million dollars), completed 1986. Houses: 20 Auxiliary beds, 40 Nursing Home beds and 50 Active Care beds.

AIRPORT 1956-1984

by Andy Gorgichuk

Perhaps it first started with a fellow by the name of George Kelbauch who flew his yellow and white Tiger Moth to a Two Hills picnic on St. Peter's Day, July 12, 1930. Using Dick Fife's meadow to land and take off, the pilot's charge was one cent a pound for a short flight. Perhaps this was most memorable to those who actually could afford the flight. Lack of money and not courage prevented others from experiencing their first airplane ride.

Other barnstorming aviators flew their small crafts in the Two Hills area as well. In 1960, Albert Boychuk flew his Cessna 175 and landed on property owned by Andrew Gorgichuk. The runway located on SE 35-54-13-W4th was really an east-west equipment road, 2,000 feet long and about 75 feet wide. It served the community for several years. Spray planes and police Otter aircraft landed here several times in search of a mail truck robber. On other occasions government planes flying MLAs and MPs, to the area, landed on the airstrip. Air Cadets were often given rides here as well. Often airplanes and helicopters used the strip as an alternate when weather conditions prevented the use of other airports. Fly-in

Locals enjoying their breakfast at the Two Hills Fly-In, 1977

This Jodell "home built" registered at the May 9/77 Fly-In Breakfast. Built by one time resident of Two Hills, Bob Maxwell.

Breakfasts were also held here, and the buzzing about of Paul Soldan's and Roger Baker's planes could be heard.

Today, Andy Gorgichuk uses the airstrip privately, but it serves as a cross-wind alternate, as well for other flyers.

Paul Soldan, Roger Baker, John Bidulock, and Claus and Andy Gorgichuk organized the first Flying Club. Soldan was elected president, with Roger Baker as secretary, and the other charter members as directors. A Fly-in Breakfast date set for May 7, 1969, was a resounding success with some 30 planes flying in for the occasion. Local air cadets assisted in directing traffic at the time.

A short time later, Flying Club members purchased a permanent 20-acre half mile strip adjacent to the existing airstrip from Pete Kutash for $4,000. Each of the original members - Paul Soldan, Roger Baker, Dick Geleta, Andy and Claus Gorgichuk donated $100.; the balance was financed through a bank loan.

County equipment was used to fill in a slough and Councillors Walter Verenka and Bob Bachelet responded by allotting some of their equipment time for the project. Sodding and later trimming of the grass on the airstrip was undertaken by Claus Gorgichuk as his contribution to the upkeeping of the facility.

The next Fly-in Breakfast was held in a small hangar built by Ed Heberling, a new member of the Flying Club. Again, the ladies of Flying Club members catered with some members of the Lions' Club assisting and the Air Cadets directing traffic. Because of perfect weather, the Fly-in was a complete success, with 42 aircraft participating.

The airport was introduced into the flight supplement by the FAA and by 1975, three private aircraft were tied down. The pilots of the area were Andy and Claus Gorgichuk, Paul Soldan, Roger Baker, John Bidulock, Ed Heberling and Peter Sperling. At this time the airport was used by private and executive aircraft that could land on a grass strip 2,400 feet long. Air Cadets and their glider planes also used the strip and the airport was ideal for parachute jumping and sky diving, a new and popular sport.

As the enthusiasm for flight took root, it was decided by the Flying Club executive that the D.O.T. be approached for a grant to pave a narrow strip.

Financial support was denied unless the airstrip

Enjoying a hearty breakfast, 1978. (L to R) - Nestor Hryciw, Bill Taschuk, Paul Soldan, unknown, Jean Andriowski, unknown.

Edmonton Sky Diving Club use the Two Hills strip on occasion, Oct. 1977

Two Hills Spit Fire Squadron No. 782, Nov. 11/76

Andy firing up a 1939 vintage J3 piper

became a licenced municipal entity and conformed to all regulations.

Next, the executive members contacted the County and the Town of Two Hills to determine if the two municipalities would form a Commission together with some members of the Flying Club. Their efforts were successful and the Flying Club turned the airport over to the two municipalities.

An airport commission with Andy Gorgichuk, Paul Soldan, Ed Heberling, Walter Verenka, Bob Bachelet, Steve Shybunka and Pete Orlecki together with M.O.T. official Brownridge was established.

After investigating several sites, the Commission selected the Kutash site, with the Flying Club's airport used in the bargaining.

Transport Ministry engineers drafted plans for the new airport and lighting system at a cost of over half a million dollars. The Commission then contracted the building of the airport to Con-Mac who sublet to Bil Mac Construction. Completion date was October, 1979.

Today the airport is kept open in the winter to the enjoyment of all, thanks to the efforts of those who worked so hard to make it a reality.

Birds Eye-View of an air strip

THE HUTTERIAN BRETHREN OF PLAIN LAKE

by Teresa Thompson as related by Reverend John Hoffer

The Hutterites' system of colony life dates back to the time of Jesus Christ, in Jerusalem, Isreal. Being dissatisfied with the lifestyle of the Jews, a group banded together to live as one community. A new way of life was started where personal possessions were no longer needed and everyone worked together for the common goal of the community.

Due to general oppression against the colony, the community diminished until the emergence of Jacob Hutter, in the 1500s. His life-long dedication to the importance of communal life gave the Hutterites a strong religious foundation which is carried on within the many communities today.

With a strong belief of the Almighty Lord Jesus Christ, and much hard work, the Hutterite community continued to prosper and expand to the following regions: Moravia 1530-1622, Slovakia 1545-1762, Transylvania 1621-1767, Walachia 1767-1770, Ukraine 1770-1874.

In 1874, immigration to the United States began with colonies settling in South and North Dakota. Following World War I, the Hutterites fell victim to prejudice and mistreatment in the United States, forcing the community to relocate in Canada.

Hutterites immigrated to Canada in 1918, choosing to settle in Manitoba, and Lethbridge, Alberta, as well as other areas in the province.

Whenever a colony's population reaches 120-140, the colony, by vote, splits and half of the members form a new community. However, everyone from the old community works together to help in the construction and formation of the new colony.

Members of the existing Plain Lake colony originated from the Scotsford Colony (five miles from Fort Saskatchewan) which had reached its peak of 140 members. In 1970, 68 members from the Scotsford Colony moved in and formed the Hutterian Brethren of Plain Lake. The present Hutterian Brethren of Plain Lake began purchasing land from area farmers in 1968, and four long houses 100 x 32 feet (which are divided into quarters), a church, communal kitchen, shops, barns for livestock, and an abattoir were constructed.

The people of the Plain Lake colony are almost entirely self-sufficient. They raise their own livestock, grow their own food, make their clothing, and have their own church and school (which is rented from the County of Two Hills) within the colony.

The colony is based on an hierarchical system of which the minister, has the supreme authority, followed by the "boss" who keeps all records and accounts. Together, the Reverend and the boss are in charge of all of the business transactions of the community. There is also a council of six "elders" who help make decisions as well as the field boss who is in charge of all the field work and field workers (unmarried males).

The Hutterites' deep religious convictions make it possible for the community to live together in relative harmony. On the occasion of a "disturbance", the case is presented to council, whose chairman is the Reverend. The council reviews the case and decides on the form of punishment. If someone has been found drunk, or is caught smoking, the punishment for their first offence is to stand during Sunday School. If the offender commits a second offence, he must stand during the Sunday church service, which brings much shame.

Radio, television, musical instruments, cameras and magazines are not allowed within the community. However, the occasional newspaper (not the Edmonton Sun) and the "Western Producer" are shared. The community has one telephone which is used only when necessary.

When a young couple decides to marry, the wedding celebrations last for days. The festivities are held first in the bride's home for a few days, then at the home of the groom. The entire community enjoys the occasion, and no one has to work on the Saturday before the wedding

ceremony. The church service is held on a Sunday and following the ceremony everyone gathers together for songs and festivities. The husband must now wear a beard, to signify his marital status.

The homes in the colony are designed to accommodate more than one family. In each there are four sitting rooms, eight bedrooms, one kitchen and four separate entrances. Families share the same house and the children continue to live with their parents after marriage. As the young family grows, members are allowed more rooms.

All meals are prepared by kitchen workers. The Hutterites basically eat the same foods as most Canadians, although there are a few older recipes that are served on occasion. All meals are nutritious and prepared in large quantities.

Young children eat in the kindergarten room; six to fifteen years old eat together; and the men and women eat separately. The ministers and elders eat by themselves in their homes. This tradition stems back to the days of hardships when there wasn't much food. On Sundays, the ministers were given special foods and, in an attempt not to offend the others, the ministers ate their meals in solitude.

When children are born on the colony they stay at home with their parents until they are three years of age. They are then sent to Kindergarten until the age of six, where they learn hymns, play and learn to cooperate with one another. The children have breakfast and their noon meals as well as their naps together. At the end of the work day, the children return home to their parents.

Children attend school on the colony where they are taught by two German teachers. Before 9:00 a.m. sing-songs and prayers are conducted in the German language. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the children are taught the basic subjects: reading, writing, grammar, and mathematics, in the English language.

Schooling is compulsory up to Grade VIII. If the student wishes to continue his education, he may do so by means of correspondence. The school is presently expanding with a new addition which is needed to accommodate the growing community.

Upon completion of school, the young adults are put to work, as is everyone else. There is no unemployment on the colony. When there is a big job to do, everyone pitches in until the project is completed. The elderly perform the less demanding tasks.

Hutterite women are in charge of supervising the kindergarten, laundry, sewing work, cooking and baking. It is a common occurrence for the women to bake 100 loaves at a time, as well as cooking 30 to 40 ducks for dinner.

The large communal kitchen is equipped with a walk in cooler, freezer, large ovens, and huge soup pots, making the large task of preparing meals for the community of 95 people a little easier to perform.

All the married men have important jobs as heads of their individual departments. They are assigned to oversee the care of chickens, ducks, geese, cows, and pigs, as well as the supervision of the mechanical, blacksmithing (welding), tinsmithing, shoe and carpenter shops.

Young men are the field workers, and must learn to service a tractor before going out into the fields. They are also responsible for the upkeep of the colony's livestock.

During winter months, the unmarried men are divided and sent to learn the trades that are taught in the different shops. If a young man is found to have an aptitude in a particular trade, he will work in that shop when he is older. However, all young men are required to try their hand at every trade that is performed in the colony. The shops make the colony's furniture, cooking utensils, shoes, some equipment as well as many other useful items.

A select few are trained to become ministers, a very respected station in life on the colony. While a minister is in "training" he will transcribe the scriptures found in their Reverends' books, into a set for himself. Ancient transcripts have been passed down from Reverend to Reverend for many centuries. These valuable texts have never been published, yet they remain with the Reverends today, due to this painstaking process which is so highly respected and honoured.

Services are held regularily on the colony and respect for the Lord is of utmost importance. Everyone attends services and there is also Sunday School for the children.

The Hutterian Brethren of Plain Lake began with 5,000 acres of land and have expanded to approximately 7,500 acres of mixed farming land. Today the colony has 5,000 laying birds, 130 brood sows, 50 dairy cattle, 200 range cattle and 20 bee hives. Farm products are used to sustain the colony and are also distributed within the area at farmers' markets and retail grocery stores. The colony's fine produce is always a sought after commodity.

Large storage sheds, granaries, dryers, feeding barns, dairies, and modern large-scale agricultural equipment rival those of the largest farmers in the area.

The well organized team-work and dedication of the Hutterian Brethren of Plain Lake make their colony a growing and prosperous venture which has become an integral part of the Two Hills community.

Pobeda School, 1964 - presently on Plain Lake Hutterian Brethern farm

Post Offices 1894-1981

Of the 42 post offices which once dotted the area, now included in the County of Two Hills, only eight are presently open for business. The remaining 34 have been closed by the post office department because of consolidation and in many instances because of declining rural population.

The first post office established in the general area of Two Hills was named Manahan, an Indian term meaning "a gathering place for eggs." Opened in 1894 this post office served a wide area until the years 1903 and 1904 when other postal depots were established in Desjarlais, Soda Lake, Pozerville, and Shandro.

Many of these postal depots, as in the case of Pozerville, operated in conjunction with general stores.

After the CNR passed through Vegreville in 1905, postal services improved somewhat in the Two Hills area. Much of the mail at this time was distributed from the Vegreville depot and conveyed to post offices to the north by such individuals as Henry Theroux, whose covered wagon conveyance brought the mail into the Hairy Hill, Two Hills and Duvernay districts. Much better mail service was evident in the Two Hills area after the CPR line was completed to Edmonton in 1928-29. As a result, many points on the rail line received daily mail service.

The map of post offices and their histories in this short chapter are the result of much research of retired Edmonton educator John Yusep whose parents were pioneers in the Ispas area.

Henry Pozer (1912), custodian of the Pozerville Post Office in 1904

Post Office on Soldan farm, circa 1911. (L to R) - Mrs. Fedorchuk, John, Michael, Steven, Anna and Mary Soldan.

COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21 - POST OFFICES 1894-1981

by John Yusep

ANGLE LAKE
Location--10-55-07-W4
Name--after a lake by the same name which has an angle in it.
Established--February 2, 1911
Closed--January 28, 1958
First Postmaster--A.J. Algot
From 2-2-1911 to 6-3-1919

BEAUVALLON
Location--14-54-10-W4
Name--French for "beautiful vale"--commands a beautiful view of the North Saskatchewan River Valley
Established--May 1, 1909

BEN'S LAKE
Location--18-54-13-W4
Name--after the name of a lake, Ben's Lake in the area
Established--November 1, 1908
Closed--March 31, 1910
First Postmaster--Henry Theroux
From 1-11-1908 to 27-12-1909

BOIAN
Location--18-56-14-W4
Name--after a village in Bukovina, Ukraine
Established--October 1, 1913
Closed--October 13, 1942
First Postmaster--George Cuchiurian
From 01-10-1913 to 08-08-1916

BROSSEAU
Location--35-55-12-W4
Name--After first postmaster, Edmund Brosseau
Established--December 1, 1904

First Postmaster--Edmond Brosseau
From 01-12-1904 to 1917

BUSHLAND
Location--14-53-11-W4
Name--description of locality
Established--February 15, 1911
Closed--September 3, 1921
First Postmaster--Herman Block
From 15-02-1911 to 09-12-1913

DERWENT--See Monkman and Peguis
Location--09-54-07-W4
Name--after Derwent Waters, England, named by CPR men
Name changed from--Monkman
Established--August 1, 1928

DESJARLAIS
Location--09-57-14-W4
Name--after first postmaster, Daniel Desjarlais
Established--December 1, 1903
Closed--October 1, 1958
First Postmaster--Daniel Desjarlais
From 01-12-1903 to 13-12-1905

DUVERNAY--See South Bend
Location--26-55-12-W4
Name--after Ludger Duvernay (1799-1852) an early pioneer
Name changed from--South Bend
Established--September 1, 1908
Closed--August 31, 1970
First Postmaster--F.X. Boileau
From 01-09-1908 to 12-12-1912

FRIBOURG
Location--18-55-09-W4
Name--Unknown

Established--September 15, 1911
Closed--May 7, 1932
First Postmaster--Marius Carrel
From 15-09-1911 to 11-09-1914

HAIRY HILL--See Soda Lake (1)
Location--23-55-14-W4
Name--so named as buffalo used to shed their hair on hill in the spring
Name changed from--Soda Lake (1)
Established--February 1, 1907

First Postmaster--James E. Cunningham
From 01-07-1906 to 11-12-1909

ISLAND LAKE (2)--see Kaleland
Location--18-55-13-W4
Name--after small lake (north of Kaleland) containing several small islands
Name changed to--Kaleland
Established--June 15, 1911
Closed--August 1, 1914
First Postmaster--Nicoli Trebysch
From 15-06-1911 to 1914

ISPAS
Location--35-56-13-W4
Name--after birthplace in Bukovina, Ukraine of first postmaster Nikolai Pawliuk
Established--October 15, 1911
Closed--August 1, 1970
First Postmaster--Nikolai Pawliuk
From 15-10-1911 to 14-11-1931

KALELAND--see Island Lake (2)
Location--11-55-13-W4
Name--probably named by Swedish settlers; Kalle's land
Name changed from--Island Lake (2)
Established--August 1, 1914
Closed--November 8, 1957
First Postmaster--Nikolas Ruptash
From 01-08-1914 to 23-03-1925

KIEW--(New Kiew)
Location--20-53-13-W4
Name--After Kiev, Ukraine

Name changed to--New Kiew
Established--November 1, 1930
Closed--January 20, 1954
First Postmaster--John Juskow
From 01-11-1930 to 20-01-1954

LANUKE
Location--20-54-12-W4
Name--after pioneer family

Established--January 1, 1908
Closed--March 31, 1928
First Postmaster--Mike Soldan
From 01-01-1908 to 31-03-1928

LUZAN
Location--06-56-15-W4
Name--suggested by S. Ewaniuk, first postmaster, after Luzan, Rumania
Established--May 1, 1913
Closed--January 20, 1939
First Postmaster--S. Ewaniuk
From 01-05-1913 to 02-02-1917

MANAWAN
Location--20-56-15-W4
Name--after lake by this name; Indian for "egg gathering place"
Established--June 1, 1894
Closed--December 2, 1898
First Postmaster--Miss L.M. Bibbee
From 01-06-1894 to 12-03-1896

MARY LAKE
Location--25-53-07-W4
Name--after lake by that name in the area
Established--July 1, 1912
Closed--July 31, 1932
First Postmaster--C. Hogaboam
From 01-07-1912 to 23-08-1916

MATTHEWS CROSSING
Location--24-54-07-W4
Name--after first postmaster, M.H. Matthews
Established--May 1, 1913
Closed--March 31, 1923
First Postmaster--M.H. Matthews
From 01-05-1913 to 21-05-1917

MONKMAN--see Pegius and Derwent
Location--10-54-07-W4
Name--after first postmaster, A.P.J. Monkman
Name changed from--Peqius
Name changed to--Derwent
Established--May 1, 1920
Closed--August 1, 1928
First Postmaster--A.J. Monkman
From 01-05-1920 to 01-03-1928

MORECAMBE
Location--18-54-10-W4
Name--after Morecambe Bay, Lancashire, England
Established--March 5, 1929
Closed--March 31, 1984
First Postmaster--Steve Wakaruk
From 05-03-29 to 24-08-35

MUSIDORA
Location--29-54-11-W4
Name--originally a village, named by Edvert Robarge mail carrier between Beauvallon and Duvernay
Established--May 1, 1909

First Postmaster--Z. Chomick
From 01-05-1909 to 23-12-1912

MYRNAM
Location--14-54-09-W4
Name--Ukrainian for "peace to us"
Established--August 1, 1908

First Postmaster--Paul Melnyk
From 01-08-1908 to 11-02-1914

NAUGHTON GLEN
Location--32-53-10-W4
Name--after English Countryside

Established--September 1, 1909
Closed--June 30, 1931
First Postmaster--Mrs. H. Brandon
From 01-09-1909 to 30-06-1931

NORMA--see Spring Creek
Location--31-54-14-W4
Name--after Mrs. Norma V. Richardson an early pioneer
Name changed from--Spring Creek
Established--May 9, 1950
Closed--August 31, 1966
First Postmaster--Metro Kost Makowichuk
From 17-04-1950 to 22-07-1966

PATHFINDER
Location--16-53-08-W4
Name--Descriptive term

Established--October 15, 1914
Closed--December 13, 1947
First Postmaster--John Koluk
From 15-10-1914 to 10-05-1917

PEGUIS--see Monkman and Derwent
Location--10-54-07-W4
Name--Probably of Indian origin

Name changed to--Monkman
Established--May 15, 1909
Closed--May 1, 1920
First Postmaster--A.P.J. Monkman
From 15-05-1909 to 24-02-1911

PLAIN LAKE
Location--16-53-12-W4
Name--after lake which is located between two plains
Established--June 15, 1910
Closed--November 5, 1958
First Postmaster--M.M. Tomyn
From 15-06-1910 to 16-11-1912

POZERVILLE
Location--28-54-13-W4
Name--after first postmaster, Harry Pozer
Established--January 27, 1904
Closed--July 31, 1909
First Postmaster--Harry Pozer
From 27-01-1904 to 21-08-1908

RUSYLVIA
Location--28-53-06-W4
Name--a combination of Latin words to represent "wooded country"
Established--February 15, 1912
Closed--October 30, 1968
First Postmaster--H.E. Mayhew
From 15-02-1912 to 31-10-1927

SHALKA
Location--24-56-14-W4
Name--after first postmaster, Matt Shalka
Established--September 1, 1911
Closed--January 30, 1970
First Postmaster--Matt Shalka
From 01-09-1911 to 03-07-1943

SHANDRO
Location--27-57-15-W4
Name--after first postmaster, Andrew Shandro
Established--January 1, 1905
Closed--October 31, 1953
First Postmaster--Andrew Shandro
From 01-01-1905 to 16-11-1912

SHEPENGE
Location--18-56-12-W4
Name--District in Ukraine

Established--November 1, 1911
Closed--March 13, 1953
First Postmaster--N. Ursuliak
From 01-11-1911 to 03-04-1920

SLAWA
Location--08-54-08-W4

Name--from Russian word, meaning "peace"
Established--March 1, 1912
Closed--May 16, 1960
First Postmaster--D. Solowan
From 01-04-1912 to 10-03-1913

SODA LAKE (1)--see Hairy Hill
Location--30-55-14-W4
Name--after a shallow lake with high soda content on which first post office located
Name changed to--Hairy Hill
Established--November 1, 1903
Closed--February 1, 1907
First Postmaster--A.M. Boutellier
From 01-11-1903 to 18-10-1905

SODA LAKE (2)
Location--
Name--after a shallow lake with a high soda content
Established--February 1, 1907
Closed--January 20, 1939
First Postmaster--John Ropchan
From 02-01-1907 to 22-11-1916

SOUTH BEND--see Duvernay
Location--26-55-13-W4
Name--after a bend in the North Saskatchewan River
Name changed to--Duvernay
Established--September 1, 1907
Closed--September 1, 1908
First Postmaster--Matthew Lambert
From 01-09-1907 to 03-07-1908

SPRING CREEK--see Norma
Location--31-54-14-W4
Name--Descriptive term

Name changed to--Norma
Established--December 1, 1926
Closed--May 9, 1950
First Postmaster--Thomas Hill
From 01-12-1926 to 01-08-1934

TWO HILLS
Location--32-54-12-W4
Name--after two hills which are located southwest of town
Established--March 1, 1914

First Postmistress--K. Graff

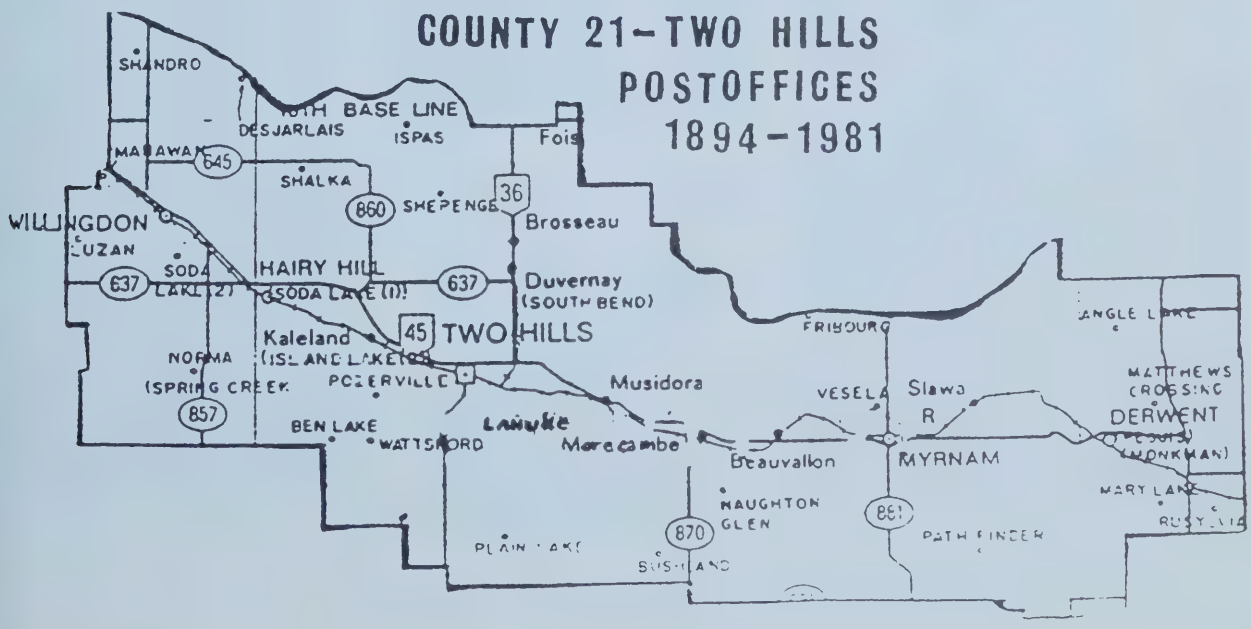
VESELA
Location--26-24-09-W4
Name--Ukrainian word for "happy"
Established--December 16, 1926
Closed--March 31, 1929
First Postmaster--Tom Bochon
From 16-12-1926 to 31-03-1929

WATTSFORD
Location--20-54-13-W4
Name--after Tom Watt, first area pioneer

Established--October 15, 1914
Closed--October 15, 1928
First Postmaster--Mrs. Christabel Taylor
From 15-10-1914 to 15-10-1928

WILLINGDON
Location--11-56-15-W4
Name--after village which was named after Governor-General of Canada
Lord Willingdon (1866-1941)
Established--May 1, 1928

First Postmaster--Andrew Stewart Downey
From 01-05-1928 to 28-11-1950



In A Lighter Vein

(As reported in early issues of the "Vegreville Observer")

THIRTY YEARS AGO - Jan. 26, 1927

Thirty years ago we remember when eggs were 5¢ a dozen, butter was 10¢ per pound, milk was 10¢ per gallon, the butcher gave away liver and greated the kids to bologna; the hired girl received $2 per week and did the washing. When women did not powder and paint in public, smoke, vote, play poker or shake the shimmie.

Men wore whiskers and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the widewalks and cussed. Beer was 5¢ a glass and lunch free. Laborers worked 10 hours and never went on a strike. No tips were given to waiters and the hat check graft was unknown. A kerosene hanging lamp and a stereoscope in the parlor were luxuries.

No one was ever operated on for appendicitis or bought glands. Microbes were unheard of; folks lived to a good old age and every year walked miles to wish their friends a Merry Christmas.

Today, you know, everybody rides in automobiles or flies, plays golf, shoots craps, plays on the piano with their feet, goes to the movies nightly, smokes cigarettes, drinks corn juices, blames the high costs of living on their neighbors, never goes to bed the same day they get up, and think they have a helluva time.

These are the days of suffragettes, profiteering, rent hogs, excess taxes and prohibition.

TOO MANY - Aug. 17, 1932

Too much oats and too much wheat,
Too much corn and too much heat.
Too much cotton and too much oil,
Too many hours, we don't toil.
Too many highways, too many cars,
Too many people behind the bars.
Too much poverty, too much wealth,
Too many people in ill health.
Too much politics, too much booze,
Too many wearing high-heeled shoes.
Too many loafing, too many bets,
Too many failing to pay their debts.
Too many living beyond their means,
Too many buying canned corn and beans.
Too many sowing their wild oats,
Too many candidates out for our cotes.
Too many hiring their washing done,
Too many playing bridge for fun.
Too many buying goods on time,
Too many people don't save a dime.
Too much ball, too much play,
Too many politicans on big pay.
Too many taxes, too much spent,
Too many folks spend every cent.
Too much reform, too much law,
It's the darndest mess you ever saw.

TRAGEDY IN A TWO HILLS HOUSEHOLD

A sad tragedy or series of tragedies overtook a Two Hills farmer last week leading him to end it all.

After striving all day to save the life of his very sick prize bull, it gave up the ghost and died.

Upon returning to the house, he found that the hired girl had eloped with a nearby railway section hand. But, to add more coals upon his fiery brow, he picked up a note written by his wife that she had run away with the hired man.

The farmer went to a cupboard, ready to forget it all with a shot. He grabbed a bottle of Hudson's Hay, O.F.B., and took a dandy.

(Adapted from Vegreville Observer, Dec. 15, 1943)

Local VIPs and Notable Visitors

Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent visits Two Hills, 1951. Front row, (L to R) - Mayor Dick Geleta, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent; back row - Town Councillors: S. Wilinski, M. Iftody, J. Decore, M.P.

Mr. Diefenbaker looking at aerial photograph of Chemcell Two Hills Plant with Mr. Hagerman, 1967

M.L.A. Michael Ponich, 1951. Mr. Ponich was the only M.L.A. to reside in the Village of Two Hills.

Pioneer settler of New Kiew district Damian Shyshlak, 1985. Mr. Shyshlak served in the Canadian armed forces during both world wars.

A record for longevity pioneer Steve Chmilar passed away in 1980 at age 104

Alex Palamaruk and wife Kate (Russnak), 1948. Mr. Palamaruk is the only resident of the original village who continues to live in Two Hills.

Homes

House built by Nikon Shandro, 1902. Note logs, plaster and thatch on the building now located at the Shandro Museum.

Mikola Kisilewicz's home, 1920

An early Pilip (Phillips) home, 1909

The English stone house built in 1914

Elia and Mary Marianych's home, circa 1922

The Dick Fife home, east view, 1941

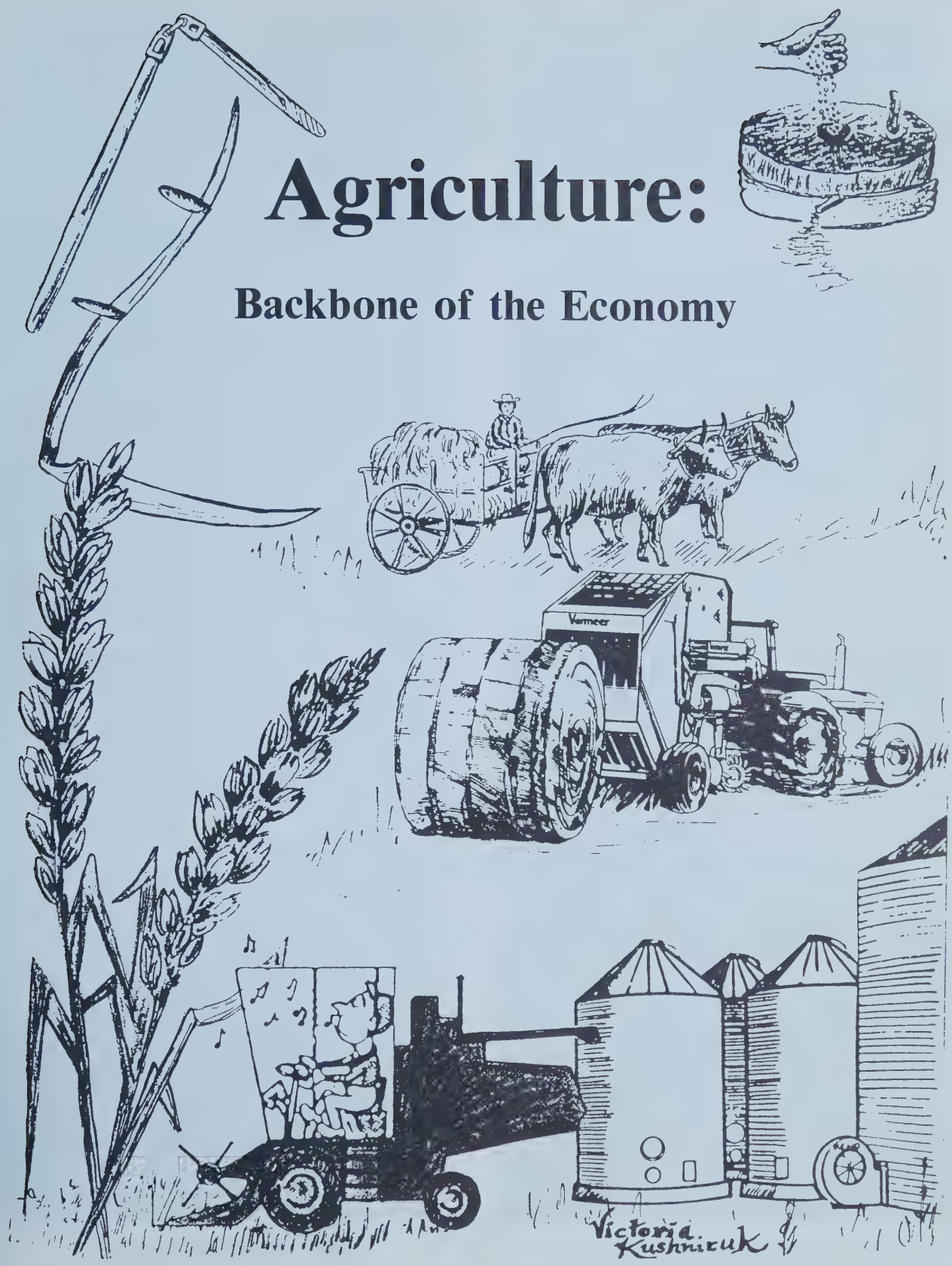
Teodor Woloshyn's original home, circa 1920

Wm. Fedyna's new farm home, 1930

Nick Dowhaniuk's former residence (now owned by Nick Hlewka) as it appears in 1986

Agriculture:

Backbone of the Economy



AID TO AGRICULTURE: THE ROLE OF HOME ECONOMIST AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURALISTS

by Edith Zawadiuk, Regional Home Economist

"Without the farmer there would be no government, or skyscrapers, or fine arts, or education, since he stands as the symbol of our dependence on the top few feet of the earth's crust."

H.S. Fry

We owe our heritage to the labors of the early pioneers who settled in the Two Hills area. These settlers represented many different ethnic groups. However, the predominant group were the Ukrainians. These people came expending their boundless energies with a great deal of devotion to developing the land - land which they acquired first as homesteads and later land they bought from the C.P.R., the Hudson Bay Company or school jurisdictions.

Our forefathers experienced all the trials and tribulations, the hardships, disappointments and failures that are usually associated with homesteading in the Canadian West. Despite all adversities they converted the forests and open prairies into fields of grain. Through their efforts they started producing food, developing a marketing system and an agricultural support system, thus giving this district a reason for existing.

Many difficulties beset the early settlers. There were new climatic conditions to adjust to, different soil conditions and different crop varieties. All these required an adjustment and the development of new farming practises. Marketing of farm produce void of a transportation system and limited finances created additional problems. During the winter months and sometimes during the summer, many a farmer, left his family to seek, employment in the coal mines, railroads, or the more developed farms of Southern Alberta or Southern Saskatchewan.

Early farmers in the Two Hills district experienced much difficulty in obtaining agricultural information. In the early 30s the Department of Agriculture came to their assistance by placing a District Agriculturalist at Willingdon. Farmers were assisted with seed grain and livestock selections, identification and eradication of noxious weeds, co-operative marketing associations, the establishment of girls' and boys' livestock and grain clubs, and many other agricultural related activities. Pioneer farmers were deeply appreciative of the sound agricultural advice that they received from the early agriculturalists William Pidruchney, Alex Chernetski, Fred Mygera and Joe Gurba.

As the agricultural industry in the district grew, and second and third generation farmers worked the land, the need for agricultural services increased. To respond to the educational needs of farmers an Agricultural Extension Office was established in Two Hills in 1956. The purpose of the Extension staff, is to keep the farmer and his family acquainted with up-to-date information in the farming business.

Over the years District Agriculturalists and District Home Economists have served the Two Hills District addressing themselves to the growth and well being of farm families.

District Agriculturalists assisting the farm community included Roman Fodchuk (1956-57); Alex Letts (1957-59); William Dent (1959-74); Wayne Jackson (1969-79); Ron Bazylo (1980-84); and Shane Dobson, the present incumbent.

District Home Economists who have assisted in improving farm life in the Two Hills district were Elizabeth Durie (1959-62); Marie (Owen) Shaw (1962-64); Janet (Hilton) Kolisniak (1964-66); Iva (Bradley) Braham (1966-73); Edith Zawadiuk (1973-76); Betty Grudnizki (1976-79); Maureen (Wright) Rice (1979-81); Debra (Sapiuk) Mudryk (1981-82); Lona Lieren (1982-83); and Holly Pidzarko who commenced service in 1984.

Sod broken.

Breaking prairie with six horses and 20-inch plow at W.P. Buk's, 1929

John and Marcin Petecki breaking prairie, 1929

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Bill Gordeyko works the land, circa 1935

Alex Miskiw and daughter Anne pose with four-horse discing team, 1934

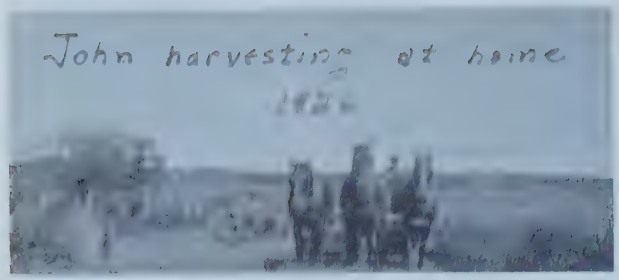
John G. Serna poses with three-horse seeding team, 1925

Adam Rosychuk family seeding, circa 1935

O. Arechuk poses proudly, circa 1934

Pioneer's trip to the woodland

Harvest Scenes



John F. Elko cutting grain using Deering binder, 1926

Thomas Soldan's threshing crew, circa 1935

Eight binders harvesting grain on Anton (Sr.) Shchurek's farm, circa 1936

Alex Mokrey's threshing outfit, circa 1935

George Nikiforuk stooks as Victor Eglinski operates binder, 1942

Posing with scoop in hand, circa 1929

Marcin Petecki threshing from stacks, winter of 1928

Modern harvest scene

Early and Modern

Haying on the Andrew Kolisniak farm, circa 1940

Cattle - a major industry on the Vermilion River in early years and today, Bar 3A Ranch - 1980

Stacking with a beaver-slide at Dick Fife's, circa 1928

Eli Pylypuik used his steamer for threshing and sawing lumber.

Martin Kisilevich hauling hay, 1940

First tractor purchased on the Ivan Mandrusiak homestead, 1931. The Oliver Hart-Parr dealer took horses as first payment.

Joachim Gorgichuk on modern hay conditioner, 1980

The Establishment of Western Chemicals Ltd. & Subsequent Ownerships - Duvernay, Alberta

by Henry S. Haag

Two Hills Chemical Company Ltd.

The formation of Western Chemicals Ltd. was the outgrowth of the establishment of salt operations at Lindbergh, Alberta, in 1946. The operations at Lindbergh were promoted by J.T. Donald & Co. Limited and backed by Alberta interests, notably the Anglo-Canadian Oil Company Limited, and Calgary & Edmonton Corporation Limited.

Following the successful development of the Alberta Salt Company, the possibility of caustic-chlorine production was considered. At that time, no caustic-chlorine production existed in Canada west of the Great Lakes. For various reasons, more particularly the discovery of the Leduc Oilfield, the Alberta Salt Company lost interest in the establishment of chlor-alkali production.

In 1952, the late Eric L. Harvie of Calgary became interested in the possible establishment of a chlor-alkali plant, and the initial market for caustic soda was provided by the requirements of the Canadian Chemical Company, whose plant at Edmonton was then coming into production. At the same time, new oil fields were creating a market for muriatic acid, which provided an outlet for the chlorine.

The assets of the Alberta Salt Company in the venture were acquired by the Eric L. Harvie interests and, after careful investigation and study, the decision was made to construct a plant, with a capacity of 10 tons per day on the North Saskatchewan River at Duvernay, north of Two Hills, Alberta. The availability of both natural gas and salt beds in the area, a good water supply, and the co-operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in building a spur line from Two Hills to the plant site provided the basic requirements for the project.

Dr. Eric L. Harvey, Chairman of the Board of Directors (1952-1964)

Initially, marketing of the chlorine presented problems but, with the development of pulp operations at Hinton, Alberta, and Dryden, Ontario, the plant rapidly expanded. The initial 10-ton plant was doubled to 20 tons per day by 1955 and the 20-ton plant expanded output to 40 tons per day by 1957. By 1959, a further expansion was announced in the "Financial Post" of April 18, 1959, which made the following observation:

> "Don't believe people who say there are no opportunities in heavy industry for new companies to start on a small scale. An example? Western Chemical Ltd. near Two Hills, Alberta. In its five years' life, it has shown iftself to be the fastest growing chemical plant in the country - possibly the fastest growing in North America."

At the outset, following the 1959 expansion, facilities for solid caustic soda were installed to serve the market in the West and, more particularly, for Eldorado Mining & Refining Ltd.

Subsequent to the announcement, plant expansion took place in 1960 and capacity was increased to a nominal 60 tons of chlorine and equivalent caustic soda per day. Also at this time, a new production area was introduced. A calcium chloride unit was erected as part of the expansion to utilize the excess chlorine in the manufacture of muriatic acid and which was in turn used for reaction with limestone for production of calcium chloride. A caustic soda purification process was also installed to produce salt-free caustic soda.

The more outstanding technical features of the plant were its self-contained nature, using natural gas from nearby gas fields for power generation and heat and salt brine from salt beds underlying the surrounding area. These features, together with an ample water supply from the North Saskatchewan River, provided the essential physical requirements.

The necessary financing was provided by the late Eric L. Harvie interests, and Dr. Harvie deserves great credit for his willingness to support the venture.

The President of Western Chemicals Ltd. from inception until October 31, 1962, was Dr. J.R. Donald.

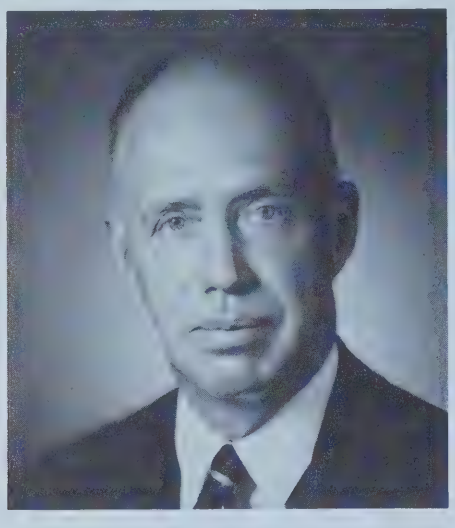
Engineering and construction of the plant was supervised by J.T. Donald & Co. Limited with G. Leighton Williams as chief engineer. The original General Manager of the plant was W.J. Loney. In 1957, H. Milton Martin became General Manager at the corporate level, and J.S. McQuade, Plant Manager. In 1962, Mr. Martin became Vice-President and Managing Director.

In 1964, Western Chemicals was acquired by Chemcell (1963) Limited of Edmonton, whose main purpose for acquisition was to aggressively expand the chlor-alkali industry and at the same time protect their huge requirements of caustic soda.

For the entire period of the promotion of the plant, its construction and subsequent operations, Eric L. Harvie was Chairman of the Board and remained so until the sale of the Company.

Mr. Harvie is remembered by many. In the early years, he was fond of visiting the Two Hills area, not only for business reasons but to take advantage of the excellent duck hunting in the area. Eric L. Harvie is fondly remembered by his former employees as well. At the very beginning, Mr. Harvie introduced a policy which provided a congratulatory certificate to the family, together with a $50. cheque to each child born into an

employee's household. He was respected by Canadians as a whole and more particularly by Western Canadians for his generosity and involvement with Western Canadian culture.



Dr. J.R. Donald, President, 1952-62

CHEMCELL (1963) LTD.

The sale of the Western Chemical Ltd. plant was effected June 5, 1964.

Chemcell was Canada's most diversified manufacturer of chemicals and textiles, operating plants in Alberta, Ontario and Quebec and employed some 7,000 people with the head office located in Montreal.

The Company was affiliated with Celanese Corporation, New York, which produced a broad line of petro-chemicals, fibres, plastics, paints and coatings, petroleum and forest products. With the addition of the Two Hills plant, their scope was broadened to incorporate the chlor-alkali technology which was rapidly expanding and in later years to become the major industry in the Alberta chemical field.

At this time, the Two Hills employees and residents, together with the new owners, displayed a new wave of optimism for growth and expansion in the future. The existing plant chlorine facilities were re-evaluated under a progressive engineering study and the 60-ton per day chlorine production was increased to 80 tons per day.

The sequence of events which followed and which led to a major plant shut-down in 1970, greatly resulted from the mood of the chemical industry which developed in the late 60s and extended well into the 70s. During this time, the chemical industry in Canada experienced a prolonged period in which growth became depressed or stagnant as a result of competition from other countries. Chemcell was particularly affected in the textile-chemical areas and as a result, their losses were reflected in the decline of their stocks.

The difficult times for Chemcell caused indecision and uncertainties as far as the chlor-alkali industry in Two Hill was concerned.

Plans had been underway for a major expansion to the Duvernay facilities but were necessarily delayed due to the downward trend of the Canadian Chemical Industry. In addition, Dow Chemical of Canada in the late 60s announced their intent to construct a chlor-alkali facility in the Fort Saskatchewan area. The new facilities erected by Dow Chemical of Canada far exceeded the Two Hills production capabilities, coupled with their proximity to the major users ultimately necessitated a shut-down of the chlorine manufacturing process at the Two Hills plant on January 8, 1970, reducing the work force from 130 people to 65. A further plant cut-back was initiated in 1971, reducing the work force to 40.

Chemcell continued to operate the utilities section, the chlorine packaging area, the calcium chloride area and the caustic-fusion-pan room areas under an arrangement with Dow Chemical to supply the raw materials for production.

During the following three years Chemcell expended large resources, both financial and human expertise, in an effort to find other alternatives for the Two Hills facilities. However, the Canadian chemical industry remained such that no viable industry was attracted for the site and in 1973, Chemcell (who had undergone a name change to Celanese Canada Ltd.) notified the Alberta Government of their intent to totally close the Two Hills chemical operation.

An old era was ending and a new Company was about to be born.

W.J. Loney, original General Manager of Western Chemicals, 1953-54

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHEMCELL (CELANESE) YEARS

- Acquisition, 1964
- 1964-66, increased chlorine production from 60 to 80 tons per day
- 1966, Chemcell committed an $18,000. interest-free loan to the Two Hills Lions, who spearheaded the construction of the Two Hills Centennial

Arena.
- 1966-67-68, Chemcell provided complete going-away wardrobes to the Lions Miss Northeastern Alberta candidates competing in the Miss Canada Pageant Competitions - Toronto. The event received national acclaim and each wardrobe was valued at approximately '$1,500. made from Chemcell Fabrics.
- 1967, Chemcell committed a $25,000. interest-free loan to the Town of Two Hills for the construction of the Centennial Hall.
- 1967, Chemcell provided use of their riverside property for the Two Hills and district Centennial Pageant Canoe races and celebrations.
- 1967, Two Hills Plant is awarded the Corporate Harold Blancke Safety Award for the best Safety Record in Canada.
-1967, Chemcell employees were awarded the National Safety Plaque and the W.C.B. Plaque for their outstanding safety performance.
-1968, Hosted a plant family day with Canada wide product exhibitions in the Two Hills Centennial Hall.
- 1973, Celanese honours 20-year employees.

CHEMCELL SCHOLARSHIPS

In order to encourage sons and daughters of employees to excel in high school curriculums, Chemcell funded and awarded scholarships annually to those students who earned a Grade XII Senior Matriculation Certificate with honours.

The recipient received a scholarship valued at $1,500./year for four years. In special cases where post-graduate studies were desired by the student and when recommended by the Advisory Board, the scholarship was extended.

Chemcell students in Two Hills were well represented and on a per capita basis were probably more often represented than any other Chemcell plant in Canada. The following honour students won the scholarship awards: Miss Beverley Panylyk - 1968, Miss Kelly Nicholson - 1969, Mr. Lawrence Martin - 1969, and the late John Oneschuk - 1970.

TWO HILLS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEASURES TEAM - 1971

The 1971 County of Two Hills Emergency Rescue Team financially assisted by Celanese Canada Ltd. and largely represented by their employees won the north-eastern sectional competitions, to win a berth to the Western Canada Finals in Calgary where regional winners from Western Canada were vying for top honours.

The team consisted of: M. Mudryk, County Co-ordinator; S. Sorochan, Team Captain & Reconnaissance Leader; Wm. J. Smith, Leader Rescue Squad; N. McLean, E.R. Pshyk, and O. Choban, assisting; R.A. Kupchanko, Leader - First Aid Squad; M.D. Pawliuk and H.S. Haag, assisting.

The team merited the Hon. L.C. Halmrast trophy for the best Reconnaissance and Rescue Techniques for Western Canada.

Two Hills County Emergency Measures Team, 1971. Back row, (L to R) - N. McLean, E. Pshyk, W. Smith, M. Mudryk, S. Sorochan, H. Haag, O. Choban; front row - R. Kupchanko and M.D. Pawliuk.

TWO HILLS CHEMICAL COMPANY LTD. JANUARY 1, 1974 TO JULY 1, 1980

Following the announcement by Celanese in 1973 of their intent to close the Two Hills operation, Alberta Premier P. Lougheed, who had committed his efforts to the industrialization of Alberta, instructed his cabinet minister to find a solution that would insure the continued operation of the Two Hills plant and one that would allow more time for active involvement to find alternate uses for the plant. The ultimate goal being to maintain an industry in Two Hills. Accordingly, a plan evolved which included Dow Chemical of Canada and the Provincial Government.

Effective January 1, 1974, Two Hills Chemical Company Ltd. was born. The owners, the Alberta Government (51%) and Dow Chemical of Canada Limited (49%), combined their efforts and agreed upon a temporary system to keep the plant operating until an alternate operation could be found.

During the years which were to follow, the Company with former Celanese plant manager, J.A. Brownlee actively sought and explored numerous new programs in an effort to put the plant back on a viable basis.

On March 17, 1980, the Company announced the sale of the plant to a firm "Western Truck Body Manufacturing Ltd." engaged in manufacturing specialized truck body units, mainly relating to Alberta's oil, power and telephone industries.

Thus, seemingly the end of the chemical era ended and a new steel manufacturing era for the plant site has been committed. History will record the future.

From 1953 to its closure as a chemical manufacturing plant on July 1, 1980, hourly employees functioned

within an organized labour unit with the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union, Local 9-664.

During the long management-union relationship, the parties worked hard to maintain a climate of respect for each other. Only once during the history of the plant was there a serious threat of a strike due to issues which seemed irresolvable. A labour stoppage in 1979 for ONE day records the entire strike history of the plant. Such a record supports the richness of a rural society, which has retained the high values of its people.

OTHER AREAS OF NOTEWORTHY INTEREST INCLUDING ECONOMIC VALUES

The Duvernay Chemical site, in its 26 1/2 years of operation, had bestowed upon the area vast economic benefits through the creation of employment opportunities, and infusion of chemical dollars into the private and business sectors determining to a large extent the prosperity of all citizens. Some relevant observations include the following:

- 26 1/2 years had injected more than $18,000,000. payroll dollars into the area plus several million more construction labour dollars.
- Citizens were offered the opportunity to obtain specialized training through apprenticeship privileges.
- Thousands of dollars, were injected into community projects and/or organizations.
- A substantial and favorable tax base was provided to County residents.
- Millions of dollars were injected into the private business sector as a result of budgetary routine spending.
- Employment opportunities, attracted and maintained young people with families - the richest contribution to any system.

The Duvernay-Two Hills Chemical operation will be remembered as an operation in an era of great importance and change.

The plant had a vast impact upon all residents and was greatly responsible for the growth and prosperity of the area. Its being, commencing in the early postwar years and continuing for over a quarter of a century gradually reshaped and moulded its people to life-styles so typical to Western Canadians, young, vibrant and eager to get on with the business of manufacturing.

In retrospect, over a quarter of a century seems minute in time, but the ravages and creations of time, in what has been, can be seen everywhere, and in everything and its being has now been given to the ages.

Thus are the pages of the past. As time ticks on, new creation and pages will unfold. What, how and where—only time will tell.

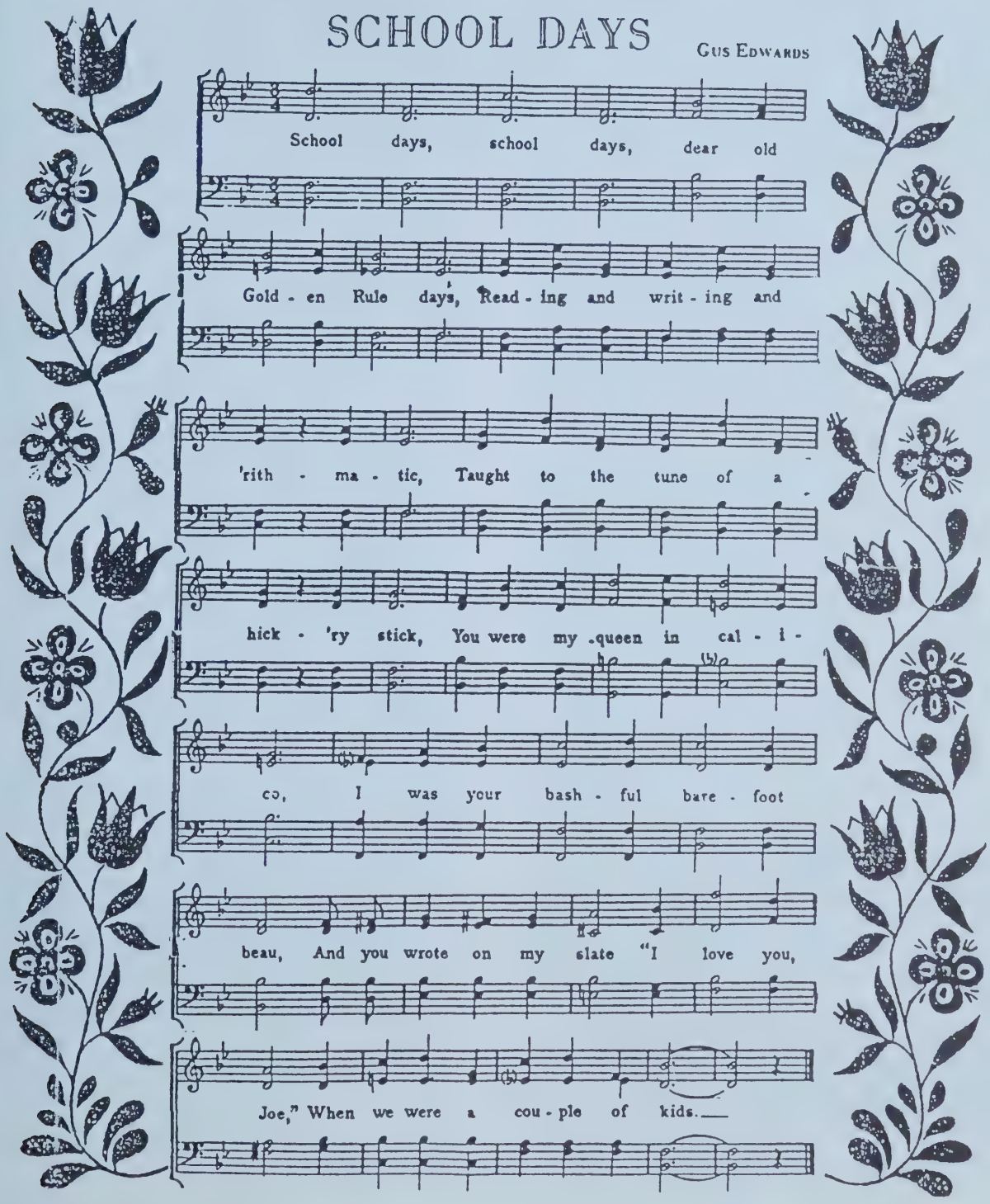
H.S. Haag, Two Hills Chemical Company Ltd. Plant Manager, 1977-80

M.D. Pawliuk, Two Hills Chemical Company Ltd. Plant Manager, 1974-76

Twenty-Year Employees of Celanese Canada Ltd., 1973. Front row, (L to R) - Harry Dronyk, Peter Popowich, Ernie Krucik, Rene Robinson, Henry Kostyniuk; back row - M.J. Mitchell (plant manager), Norman Mailloux, Peter Kutash, Victor Romaniuk, George Oneschuk, Sam Sherstianko, Mike Romaniuk, Arthur Barry (production foreman). Missing: Trifon Rosychuk and William Smith.

Taught to the Tune of the Hick'ry Stick

by A. Shchurek, N. Olinyk



The History of Education in the Two Hills Area

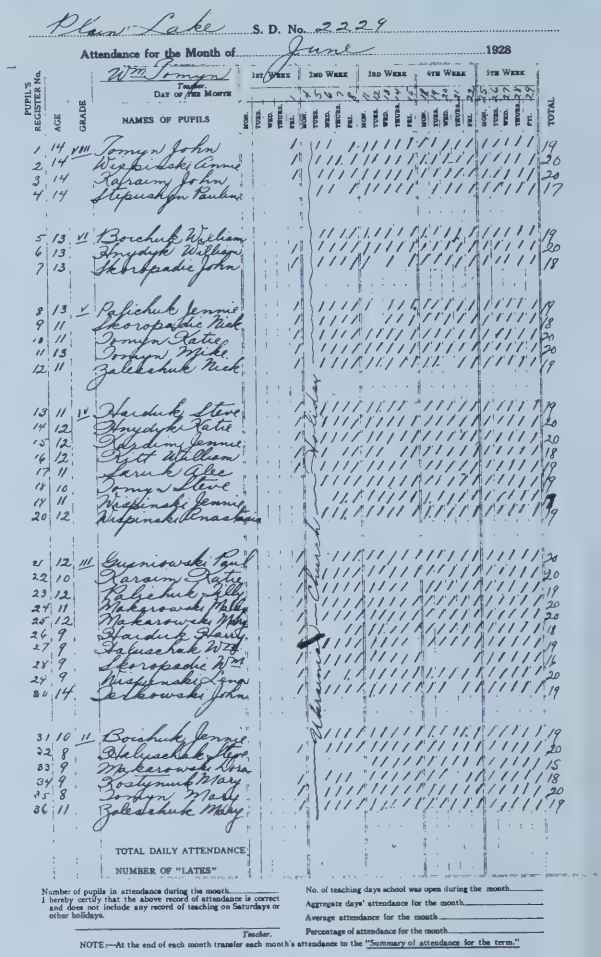
Early settlers in the Two Hills area placed high priority on the value of education, and in some districts, schools were erected even before a church was built.

Early government records available to the writers reveal that the first school district to be established in the Two Hills area was named the Szypenitz S.D. No. 1470. Established in the spring of 1906, it was followed by Duvernay S.D. No. 1573 some six months later. Within a year, four other schools appeared officially in government records: Pobeda, Wattsford (Kaleland), Lainuk, and Kiew.

In 1926, when retired U of A professor and department head, William Skoropad, first entered Grade I at Plain Lake School, there were 19 other schools operating in the Two Hills area. Bill Skoropad's reminiscences, observations, and analyses of the early education scene in the Two Hills area were recently committed to paper in an interesting and perceptive biographic and historic sketch of his school life and experience in the 1920s and 30s. Skoropad's experiences were typical of lads and lassies who started in one and two-room schools and later proceeded to successful careers in the professions or other walks of life.

"I started school in the spring of 1926 in the Primer Grade. This was simply intended as an introduction to the school environment. I adapted readily because two of my brothers were still there. I recall how proud I was with my small framed slate and a thin slate chalk. We did not use a pencil and scribbler until well into Grade I. One had to be very careful with this equipment because the pencil and even the slate broke readily when dropped.

Until Grade IV, I was in a one-room school with about 40-50 pupils. Pity the schoolteacher who, in addition to teaching, had to deal with problems of discipline, language, hygiene, and school boards and other parents who had very little or no contact with the educational process in their lives. The teacher was at their mercy because each local school district had complete jurisdiction over hiring and firing.


Plain Lake S. D. No. 2229

Attendance for the Month of June 1928

Wm Tomyn Teacher

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I hereby certify that the above record of attendance is correct and does not include any record of teaching on Saturdays or other holidays.

_____ Teacher.

No. of teaching days school was open during the month _____
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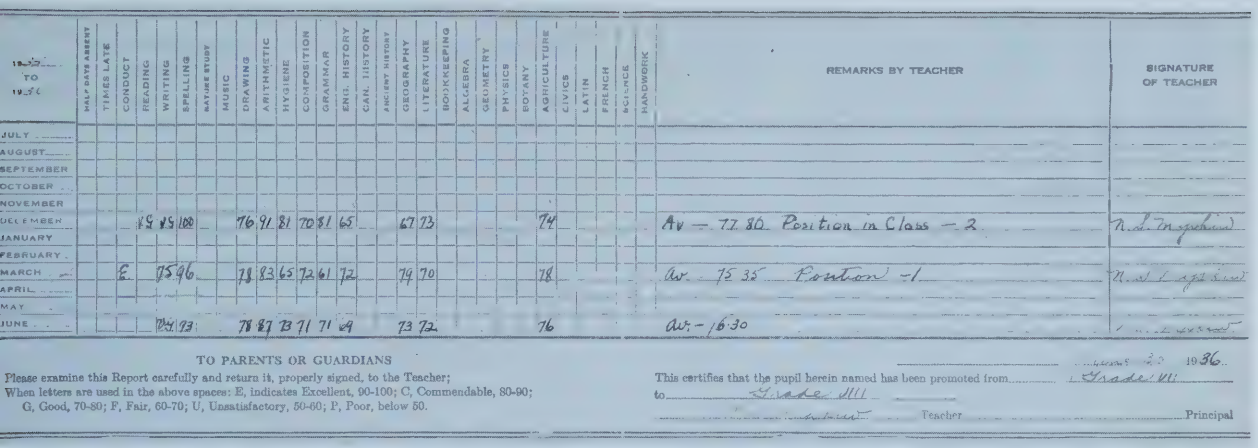
Average attendance for the month _____
Percentage of attendance for the month _____

NOTE:—At the end of each month transfer each month's attendance to the "Summary of attendance for the term."

Teaching about 50 pupils in eight grades left no time for individual attention, and slower learners suffered the consequences. There were a lot of 'busy-work' types of assignments, for example, memorizing just about every poem in the reader - most of us could recite 'John Gilpin' (about 50 verses) without any hesitation. In spite of these types of diversions, we still had a lot of spare time. There were no library books, so the only thing we could do was to listen to lessons given to the higher grades. I knew the entire route of Clarke and Lewis while I was still in Grade 11. However, this exposure to indirect instruction above our level proved to be highly beneficial as we progressed through the grades.

Plain Lake School children - William Tomyn, teacher, 1920s



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TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

Please examine this Report carefully and return it, properly signed, to the Teacher;
When letters are used in the above spaces: E, indicates Excellent, 90-100; C, Commendable, 80-90; G, Good, 70-80; F, Fair, 60-70; U, Unsatisfactory, 50-60; P, Poor, below 50.

This certifies that the pupil herein named has been promoted from June 30 1936
to Grade VIII

Teacher ..... Principal

1935-36 report card. Pupils were ranked in relation to other students in the same grade.

Progress in school was measured by a categoric 'pass' or 'fail', and failure in any one subject meant repeating the whole grade. Many pupils remained in one grade for several years, sometimes because of a weakness in one subject. There wasn't any assistance available to slow learners, who often suffered from some physical handicap that remained undetected. There were no nurses visiting schools, and children with hearing or eye defects were simply considered to be retarded. Learning disabilities were sometimes construed as laziness, and consequently, the affected pupils were occasionally abused and ridiculed. I often wondered how these kids felt and how they coped with these pressures. Report cards were issued periodically and, in addition to percentage marks, attendance and behavior, the pupils were ranked according to their position in relation to the others in the class. Being at or near the top was fine, but can you imagine the effect it had on pupils who ranked last or near last. Even then, one could see the agony in the eyes of those who ranked towards the bottom. This was a cruel practice, and, in some cases, may have caused psychological imbalances through their lives.

As a result of promotion practices, as well as some other factors, many pupils left school at about the Grade VI level; very few graduated with a Grade VIII Diploma. Departmental examinations were written in all grades beginning with Grade VIII. Attaining the Diploma was a highly prestigious achievement; the whole school district acknowledged with pride anyone who had reached this status. It did, indeed, open up all sorts of possibilities for positions in towns, including: clerks, mechanics, elevator agents, and a variety of positions in creameries, lumberyards, etc. Most important was the fact that it provided an opportunity to move to town - a highly coveted goal.

For most students, fifteen was a magical age - an age at which they could quit school legally. About 80 percent of the pupils never realized the value of formal education, and school life was often a drudgery. In addition, if they did poorly, their life was, indeed, miserable. The count-down began in the last year - and represented a kind of belated glory because they were envied by everyone. Months became weeks, days, and finally when the magic hour arrived, they left in a cloud of dust - sometimes stopping only long enough to even a long-standing score with some pesky kid - freedom at last!

Discipline was a major problem, resulting mostly from idleness and the fact that we were 'diamonds-in-the-rough'. The seating arrangement did not help the situation - placing two in a single desk resulted in excessive talking and giggling. My partner and I devised all sorts of ways to pass the time and, in addition, we were prone to uncontrollable giggling. A lot of the fun arose from the Ukrainian terms that certain English words implied, or from the meaning of words when read backwards. Standard punishments included: strapping; staying in after school or recess and lunch hour; writing out a hundred times, "I will not -------"; kneeling in the corner, occasionally with arms raised; confiscating the slingshot; and worst of all, being required to share a desk with a girl - yes, in those days it was severe humiliation! There was little fraternization with the girls, and I recall being very shy in their presence. In later years there were a few instances of open love affairs (such as carrying her books), but I never succumbed to such brazen acts of friendliness with females.

We were quite active in a variety of sports and, because several games were usually played simultaneously, everyone had to participate. This situation proved to be highly satisfactory, as even the shy ones often developed to be good athletes because they were originally forced to fill a spot in a team, and eventually overcame their backwardness. There was a variety of games, including: baseball (with an India rubber ball and a stout staff for a bat); soccer (football); prisoner's base; keechka (hitting sticks); pom-pom pull away; kick-the-can; fox and geese; hide-and-seek; ante-I-over; hop

scotch; skipping; marbles; and, later, basketball. At the southwest corner of the schoolyard there was a fairly long, steep hill which we used for sliding as soon as the snow arrived. We used anything that was flat and, if all else failed, ripping down the hill on the seat of your overalls was standard practice. The parents didn't seem to have found the reason for the disintegration of clothes so soon. Baseball competitions between neighboring schools were always great events and, although they occurred only rarely, I recall them fondly as one of the highlights in my years at Plain Lake School.

The lunch hour was usually a happy occasion. By noon, most of the pupils were ravenously hungry because breakfasts at home were often hurried and eating was not permitted during recess. All the kids brought their lunches, which, in most instances, were quite nutritious but not very interesting. A standard lunch, packed in a metal lard or syrup container with a tight lid and a wire handle, consisted of a few pieces of homemade bread covered with a thin layer of lard or butter. Lard was used more commonly in winter because it was more available and easier to spread. In many families there was not a sufficient amount of butter stored for the long winter ahead. Occasionally, we had syrup and less commonly, there was some jam - which was prepared from wild berries. Store jam was too expensive, and the homemade one never seemed to last beyond the fall. The standard drink was tea in a beer or liniment bottle. These were corked with a wad of newspaper, which often leaked and left a greasy streak on the overalls pocket, where it was carried. Boiled eggs were sometimes included during fall or spring, but fruit or some other delicacy was completely out of question. Lunch was usually eaten outdoors except during the winter, but littering was never a problem because it was hardly ever wrapped in paper. Thus, the durable tin cans from Roger's Golden Syrup or Maple Leaf Lard, and the long-necked beer bottles deserve a place of honor - possibly, the Hall of Fame for early rural school equipment.

The greatest annual event in most rural schools was the Christmas concert. A teacher's overall performance was evaluated largely on the basis of the quality of the concert; in many instances job tenure depended on the success of this event. No wonder, practices began sometimes as early as October - always with the fear of a reprimand if discovered by the unexpected school inspector. They made sure that each kid had a part - much to the delight of the parents, even if little, shy Mary was just a 'C' in Christmas. In spite of the best laid plans, things sometimes went awry - like, Johnny getting confused in the opening greeting act and standing with his 'O' at the head of a line of boys trying to spell out "HELLO".

Several other pleasant events stand out in my recollections of school days. There were Literary Society meetings on most Friday afternoons. All kids had an opportunity and, were encouraged to stand in front of the class to tell a story, recite a poem, sing, or perform any entertaining act. This was a great learning experience and was especially important in overcoming stage fright. Because of my preference to tell a story, I was nicknamed "Hiawatha" - the great story teller. 'Hiawatha' was a poem about an Indian boy in one of our readers. Spelling matches were other entertaining and educational events. All the pupils were divided into two sides, and each one had to spell a word beginning with the last letter of the one previously spelled. You were 'out' if you called a word that was already used, or if you misspelled it. Another version of these matches was to have words, at your grade level, given by the teacher. In either case, the last remaining person was the winner - a highly prestigious status. This was possibly one reason why most pupils during that period were excellent spellers.

Beginning at about Grade IV, we studied the reading and writing of the Ukrainian language for about an hour after school. This was a valuable experience, giving us the ability to read Ukrainian newspapers and an odd novel that was usually acquired from the library of the local National Hall. I picked up the reading quickly, mostly because I read newspapers to my parents.

At Grade V, there was a major development which greatly enhanced my school environment - a two-room school was built in Plain Lake. There were now two schoolteachers instead of one and, since enrolment had dropped somewhat, we received considerably more attention and more thorough lessons. As I progressed through this system, learning became much more interesting. In Literature, for example, we were required to read several major novels or plays, beginning in Grade VIII. My world began to extend beyond the boundaries of Plain Lake when I was introduced to

Plain Lake School, 1928. William Hnydyk (left) and Michael H. Tomyn holding Lord Strathcona Trust Shield, won by teacher William Tomyn.

such classics as Ben Hur, Ivanhoe, The Tales of Two Cities, As You Like It, The Merchant of Venice, etc., etc.

I was fortunate to have excellent schoolteachers in Plain Lake; they were dedicated, and knowledgeable, not only in subject matter but in the motivation of a raggety, unruly bunch of farm kids. They used every opportunity, often with great difficulty, to introduce us to new developments which had not yet penetrated the boundaries of the rural communities. I recall, with gratitude, such efforts as moving massive poles to set up an aerial so that we could hear the radio voice for the first time (a message from King George V, about 1929). One of the teachers took the entire Grade XI class to a movie, "Disraeli", in a Vegreville theatre. This was the first time (1934), that I saw a 'talking' movie. On this same occasion, I recall a humorous (not to me) but frightening and humiliating experience. We entered the theatre in awe and took our seats in total darkness. Throughout the movie I felt rather uncomfortable and appeared to be sitting somewhat higher than my friends. Imagine my shock when, towards the end of the movie, my seat flipped down and I dropped unceremoniously to the proper seating level. Pity the poor person who sat behind me!

On graduation with Grade XI at Plain Lake School, I had to go elsewhere to complete my High School. Students from our community usually proceeded to either the Two Hills or Vegreville High School. Since 1934 was the height of the Great Depression, the cost of room and board in these towns was prohibitive to us. Fortunately, I had an uncle in Beverly (now Edmonton) who offered to accept me. As payment, he received produce from our farm, mostly in the form of meat, cheese, and butter. So, in the fall of 1935 I enrolled at the Eastwood High School, where I completed Grade XII. Following graduation, I continued with my studies and career, visiting Plain Lake only occasionally. Thus ended my sojourn in a community which had sheltered, nurtured and comforted me. Now, I return as often as I can to recapture some of the pleasant memories."

A comprehensive listing of teachers who taught prior to 1930 in the Two Hills area, is, unfortunately, unavailable. However, some research into the records by Alice Miskiw and Teresa Thompson, has provided us with some listing of early teacher personnel in the district. Since Alberta Education records are available only from 1930 on, it is likely that many teachers listed by this department may have taught prior to the above date.

HISTORY OF THE SZYPENITZ SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1470

by Victoria Kushniruk

(With thanks to my father, Harry Verenka, who helped me document this information in 1942, in a project entitled *The Early Beginnings of Szypenitz,* and to my intuitive mother, Elizabeth, who has preserved the project book for over 40 years.)

The Szypenitz District No. 1470 had its early beginning with the settlement of pioneers that came from Shepenitz, Bukovina, Austria.

Official records indicate that this district was established on March 28, 1906, through the efforts of A.M. Boutillier of Soda Lake.

The first pioneers to come to the Szypenitz district were Petro and Wasalyna Lutzak in 1900, settling on S.W. 32-55-13 W4th. Petro sent word to his family, neighbors and friends in the Village of Shepenitz, to come to this vast country of untamed land. Consequently, in 1901, 1902, and 1903, an influx of pioneers settled in this area. To name only some of them, they were: Petro and Veronya Kereliuk, Hrehore and Domka Luciak, Hrehore and Lisevata Werenka, Olexa and Alexandra Ruptash, Tofil, Anton, Hrehore and Maria Kereliuk, Petro and Vaselina Eliuk, Metro and Maria Ruptash, Elia and Paraska Eliuk, Artimon and Marafta Werenka, Onufrey and Maria Diachuk, Elia and Domna Pawliuk, Wasyl and Marafta Ursuliak, Sidorie and Odokeya Drapaka, Elary and Domna Mandryk, Keriak and Sanduna Eliuk and the list goes on -----.

Szypenitz School, 1940s - original 1907 school house, left

As the community grew, the need for a church, school and hall became a necessity.

In March, 1907, the Szypenitz School. No. 1470 was built on N.E. 22-55-13 W4th; land that was purchased from Petro Eliuk. The people responsible for organizing the building project were Elia Pawliuk, Wasyl Ursuliak, Elia Eliuk, Sidorie Drapaka, Artimon Werenka, Petro Eliuk and Petro Kereliuk. The Department of Education gave a grant of $800. and the rest of the money came from individual donations. Under the guidance of carpenter Wasyl Hryhirchuk and help from the 'fathers' of the district, the school was built for $1500.

The first teacher was Mr. Nicols and the first inspector was Mr. Morton. A teacher taught a few months at a time and then was replaced by another one. At the onset, the school was open during the summer months only, making the list of teachers a long one.

As the community grew, overcrowding of pupils in the one-room school necessitated the addition of another room. In 1920, the second room was added on, under the craftsmanship of Mr. Osotski. In the same year a

Szypentiz School, circa 1919, teacher - Mr. Levitzski. Front row, (L to R) - Nick Hohol, John K. Ewasiuk, unknown, Bessie D. Ewasiuk, Jennie Olynyk, Jennie E. Eliuk; second row - Bill Hohol, Harry D. Ewasiuk, unknown, unknown, Nick Diachuk, unknown, Bill Diachuk, Mary Olynyk, Maria Ewasiuk, Annie E. Eliuk; third row - Bill E. Pawliuk, Alec Olynyk, Nick Mazar, Bill P. Eliuk, Elizabeth Olynyk (holding brother Mike who is sleeping), Pearl Eliuk, Maria E. Eliuk, the rest are unknown; fourth row - George E. Pawliuk, Alec Lutciak, Bill Ruptash, Nick Eliuk, Bill Grekul, Mr. Levitzski (teacher), Nick Grekul, Mike Werenka, Pete Diachuk, Vera Werenka, Domka Grekul, Annie K. Eliuk.

teacherage was built 'kitty-corner', across the road from the school on S.W. 26-55-13 W4th.

Other early teachers that taught in the Szypenitz School are: Messrs. Budinski, Levitzski, E. Keryiak, T. Hrapko, J. Hughes, Beatty, J. Laughlin, Richardson, Mrs. Colins, Mrs. Laughlin, and Ms. Hope Jewel.

According to Alberta Education, the following also taught at the school: E. Taschuk, 1930-33; V. Kupchenko, 1930-31; D.S. Chrapko, 1931-33; Wm. B. Lazaruk, 1933-36; A. Savich, 1933-34; R.E. Pawliuk, 1934-38; N. Tkachuk, 1936-38; H. Grekul, 1938-44; J.W. Eurchuk, 1938-43; S. Urchak, 1939; S. Odynski, 1943-44; J. Hawreliak, 1944; M. Skakun, 1944-45; M. Dack, 1945; J. Stogre, 1945-47; S. Chepeha, 1947-50; Mrs. Johnson, 1948; E. Dougan, 1948; J. Chepeha, 1947-50.

Szypenitz School, 1935-37. Front row, (L to R) - Trifon Ruptash, Peter Yatzuk, Peter Arychuk, George M. Pawliuk, Metro Lutciak, Sophie Kereliuk, Victoria Verenka, Marion Kereliuk, Mary Pawliuk, Mary Chrustawka, Eunice Kereliuk, Rose Luciak, Marie Kereliuk; second row - Ann Ewasiuk, Rose Arychuk, Mary Verenka, Rose Pawliuk, Pearl Wennechuk, Rose Lutciak, Hazel Chamberlain, Pearl Kereliuk, Victoria Stefanetz; back row - Rose Pawliuk (teacher), Steve Ewasiuk, Peter Kereliuk, Nick Pawliuk, Alec Arychuk, Alec Ursuliak, Albert Hohol, Bill Wennechuk.

On February 27, 1950, a meeting of the ratepayers requested van service and so Szypenitz School closed its doors forever. Mr. Roland Theroux got the bus route for $2,599. and the children were bused to Two Hills. The property was sold to Charlie Eliuk, son of Petro Eliuk, for $20.

A lonely pine tree, that once gave shade to those who sought it and heard the laughter of children, now serves as the only school landmark, to those who knew it.

Reflections on Szypenitz School Days

by Victoria Kushniruk

During the early school days, the pupils who came to school were of all ages and all sizes, as the school was open to anyone that wanted to learn to read and write.

The children first wrote on a slate, then on a scribbler with a pencil. One scribbler contained all the subjects that were taught, namely: writing, reading, arithmetic and spelling.

School was taught to the 'tune of a hick'ry stick', as often the switch was rapped across the knuckles for writing with the left hand or for misbehaving.

Children sat in double-desks.

Lunch brought in a sugar-sack or wrapped in a newspaper usually consisted of some of the following: hard-boiled eggs, a chunk of bread, bottle of milk, sandwiches with blueberry or saskatoon jam, sour cream or fried eggs. Raw fruit was not common.

The children, especially the older ones, often went across the fields to Soda Lake (Salty Lake) to swim or pick wild strawberries. This was done at noon or after school. However, if the children didn't return back on time, they were punished.

It was a common practice for the teacher to take the children to a funeral service at the church (a 1/2 mile

Szypenitz School, 1932-33, Teachers: Eli Taschuk (Junior Room), Dan Chrapko (Senior Room). Front row, (L to R) - Pearl Kereliuk, Rose Arychuk, Sophie Chrustawka, Elizabeth Stefanetz, Rose Wennechuk, Mary Pawliuk, Victoria Verenka, Mary Kereliuk, Elsie Ruptash, Mary Chrustawka; second row - Dora Stefanetz, Pearl Wennechuk, Sanda Lutciak, Martha Wennechuk, Mary Ewasiuk, Mary Verenka, Rose Lutciak, Fiona Ewasiuk, Rose Pawliuk, Hazel Chamberlain, Medoria Stefanetz; third row - George M. Pawliuk, Albert Hohol, Bill Chamberlain, Alec Arychuk, Manoli Kereliuk, Bill Wennechuk, Metro Lutciak, Peter Kereliuk, Peter Arychuk, Steve Ewasiuk, Harry Arychuk, Isidor Towpich, Walter Ewasiuk, Trifon Ruptash.

Szypenitz School, 1941. Front row (L to R) - Norman Kereliuk, Roy Ruptash, Pete Eskiw, George Kereliuk, Mike Verenka, Walter Eliuk, Walter Ewasiuk, Ernest Chrustawka, Roman Chrustawka, unknown, Billy Homeniuk; second row - Christine Ruptash, Evelyn Skakun, Rose Diachuk, --- Bodnar, Mary Ursuliak, Rosie Stefanetz, Eva Arychuk, Lillian Ursuliak, Victoria Ruptash, Olga Verenka, Doris Kereliuk, Margie Werenka, Annette Zelez, Lillian Kereliuk; third row - Elsie Ruptash, Sophie Pawliuk, Gloria Chrustawka, Katie Ewasiuk, Mary Pawliuk, Mary Eliuk, Ann Grekul, Marie Kereliuk, Ann Ewasiuk, Rose Luciak, Victoria Verenka, Eunice Kereliuk, Rose Wennechuk, Elizabeth Stefanetz, Mary Chrustawka, Mrs. H. Grekul (teacher), Medoria Stefanetz; back row - J.W. Eurchuk (teacher), Billy Diachuk, George Chamberlain, Mike Kereliuk, George Wennechuk, Harry Ruptash, George Pawliuk, Victor Arychuk, Peter Arychuk, Metro Lutciak, Trifon Ruptash, Mike Ursuliak, George Ursuliak, Bill Eliuk, Mike Wennechuk, Victor Grekul. Charlie Ruptash, Walter Eurchuk.

walk) when someone from the district died.

The popular games were: hopscotch, marbles, hide-and-seek, tag, "Ante-Ante-I-Over", "Tally Ho!" snowballs, field hockey (using a frozen horse-bun for a puck and a willow stick for a hockey stick) and not to forget — sliding down the hill on cardboard, piece of wood or piece of tin. Even though ashes were sprinkled over that favorite area to stop this play, the children were not discouraged, for in no time the hill was made good again and the sliding continued.

Fighting was a common occurrence after school, as the children from the East fought the children from the West and vice-versa. The sides used willow-root canes for self-protection. The reason for the fighting was due to name calling. At times the boys fought the girls just for kicks.

Winter footwear for the boys consisted of moccasins lined with straw, and knitted woolen stockings, while the girls wore long felt shoes that had to be laced, stockings held up by jar rings, and 'Long Johns' - that could never be completely concealed by the stockings. The boys wore two pairs of overalls, a sheep-skin or a mackinaw jacket, woolen "chooke" (toque) and woolen mittens. The girls wore dresses, sweaters (cardigan) and long coats. Knitted woolen mittens, scarf and toque completed the outfit.

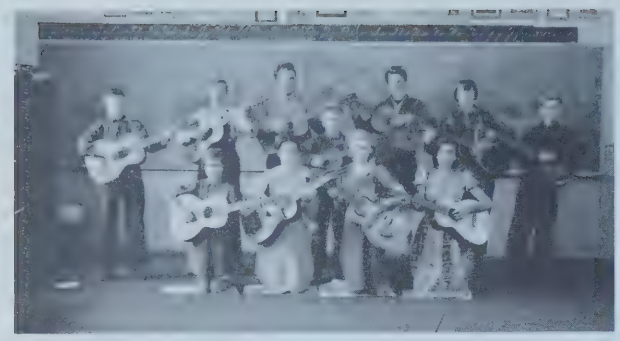
In summer children walked distances of one, two or three miles to school. Short-cuts across the fields were possible in summer, however, in winter it was the long way around. The children that lived far from school came in a cutter pulled by a horse. Rides were often given to neighboring children. When the cutter was full, a ride on the runner was just great! A girl could hitch the horse to the cutter as efficiently as any boy could. Often, the children raced to see who would be the first one out the gate. This was always a dangerous practice because the land dropped at the gate down to the road, making the exit tricky, for those going East. As the cutter made the sharp turn, it slid out, hit the ridge of snow in the road and either teetered and recovered or tipped over. Frequently the 'upset' was accompanied by a runaway horse which was stopped by children on their way home.

Ukrainian plays acted out by local people were a popular form of entertainment.

The Christmas concert was held during the Ukrainian Christmas festive season. The items were mainly Ukrainian carols, songs, recitations, dances and comedy plays. However, about 1938, the concert was held before the children went out for the English Christmas holiday.

One of the most dedicated teachers was the late J.W. Eurchuk. His students from 1938 to 1943 will remember

Szypenitz Symphony Orchestra - Mandolin Section, 1937-38. Front row, (L to R) - Sophie Kereliuk, Olga Yatzuk, Gloria Chrustawka, Walter Eurchuk, Victor Arychuk; back row - Mr. J.W. Eurchuk (teacher), Mary Eliuk, Mary Verenka, Ann Grekul, Sophie Pawliuk.



Szypenitz Symphony Orchestra, Guitar Section, 1937-38. Front row, (L to R) - Mary Chrustawka, Victoria Verenka, Marion Kereliuk, Mary Pawliuk; back row - Trifon Ruptash, George Grekul, Mr. J.W. Eurchuk (teacher), Peter Kereliuk, Pearl Kereliuk, Peter Yatzuk.

Szypenitz School Orchestra, 1941 - participated in School Festival at Willingdon. Front row, (L to R) - (mandolins) Elsie Ruptash, Mary Eliuk, Marie Kereliuk, Ann Ewasiuk, Harry Ruptash, Rose Luciak, Eunice Kereliuk, Peter Arychuk, Katie Ewasiuk, Sophie Pawliuk; second row - (violins) Gloria Chrustawka, Walter Eurchuk, George G. Pawliuk, Bill Diachuk, Mary Pawliuk, Anne Grekul, Mary Chrustawka (piano), Metro Lutciak, Victoria Verenka, Rose Wennechuk, Trifon Ruptash, J.W. Eurchuk (teacher); back row - Helen Grekul (teacher).

Szypenitz School Band, "The Rhythm Aces", 1941. Front row, (L to R) - Trifon Ruptash, Harry Ruptash, Walter Eurchuk, George G. Pawliuk; back row - Mary Pawliuk, Metro Lutciak, Mary Chrustawka, J.W. Eurchuk (teacher), Victoria Verenka, Ann Grekul.

his contributions to their school and community as valuable and truly educational.

Among the enriching experiences that he provided for his students were: music, photography, journalism (yearbook, school newspaper and magazine club), sports (ping-pong, football and softball), field trips to Edmonton to see King George VI and Queen Mary (1939) and another one to tour various industries and appear on a Radio quiz program called "Honors for Scholars" (1943).

John Eurchuk's exemplary teaching left a memorable impression on those who knew him.

This document will provide future generations basic information about their forefathers and their roots in this community. Hopefully this history will stir within us the need to document on-going family and community activities, so that three generations from now, another such reflection will be possible.

THE LITTLE COUNTRY SCHOOLHOUSE

In the one room schools of long ago
'Tis hard to understand
How eight grades learned to read and write
From the teacher in command.

But from those schools of long ago
Came some who rose to fame,
Struggled and searched and studied,
Till they made themselves a name.

They can look back on their childhood,
And give credit where it's due,
To the little country schoolhouse
And the teachers who helped them through.

DUVERNAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1573

According to the report in the Alberta Gazette, the Duvernay School District was officially established through the efforts of M.R. Wood of Vegreville, on

Duvernay School class, circa 1928. Miss Adele Roy (teacher), at back row, left.

November 10, 1906, and located on 55-12-W4th.

In 1931, Sam Chrapko, Joe Rioux, and Moise Theroux were the elected trustees. Teachers' salaries then were $850. a year. The local school board was last elected in 1938, and the responsibilities of education were then taken over by the Two Hills School Division.

Because no records are available prior to 1930, the teacher list from Alberta Education is as follows: Y. Bouthillier, 1930; P.A. Gauthier, 1930-34; W. Masciuch, 1934-35; Wm. Taschuk, 1935-38; K. Pipella, 1938-40; E. Ponich, 1940-42; I. Shandro, 1942-43; A. Shchurek, 1943-45; A. Gidzinski, 1945; J. Hohol, 1945-49.

Duvernay School

by John Hohol

The Duvernay School was situated about two miles south and half a mile west of Duvernay, a hamlet on the south shore of the North Saskatchewan River. Teaching here from September 1945 to June 1949 was an interesting and educational experience.

Duvernay was a typical one-room school accommodating an average of thirty-five students from grades one to eight. A coal and wood stove stood at the back of the room, supplying enough heat when the weather was moderate, but entirely inadequate during the frequent winter cold spells. Crowded rows of desks, a chalk board, one book shelf, an activity table at the back of the room, and a cloak room at the entrance completed the physical provisions for the daily use of the students.

In contrast to the limited inside space, the schoolyard was gratifyingly spacious, large enough to accommodate all the children at their various games and more. A two-room teacherage was located at one side and a stable stood at the far end of the yard. Water for school and teacherage use was obtained from a well in the yard in which a pump had been installed. The pump mechanism invariably froze during cold winter weather and the only way to get the handle operating again was to pour hot water down into the cylinder. This became a rather laborious procedure, especially at 7:00 a.m. on cold winter mornings.

Students walked or rode horse-drawn sleds or buggies to school; occasionally some parents delivered their children by car. School never closed down because of severe weather conditions; rain, storm, extreme cold or howling blizzard, most students made it to school as a matter of course.

With any number from thirty to forty pupils in attendance, grades one to eight, divided into three divisions, teaching objectives and lesson plans had to be carefully and accurately set up on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis. Limited reference and free reading materials were augmented by the travelling library box, a real boon to students and teacher alike. The arrival of the box full of books was always an exciting and joyous occasion.

The students and teacher were in continual daily contact on a highly personal basis, both in the classroom and on the playground. There was no "shared" supervision for the simple reason that there was no one to share it with. The teacher was in charge all day, including

Duvernay School, 1939

recesses and noon hours. This wasn't as bad as it sounds; the teacher joined in the games with the children and supervised at the same time. All this enabled him to know and understand each individual student, and get to know each one's strengths and weaknesses. As time went on this knowledge enabled him to give effective individual help where necessary with a few short words in short intervals of time. This was a very important aspect of the teaching situation, as time was very precious and had to be portioned carefully and strategically throughout the teaching day. A too serious atmosphere had to be avoided; cheerfulness was always the order of the day. Students and teacher enjoyed many a hearty laugh together at a humorous incident in a story or during class work.

Breaks from intensive school work were provided during the last period of each Friday afternoon with formal debates, and games such as spelling matches, geography and vocabulary games, or outdoor games when the weather was favorable. Halloween and valentine parties were always popular, but the greatest social event of the year was the Christmas Concert when every student, singly or in a group, had the opportunity to appear on stage before a packed room of parents and community people.

Very few formal parent-teacher interviews took place, but informal communication between parents and teacher was frequent and effective. During the course of a year many traditional visits were exchanged. The teacher also met many parents frequently at community social functions. As a result he came to know practically all the parents on a friendly and open basis. Discussion of a child's progress and needs was easily carried out and the understanding and co-operation of the parents was very gratifying. The positive relationships that developed as a result between students and teacher and between parents and teacher enabled the students to gain maximum benefit from the meagre resources and equipment at their disposal.

The four years flew by very quickly. On the last day of each school year a picnic was held on the school grounds. Ball games, races and other athletic events took place. Hot dogs and soft drinks rounded out the events of the day and then suddenly good-byes were being said. Those

who were coming back next September left happily, but the few who were to start grade nine in a "town" school next fall lingered awhile, taking a last look around. Then, some unashamedly shedding a few tears, they also would say their good-byes and leave.

Physically and functionally the one-room school became obselete by the early fifties. It had served its purpose. It lacked books, space, comfort and proper equipment. However, countless adults who had begun their education in the one-room school carry with them deeply-ingrained habits of resourcefulness, self-reliance, effective study-habits, and an ability to work successfully with others. To a large degree these habits had to be developed and utilized in order to progress successfully through the grades in the one-room school. Equally important was the establishment of many lasting friendships as students attended the same school sometimes for a full eight years.

The one-room school is an institution of the past, but for many people who attended it, and for many teachers who taught in one, it was priceless experience never to be forgotten.

THE POBEDA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1604

by Nick Buk

It was during the winter of the year 1907 that a school committee, consisting of Fred Snaychuk, John Urchak and Ilko Buk was formed to take the necessary steps for the formation of a school district. With the aid of Mr. Peter Svarich of Vegreville, Alberta, who was organizing school districts among the Ukrainian settlers, this committee drew up a petition asking for the organization of a school district. This was forwarded to the Dept. of education by Mr. Fred Snaychuk.

The following are copies of the original official documents:

Edmonton, Monday, March 25, 1907.
Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the School Ordinance in that behalf, that, by order of the Minister of Education, the following lands, namely: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, and those portions of sections 25, 26, 27, and 28, south of the Vermilion River, in Township 54, Range 12, West of the Fourth Meridian, have been erected into a School District under the name of the Pobeda School District No. 1604 of the North-West Territories.

Senior Trustee, Feodor Snaychuk.
D.S. McKenzie,
Deputy Minister of Education.

Edmonton, Tuesday, August 13, 1907.
Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the School Ordinance in that behalf, that the Minister of Education has authorized the Board of Trustees of the Pobeda School District No. 1604 of the Province of Alberta to borrow the sum of One Thousand Dollars upon the security of the said District, for the purpose of building and furnishing a school house.

Treasurer's Address
Feodor Snaychuk, Pozerville, Alberta.
D.S. McKenzie,
Deputy Minister of Education.

Mr. Peter Svarich was given the contract to construct the new schoolhouse. It was ready for occupancy in the year 1908. A unique feature of this building was the fact that the teacher's living quarters were upstairs. It was not a very comfortable place for the teacher to live in as it was very hot in summer and extremely cold in winter, since there was no insulation in the walls of the building. This state of affairs continued until the year 1917, at

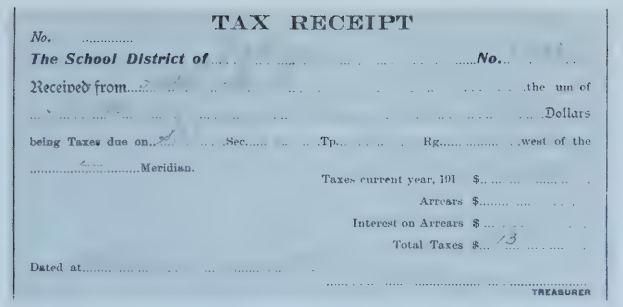
Pobeda School built in 1908, and the teacherage, circa 1918

which time the school board acquired a two-room building and moved it into the schoolyard.

The original Pobeda School was built in the northwest corner of the N.W. 1/4 sec. 14-54-12, but the majority of settlers lived from two to four miles to the southeast from the school. This was a great hardship for the children of those ratepayers, in having to walk such long distances to school. These ratepayers continued to make complaints at all the school meetings, and demanded that the school be moved to a more central location. At last, in the year 1936, the old school building was torn down, and a new one built at a new location one mile to the south. However, ten years later, the school was closed and buses were used to transport the children to town.

From the year 1947 until 1966, the Pobeda School building stood vacant with broken windows and sagging doors. That year the Hutterites arrived in the district, bought out the surrounding land, including the quarter on which the school was located, and settled as a colony.

They moved the thirty year old building to their colony, had it repaired and painted, and made a classroom out of it. Thus the old Pobeda School continues to serve its original purpose - the dissemination of



TAX RECEIPT

No. .....

The School District of ..... No. .....

Received from ..... the sum of

..... Dollars

being Taxes due on ..... Sec. ..... Tp. ..... Rg. ..... west of the

..... Meridian.

Taxes current year, 191 $.....

Arrears $.....

Interest on Arrears $.....

Total Taxes $.....

Dated at .....

TREASURER

knowledge.

Pupils who attended Pobeda School in 1909, were: Andrew Buk, Michael Buk, Jessie Buk, Rose Buk, Irene D. Delawski, Mary A. Delawski, Nick A. Delawski, Nick S. Delawski, Peter Delawski, Nick Humen, Steve Humen, Paraska Humen, Kate Humen, John Krewusik, Steve Krewusik, Mike Krewusik, Harry Myroniuk, Mary Myroniuk, Dmytrow Nikiforuk, Kate N. Nikiforuk, Mary Nikiforuk, Alec Odynski, Rose Odynski, Frank Pawluski, Mary Pawluski, Wasyl Perrich, Frozena Perrich, Steve Snaychuk, Rose Snaychuk, John Pilip, Peter Urchak, and Steve Urchak.

Wm. Nixon, first Pobeda School teacher, 1909

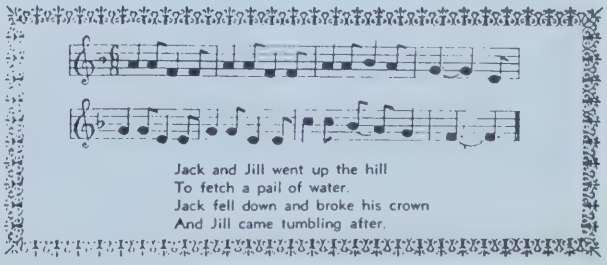
The first teacher at Pobeda School was Mr. William Nixon who taught in 1909-10. Among the teachers who also taught in this school are the following: H.O. English, 1911; S. Bailey, 1912-13; G. Johnson, 1914; E. Myles, 1915; Wm. Hryciuk, 1916 (first Ukrainian teacher in Pobeda School); N. Romaniuk, 1917; Wm. Dorash, 1918; J. Smith, 1918; H. Stitt, 1918; M. Goshko, 1919; E. English, 1920, 1923-24; J. Yakimischak, 1921 (later became a doctor); L. Woods, 1921-23; W.H. Saunders, 1924; M. Hamar, 1928-29; D. Hamar, 1930; J.P. Buk, 1930-31; T. Hrapko, 1927, 1931-33; N. Buk, 1925-26, 1933-37; J.P. Berezan, 1937-45; P. Soldan, 1937; H. Lotoski, 1945-46; M. Skoropad (supervisor) 1946-47.

In 1947, the school was closed and the children were bussed to Two Hills.

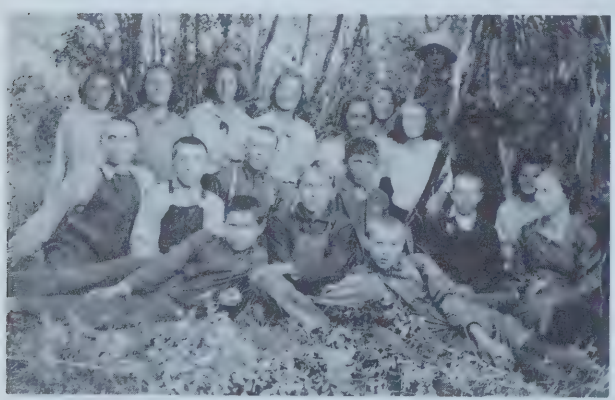
The educational achievement of the Pobeda School District is not very impressive. Of those who graduated from high school or university, the majority had to obtain their education elsewhere, in Vegreville or in Edmonton. The remaining majority had to be satisfied with a Grade VI education. This is in great contrast to the present time where nearly every student is a high school graduate.

Pobeda School pupils, 1917. Front row, (L to R) - Walter Pawluski, Wm. P. Buk, Irene Ferbey, Irene Danyluk, Annie Danyluk, Nikita Romaniuk (teacher), Mary Humen, Mary Ferbey, Kate Myroniuk, Wm. N. Nikiforuk, Harry Krewusik; middle row - John E. Buk, Annie Odynski, Justine Odynski, Ruth Odynski, Mary Urchak, Annie Myroniuk, Paraska Nikiforuk, Steve D. Delawski, Annie Nikiforuk, Joe Drozda; back row - John P. Buk, Peter Pawluski, Steve Buk, Mike Pawluski, John Danyluk, Dmytro Krewusik, John D. Delawski, and Steve A. Delawski.

Pobeda School class, 1921 - Mrs. Woods (teacher)



Pobeda School, Grade III pupils, 1919. Back row, (L to R) - Mary Ferbey (Mrs. W.P. Buk), Irene Ferbey (Mrs. M. Hamar), Mary Humen (Mrs. S. Samoil); front row - William P. Buk, Mike Pawluski. The teacher then was Mike Goshko.



Pobeda School pupils, Grades VI-VIII, 1922. Back row, (L to R) - Mary Ferbey, Ann Fedun, Christine Chmilar, Irene Ferbey, Mary Urchak, Mary Humen, Mollie Swedish, Kate Myroniuk; middle row - John P. Buk, Wm. P. Buk, Mike Pawluski, Harry Krewusik, Andrew Swedish, Irene Ferbey, Laura Woods (teacher); front row - Steve Delawski, John E. Buk, Walter Pawluski.

Judge not thy friend until thou standest in his place.

—Rabbi Hillel

Students taking care of the Pobeda School garden, 1927

Pobeda School, 1927 - Vera Humen in foreground

Pobeda School children, 1931 - J.P. Buk (teacher)

WATTSFORD (KALELAND) SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1609

by Andy Gorgichuk

The district was officially registered on March 30, 1907, and located on 55-13-W4th, through the efforts of Mr. W.C. Gillis of Pozerville.

The old Wattsford School was built mainly by volunteer help in 1908-09, and was located on NE 29-54-13-W4th. The trustees at this time were Akcenty Gorgichuk, Iftemy Gorgichuk, and Thomas Watt.

The old Wattsford School, 1920s. Extreme right, Miss Margaret McPherson (teacher).

Old Wattsford School and students, 1923

In 1929, a new Wattsford School (later renamed Kaleland in 1935) was erected on NW 33-54-13-W4th, by Jake Glum and his sons. A teacherage was also built from the reclaimed material after the old Wattsford School was dismantled. It was a two-room school that could accommodate about 100 students. A gravity flow furnace supplied the heat. On very cold winter days the students would spend most of the day standing around the large heat ducts, to keep warm. Each of the rooms had two cloakrooms, one for boys and the other for girls which were used as lunch rooms as well. A small cubicle, about four by four feet shelved the library books, and was also convenient for visiting with friends or girlfriends.

Because the school was situated amidst a predominately Ukrainian settlement, meant that the beginners spoke no English. However, it required little time for them to become "trouble". Punishment was administered by the use of an 18 inch belt. For scholastic mistakes one was put in the corner with a dunce hat on his head.

Wattsford ball team, 1923, (Whirlwinds). (L to R) - Tom Taylor, Percy Young, Mike Yerichuk, John Slevinski; standing - Nick N. Tkachuk, Steve Gorgichuk, Nick Tkachuk, Sylvester Tkachuk, Will Yerichuk, Maggie McPherson, (teacher).

Miss Black, a district nurse, would visit every school annually, and inspect the children for general cleanliness.

Few children wore shoes in summer. In winter they wore heavy woolen socks and moccasins or felts and rubbers. During the very cold and blowing winter days, the children stayed home. Severe drifting made the roads impassable, and only the high grounds in fields were used to travel to schools and other destinations. In snow filled vales the horses would stumble and falter, and at times go down with their heads half buried in the deep snow. The teamsters and the children would then break trail. There was never a winter that went by, without at least one exciting runaway, and this generally happened to the Stogre family who used a spirited shaganappi to draw their cutter. The occupants generally got spilled and Andy Stogre would hang on like a harness jockey, when

The new Wattsford School, built in 1929, was renamed Kaleland School in 1935.

New Wattsford School pupils, circa 1932. Front row, (L to R) - Anne Grekol, Helen Slevinsky, Rose Ripka, Steve Choban, Peter Olynyk, Andy Gorgichuk, George Gorgichuk, Andy J. Gorgichuk, Victor Shandruk; middle row - Marie Danyluk, Vera Olynyk, Katie Yerichuk, Alice Tkachuk, Jennie Choban, unknown, Andy Slevinski, Victor Slevinski, unknown; back row - Mary Yerichuk, Marie Olynyk, Pansy Orleski, Mary Eluik, N. Tkachuk (teacher), John Orleski, Harry Young, unknown.

Kaleland School pupils, 1945. Back row, (L to R) - Eugene Gorgichuk, Johnny Smoliak, Rose Arychuk, Elsie Yurichuk, Olga Choban, Lena Eliuk, Mary Tkachuk; fifth row - Mary Smoliak; fourth row - Sylvia Slevinsky, Effie Choban, Lily Gorgichuk, Jennie Eliuk; third row - Sophie Yurichak, Nadie Eliuk, Rose Tkachuk, Mike Tkachuk, Allan Tkachuk; second row - Eddie Gorgichuk, Fred Gorgichuk, Orest Choban; first row - Valerie Arychuk, Annie Smoliak, Mike Gorgichuk; small boy on trike - Allan Hayduk.

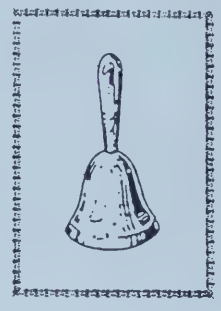
he too would jump free.

Andy Gorgichuk rode a horse that was wilder than a marsh hare, and often walked because the horse broke free and ambled off home.

There was always excitement when the regular afternoon studies would be used for concert practice, field days, parties, or visiting other schools for a football or softball game. The most exciting time was the last day of school when we received our report cards and had a hike. There were enough marshmallows, wieners and orangeade to fill those hungry stomachs.

The Wattsford School Bell

by Nick Tkachuk of Burlington, Ontario
(a former teacher of Wattsford (Kaleland) School)



This is the Bell that rang four times a day,
Once in the morning calling the children from play,
When recess was over, and after lunch,
It summoned the barefooted energetic bunch;
Recess in the afternoon went quickly by,
As the Bell re-echoed among the trees so high.
On the teacher's desk in the Wattsford school,
The Bell rested in silence and observed every rule.

Mr. McLeod limped in with his handy cane,
Had the school warmed up, and was at the organ again,
He sang as he played with vigor and might,
While we remained very silent because of fear and fright;
If we raised any dust, we were strapped till we yell,
But we wiped our tears when he rang that Bell.
His bay mare terrorized us, we were scared as hell,
Many a time we were saved by the ringing of the Bell.

Mr. Hosking was always deep in thought,
Smiles would betray his fancies, he had dreams, why not?
But it wasn't long before news was heard,
That George was getting married, and was singing like a bird.
To throw a baseball curve, he demonstrated so well,
But the practice was interrupted when he rang that Bell.

Mr. Tivey was known for his English drawl,
He never played cricket, nor a game of baseball;

Target shooting with his 22, he greatly enjoyed,
The targets were Mr. McLeod's pet bush gophers, who were frightfully annoyed.
Bess "Clak" (Clark) is on the "fam"(farm) he would sometimes yell,
And how we wished he would forget to ring that Bell.

Mr. E.M. Jones young at heart, would dress like an earl;
He boarded at Pozer's, and Grace must have been his girl.
He developed a like for parties, and dressed second to no one.
And the bruises and scratches revealed that he must have had fun.
At noon picking saskatoons way down the dell,
We would walk very slowly when we heard that Bell.

Margaret McPherson swept us off our bare feet,
Powdered, perfumed, sweet city girl, what a treat.
She played baseball with us on Sunday as well, and there were no interruptions by the school Bell.
She married Robert Watt, who drove an Overland touring car,
That terrified the horses both near and far,
We liked her very much as anyone will tell,
And she always smiled through the window when she rang that Bell.

Here her sister Mae a few years did spend,
Until a terrible tragedy claimed her in the end.
After quenching our thirst at the old school well,
We would race to the door when we heard that Bell.

The new school assumed a brand new name,
There were two rooms, but the children were the same;
Not Wattsford but Kaleland appeared over the door,
The old school name and the Post Office were to be heard no more.

Hryhorovich and Perich came there to teach,
Alexander spent hours preparing some speech,
But the children prepared to read and spell,
When once they heard that ringing Bell.

Kostash and Tkachuk soon ruled the fort,
Both did much to improve the games and sport,
But it was back to business as all will tell,
When once they heard that ringing Bell.

Chrapko and Grekul came there as well,
To teach and play and ring that Bell.
Dan had a car a Chevy Coupe,
Transported a whole softball team, which he loaded like hay.

Then there followed a Mr. and Mrs. team,
That's when the regulation strap disappeared, never again to be seen.
Now nobody got hurt, unless one fell,
When running up the steps, when one heard that Bell.

There followed a Tkachuk, Slevinski, and Hayduk
That's when the school was finally closed like a book.
The Bell is resting, its work is all done,
In the home of the one who rang it in thirty-one.

The old school Bell rang for the: Tkachuks, Chobans, and Yerichuks,
Gorgichuks, Youngs, and Arechuks,
Poitras, Smiths, and Ripkas three,
Timinskis, Skakuns, and Slevinskis so free,
Eliuks, Oleneks, and Fedoruks, most living still,
Stogres, Towpiches, and Taylors way down the hill,
Abramcos, Grekuls, Daneluks, and Porcenas two,
Smoliaks, Simpsons, and Vegaras few,
Orleskis, Pozers, and Shandruks by the lake,
Smalls, Kalancha, and Kusey for heavens sake.
Running short of names so must end with Browns,
And that completes all the Wattsford, and Kaleland clowns.
They all heard that Bell be they fat or wee,
Be they tall or small, as the school was free.

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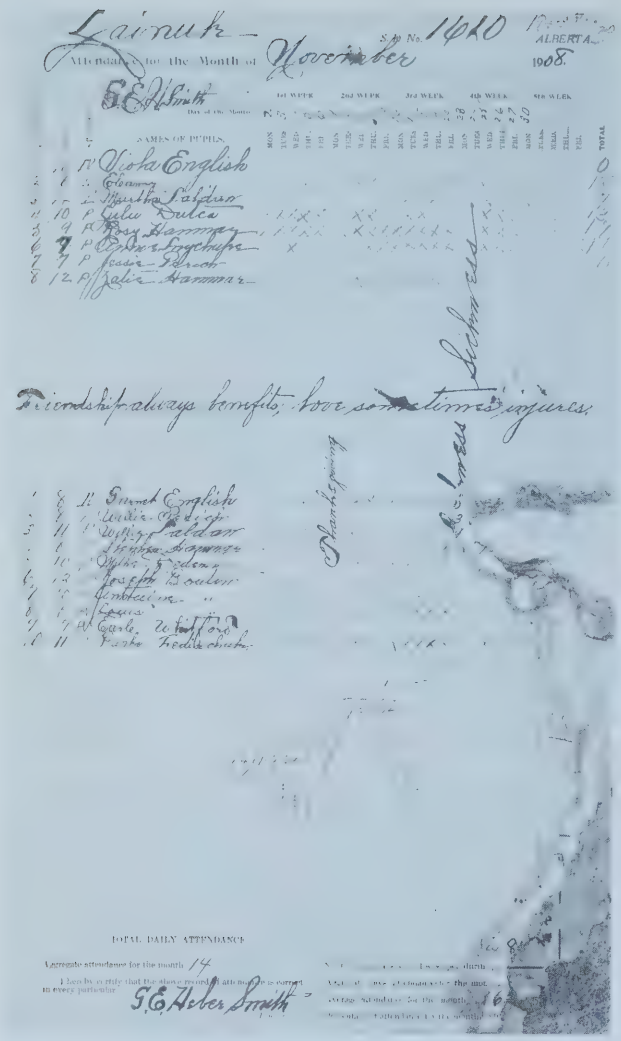
Besides the teachers mentioned in the above poem, the following also taught at the Wattsford (Kaleland) School: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Bailey, C. McPherson, M.J. Ursuliak, H. Malanchuk, M. Podealuk, D. Podealuk, B. Podealuk, G. Pawliuk (supervisor), and L. Inman.

LAINUK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1610

The establishment of this district through the efforts of S.R. English of Pozerville, was recorded in the Alberta Gazette on March 30, 1907. Its location was listed as 54-

The first Lainuk School, was built about 1908, on Sam English's farm.



13-W4th.

Lainuk School was built in 1908, and its first teacher was G.E. Herber Smith. In 1909, the School Board hired Mrs. A. English to teach there. The school was one mile from her home. Thus she was obliged to walk to and from the school each day in summer and in winter, in fair weather and even during a storm. She continued to teach in that school for the next 24 years, until her retirement. Mrs. English's pupils, who were mostly of Ukrainian parentage, learned to speak English without a trace of accent. This was quite an achievement for the times and speaks well of Mrs. English's ability as a teacher.

According to Alberta Education, the following also taught at Lainuk School: M. Oryschak, 1934-37; C. Tymchuk, 1937-39; J.P. Buk, 1939-43; Mrs. J.D. Hryciw, 1943-44; V. Porter, 1945; Mrs. Z. Tymchuk, 1946-47; Mrs. J. Stogre, 1947-49.

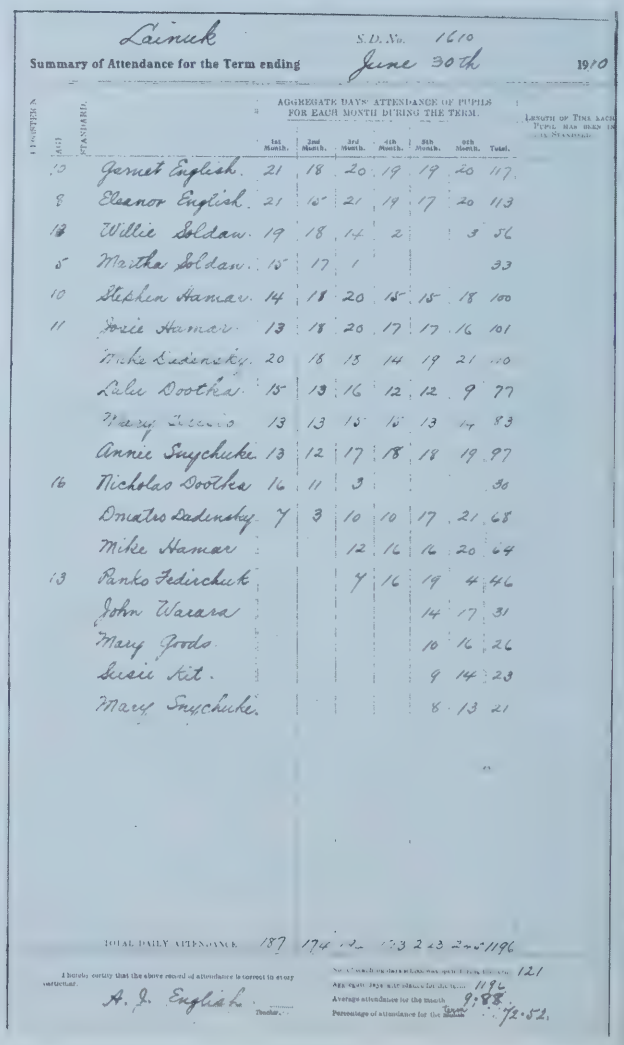
> The only way to speak the truth is to speak lovingly.
>
> —HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Typical School Day Schedule
Lainuk School District No. 1610

by John P. Buk

Date: October 4, 1939.
Enrolment: 25 pupils.
Pupils Attending: Olga Soldan, Evengeline Soldan, Mike Laniuk, Annie Laniuk, Nick Kuleba, Walter Kuleba, Marshall Draganiuk, Orest Draganiuk, Oliver Kuzio, Peter Cymbaluk, Tommy Cymbaluk, Mary Cymbaluk, Tecla Cymbaluk, Marie Kott, Paul Dadensky, Esther Dadensky, Peter Kitt, Harry Kitt, James English, Peter Warawa, and others.
Ages of Pupils: from six to 14 years.
Grades: I to VIII.
Courses Taught: Arithmetic, Spelling, Reading, Enterprise, Art, Health, Social Studies, Language, Physical Education, and Singing.
Time: 9:00 a.m. The bell rings and all the pupils enter the room and each stands by his own desk. They sing a morning greeting song:

"Good morning to you, good morning to you,


Lainuk S.D. No. 1610
Summary of Attendance for the Term ending June 30th 1910

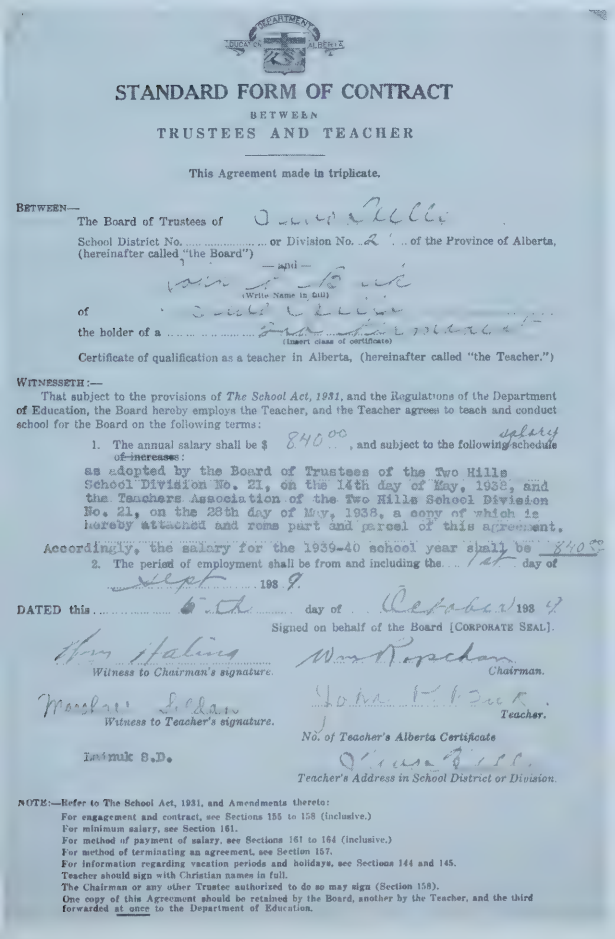
Register No.	Age	Pupils' Standard	1st Month	2nd Month	3rd Month	4th Month	5th Month	6th Month	Total	Length of Time each Pupil has been in the Standard
	10	Garnet English	21	18	20	19	19	20	117	
	8	Eleanor English	21	15	21	19	17	20	113	
	13	Willie Soldan	19	18	14	2		3	56	
	5	Martha Soldan	15	17	1				33	
	10	Stephen Hamar	14	18	20	15	15	18	100	
	11	Josie Hamar	13	18	20	17	17	16	101	
		Mike Dadensky	20	18	15	14	19	21	107	
		Lilie Dootka	15	13	16	12	12	9	77	
		Mary Dootka	13	13	15	15	13	14	83	
		Annie Snychuk	13	12	17	18	18	19	97	
	16	Nicholas Dootka	16	11	3				30	
		Dmatro Dadensky	7	3	10	10	17	21	68	
		Mike Hamar			12	16	16	20	64	
	13	Panko Fedirchuk			7	16	19	4	46	
		John Warara					14	17	31	
		Mary Gordo					10	16	26	
		Susie Kit					9	14	23	
		Mary Snychuk					8	13	21	
		TOTAL DAILY ATTENDANCE	187	174	192	183	223	236	1196	

I hereby certify that the above record of attendance is correct in every particular.
A. J. English, Teacher.

No. of school days in which school was open during the month 121
Aggregate days' attendance for the month 1196
Average attendance for the month 9.88
Percentage of attendance for the month 72.52

Lainuk School students, John Buk (teacher), 1939. Front row, (L to R) - Paul Dadensky, Harry Kitt, Joseph Kitt, Joe Chudakevich; second row - Annie Laniuk, Mary Chmilar, Tillie Cymbaluk (hidden), Esther Dadensky, Elsie Motowylo, Mary Chudakevich, Reggie English; third row - Mike Gura, Nick Kuleba, Rene English, Elvin Woynarovich, unknown, Walter Kuleba, Orest Draganiuk, Marshall Draganiuk, Jimmy English, Evangeline Soldan, Oliver Kuzio, Bernice English; fourth row - Susie Cymbaluk, Cliara Kott, Mary Cymbaluk, Olga Soldan, Marie Kott, Dorothy Kott, Caroline Woynarovich; back row - Peter Kuleba, Peter Cymbaluk, Bill Haluschak (practice teacher).

Lainuk School, four miles south of Two Hills - built circa 1933. Recent photo - 1984.



STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT

BETWEEN

TRUSTEES AND TEACHER

This Agreement made in triplicate.

BETWEEN—

The Board of Trustees of Two Hills

School District No. ..... or Division No. 2 of the Province of Alberta, (hereinafter called "the Board")

—and—

John Buk

(Write Name in full)

of Two Hills

the holder of a ..... Permanent

(insert class of certificate)

Certificate of qualification as a teacher in Alberta, (hereinafter called "the Teacher.")

WITNESSETH:—

That subject to the provisions of *The School Act, 1931*, and the Regulations of the Department of Education, the Board hereby employs the Teacher, and the Teacher agrees to teach and conduct school for the Board on the following terms:

1. The annual salary shall be $ 840.00 salary, and subject to the following schedule ~~of increases~~:

as adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Two Hills School Division No. 21, on the 14th day of May, 1938, and the Teachers Association of the Two Hills School Division No. 21, on the 28th day of May, 1938, a copy of which is hereby attached and forms part and parcel of this agreement.

Accordingly, the salary for the 1939-40 school year shall be $840.00

2. The period of employment shall be from and including the 1st day of Sept. 1939.

DATED this 6th day of October 1939

Signed on behalf of the Board [CORPORATE SEAL].

Wm Halina — Witness to Chairman's signature.

Wm Roschan — Chairman.

Marshall Dolan — Witness to Teacher's signature.

John Buk — Teacher.

No. of Teacher's Alberta Certificate

Lainuk S.D. — Teacher's Address in School District or Division.

NOTE:—Refer to The School Act, 1931, and Amendments thereto:
For engagement and contract, see Sections 155 to 158 (inclusive.)
For minimum salary, see Section 161.
For method of payment of salary, see Sections 161 to 164 (inclusive.)
For method of terminating an agreement, see Section 157.
For information regarding vacation periods and holidays, see Sections 144 and 145.
Teacher should sign with Christian names in full.
The Chairman or any other Trustee authorized to do so may sign (Section 158).
One copy of this Agreement should be retained by the Board, another by the Teacher, and the third forwarded at once to the Department of Education.

We're all in our places,
With bright smiling faces,
And this is the way,
We start our day."

Then the pupils salute the flag as follows:

"We salute our flag, the emblem of our country,
And to thee we pledge, our love and loyalty."

Method of conducting the classes: 20 minutes per day is given to each grade and each subject, the rest of the pupils study or do their written assignments.

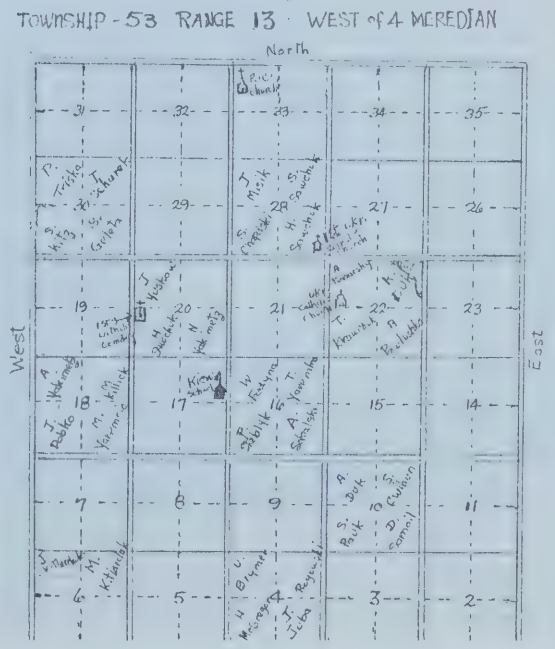
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m. Pupils get their books ready. All stand and sing a good-night song as follows:

"Lullaby and good-night etc."

The room is very quiet, and all that remains is a pile of assignments on the table to be checked.

KIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1693

by George G. Yuskow, B.Ed.



Ukrainian settlers began to occupy the Kiew area between 1901-1903. Some of the children were taught at home in the Ukrainian language by their parents. Later, when the convent school was established by the Sisters of Mary Immaculate at the Mundare farm monastery, some parents sent their children to be educated there.

In 1908, Kiew School was organized. The first meeting was held at Peter Steblyk's place and the first board was elected - Jacob Yuskow, Tymko Yaremko, and Ivan Juba as chairman. The first secretary-treasurer was Peter Svarich of Vegreville who obtained the contract for the construction of the school. Kiew School was completed in the same year and opened early in the fall.

Kiew School's first teacher was Joseph Sullivan who died suddenly after only two or three days of work. After this tragedy, the school was closed for some time. Later L.B. Marko arrived to serve as teacher. His students were of all sizes, ranging in age from six to 18 years. All studied almost the same lessons - the ABC's and the Primer.

Among the teachers who taught at Kiew School were: J. Sullivan, L.B. Marko, Dr. G. Novak of Winnipeg, Miss Rose, M. Walker, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Reid, Mr. Corcoran, M. Luchkovich M.P., G. Hosking, C. Lusier, Mr. Rurak, W. Masciuch, Miss L. Svekla (Fedorko), Miss O. Perrich (Semenovich), P. Steblyk (Kuss), M. Stewart (Gordon), G. Yuskow, Wm. Bushko, A.M. Oryschak, N. Chmilar and G. Cuciurean.

At that time school was periodically opened for only a few months a year. Kiew School students who entered the education profession included Steve Samoil, Pearl Kuss (Steblyk), George Yuskow, Mike Ewaschuk and Orest Steblyk. William Yuskow graduated with B.Sc.; Dick Geleta graduated in Pharmacy and Peter Steblyk graduated in Dentistry. Other students who graduated from other schools in the New Kiew district were: Nick Samoil, William Bushko, Catherine Semeniuk, Patsy Semeniuk, Lillian Basaraba (Kitz) and William Gary Yuskow.

In 1941, the original school burned down during summer holidays and was immediately replaced by a new building in 1941. However, the school was soon closed and the children were vanned to Lavoy School. The new Kiew School was bought by William Steblyk, and moved to Vegreville where it was remodelled into a duplex apartment.

Kiew School class, Grades I & II, 1943. Back row (L to R) - Eddy Duk, Nick Cymbaluk, Orest Steblyk, Victor Sawchuk, Nick Yuskow; front row - Lucy Wyshynski, Elsie Ewaschuk.

Kiew School class, Grade III, 1943-44. (L to R) - Mary Dmyterko, Victor Wyshynski, Ruby Fedyna, Victoria Semenovich.

The second Kiew School was built in 1941. In the above photo the school is in the process of being moved to Vegreville in 1956.

Kiew School class, 1916. Back row, (L to R) - John Sawchuk, Steve Killick, Fred Yuskow, Andrew Yakimetz, Peter D. Samoil; front row - Pearl Yaremko, Ksenka Steblyk, Katie Yakimetz, Tina Sokalski, Pearl Steblyk, Bill D. Samoil.

THE BOJAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1777

by Lena Kelba

On March 11, 1908, the Bojan S.D. No. 1777 was established. It comprised the following land areas: Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29 and 30, in twp. 56, rge. 13; sections 1, 12, 13, 24 and 25, in twp. 56, rge. 14, W4th. The official trustee was Robert Fletcher, of Wostok, Alberta, who was also Supervisor of Schools in non- English districts.

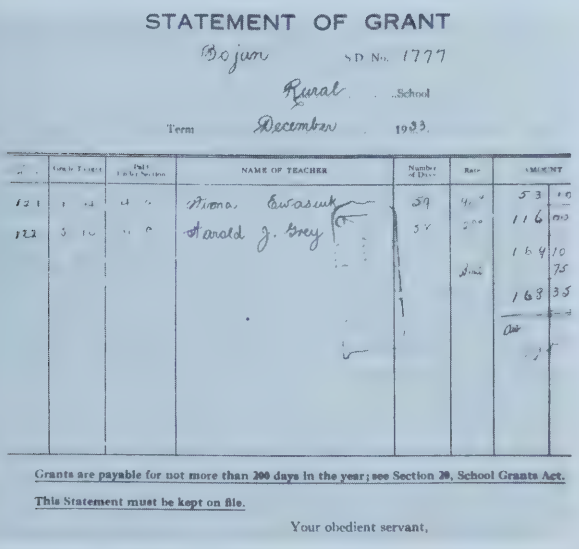
On August 14, 1909, approval was given for a site selected at the S.E. corner of sec. 18, 56, 13, W4th. That same year on Nov. 17, the district borrowed $700. for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a school and teacherage. During the following years lands were withdrawn or added to the district, and the school boundaries kept changing. In 1919, Mr. J.C. Butchard of Vegreville was appointed the official trustee.

Since the Bojan School population kept increasing it was necessary to build another room. On February 3, 1926, the district borrowed $1,600. for the purpose of paying for an additional room.

When the school first opened in 1910, the teacher was Mr. Disher. When the junior room was added the first teacher was Lena W. Svekla. The treasurer at this time was George W. Svekla.

In 1928, more land was required for a playground area and approval was given for additional land purchase making a total of five acres.

When the school burned down in 1930, it was replaced by the existing present structure.



STATEMENT OF GRANT

Bojan S.D. No. 1777

Rural School

Term December 1933.

			NAME OF TEACHER	Number of Days	Rate	AMOUNT
121			Mona Kwasiuk	59		53 10
122			Harold J. Grey	54		116 00
						169 10
						75
						168 35

Grants are payable for not more than 200 days in the year; see Section 20, School Grants Act.

This Statement must be kept on file.

Your obedient servant,

In 1937, the Bojan School District was incorporated into the Two Hills Division No. 21. In the late forties, when teachers were scarce, Mr. Steve Matei had 76 pupils in Grades I to X at Bojan, while four miles west, at Boian Marea, the enrolment had dropped from 79 to 19 pupils in four and one-half years due to the large scale farmers who purchased small land holdings. As a result, George and Lena Kelba, teachers at Boian Marea, were moved to Bojan School in 1948. They taught till 1954, when the school was closed. The Kelbas and their pupils were then bussed to Hairy Hill School. Approval was given for the sale of the Bojan site and buildings in April, 1955. Although the Bojan School and buildings are still there, they are seldom used.

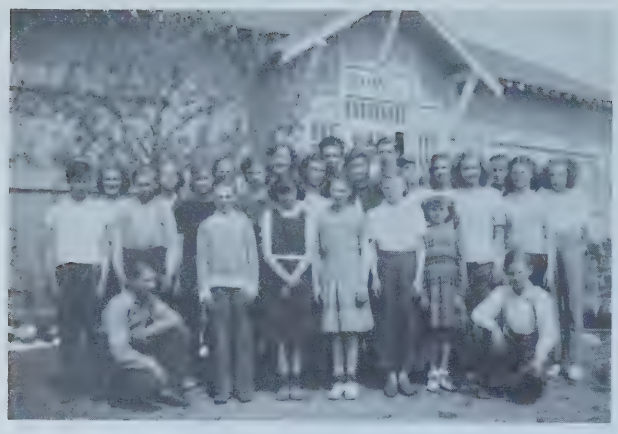
(L.K.)

Bojan School, Halloween Party, 1949

Among the early teachers that also taught at the Bojan School prior to 1930, are the following: Miss Fullerton, W.H. Scott, L.A. Mauzar, G. Mosher, C.W. Whittaker, A.M. McEvoy, C. Callier, and L. Svelka.

According to Alberta Education, the list includes these: C.C. Kachuk, 1930; H.J. Grey, 1930-37; R. Forbes, 1930-33; F. Ewasiuk, 1933-37; M. Ursuliak, 1937-39; M. Shalka, 1937-43; W. Sharek, 1939-41; B. Mynzak, 1941-42; D. Radesh, 1942-43; M. Charuk, 1944; A. Poohkay, 1943; S. Matei, 1943-47; S. Kokotailo, 1944-45; J. Hawreliak, 1945-46; A. Kassian, 1946-47; L.J. Kelba, 1948-54; G.N. Kelba, 1948-54.

Bojan School, Junior class, 1950. Back row, (L to R) - Eddie Hutzcal, second and third unknown, Ernest Petraschuk, Sonia Kereliuk, Bill Petrashcuk, Mary Wisniewski, Marshal Ruptash; second row - Orest Farrus, Tommy Yurko, Ronnie Yakemchuk, Caroline Gordichuk, Margaret Tataryn, Ernest Petraschuk, Pat Sambor, Lawrence Tataryn, Tillie Kereliuk, Marlene Kereliuk, Patricia Kereliuk, Lorraine Kereliuk; front row - Georgina Harasym, Edna Yakemchuk, --- Tataryn, Angela Gordichuk, unknown, unknown, Judy Kelba, Fiona Knapp, Violet Kusiek, Georgina Kereliuk.



Bojan School, Senior Class, 1950. Back row, (L to R) - second is Norman Kereliuk; middle row - Eddie Yakimchuk, Katie Farrus, Lily Ursuliak, Evelyn Tataryn, unknown, Josephine Eliuk, Rachel Hreniuk, unknown, Mary Kusiek, unknown, Lily Sambor, Raymond Gordichuk, Olga Mereska, unknown; front row - Orest Severyn, Johnny Yurko, unknown, Susie Mereska, Nettie Farrus, Rita Yurko; kneeling - Silver Gordichuk, George Eliuk.

Bojan School, Senior Class, 1954. Back row, (L to R) - unknown, unknown, Eddie Yakemchuk, Eddie Hutzcal; fourth row - Marshall Ruptash, Nettie Farrus, Doris Kereliuk, Lily Sambor, unknown, Pat Sambor; third row - Lawrence Kusiek, Sonia Kereliuk, Tillie Kereliuk, Evelyn Tataryn, Susie Mereska, Lawrence Tataryn; second row - George Kelba (teacher), Margaret Tataryn, Gloria Mereska; front row - Judy Kelba, Angela Gordichuk, Georgina Kereliuk, Orest Farrus. Walter Wisniewski (missing).

Bojan School, Junior Class, 1954. Back row, (L to R) - Mary Petraschuk, Lorraine Kereliuk, unknown, Fiona Ewanchuk, Joyce Hantiuk, Beth Zadumirsky, George J. Yurko, Georgina Harasym, Edna Yakimchuk, --- Tataryn, unknown, Violet Kusiek, Fiona Knapp; third row - Judy Hantiuk, Emile Farrus, Diane Gordichuk, Ronald Kereliuk, Edward Hutzcal, Elizabeth Tataryn; second row - unknown, Elmer Kusiek, Mitchel Toma, Billy Zadumirsky, George Leonty; front row - Roger Farrus, Jimmy Ewanchuk, Willis Kereliuk, Ronald Yakemchuk, Terry Kereliuk, unknown, Lena Kelba (teacher).

Bojan School - recent photo, 1984

Highlights of Bojan School (1948-1954)

by Lena Kelba

I Remember ... Skating on the pond in the bush, across the road from the school, every Friday afternoon during winter. Of course the ice had to be cleared first by the boys from Grade VI to XI.

... Spring was a time to beautify the grounds. Five acres would be raked, grounds levelled for the playgrounds, gophers and snakes exterminated, flower beds cultivated, and the stones enclosing the flowers whitewashed.

... The bigger boys cut trees on the roadway and used them for poles for the five swings they built, and which the girls painted white. Chains were bought with money raised through dances at the school as well as through profits from confectionery booths. The merry-go-round and three teeter-totters (see-saws) were built by George Kelba and the boys.

... The pump had to be primed before any water could be pumped. As the well was very deep, it took two or three groups of the older boys to pump enough water for the school and the teacherage.

... Since the school was on a hill and all district activities took place at the school, including the annual Sports Day, pupils took pride in beautifying the grounds. Baseball was a very popular sport.

... Every spring we looked forward to the festival with the hope of bringing back awards in recitations, music and drama.

... Andy Toma's (student who followed George Kelba from Boian Marea to Bojan) version of the Golden Rule: "Do unto others before they do it unto you!"

EARLY INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS IN THE TWO HILLS AREA

The first schools in the Two Hills area, including Szypenitz, Pobeda, Two Hills, Chornik, Wattsford (Kaleland), Plain Lake, Lainuk, Duvernay, Luzan, Nizir, Franko, Ispas, Bushland, Wolia, Bojan and Kiew, were officially under the supervision of Robert Fletcher, the official Department of Education Supervisor of Schools Among Foreigners.

Fletcher, who had his headquarters in Wostok, submitted annual reports on his inspections of schools in non-English speaking districts east and north of Edmonton. His 1915 report to the Department of Education is typical of his many submissions:

Department of Education
EDUCATION IN FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS

Report of Robert Fletcher,
Supervisor of Schools Among Foreigners

Hon. J.R. Boyle, Esq., K.C., M.P.P.,
Minister of Education,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Sir, - I have the honour to submit for your consideration the following report on Educational matters in the non-English settlements of the Province for the year 1915.

EXTENT OF THE RUTHENIAN SETTLEMENTS

The office of Supervisor of Schools among foreigners has its origin in the advisability and necessity of putting our foreign population in touch with our language and institutions as speedily and thoroughly as possible through the instrumentality of the common school. While there are groups of foreigners settled in different parts of the Province, any of which may require assistance, the chief field of labour in the Supervisor's office is among the Ruthenian settlers to the east and northeast of Edmonton, on both sides of the Canadian Northern Railway. Roughly speaking, the area in which these people are settled extends from Bruderheim on the west to Vermilion on the east, a distance of about ninety miles, and of an average width of about fifty miles. While there are a few English-speaking people in certain sections of this area and a not unimportant few in practically all of the towns, the greater part of this area is solidly settled by Ruthenians. There are thus few social or business relations or agencies doing accessory work to the little school.

THE PROBLEM

The task imposed on the school is not a light one. The ordinary country school in the English settlements is commonly said to be handicapped against efficient work by sparse population, bad roads, the poverty of settlers and poor class organization. If we add to this an adult population with no knowledge of our language or of our institutional life, and with a natural desire for the conservation of their mother tongue, which amounts to a fear of losing it, some idea may be formed of what the common school in foreign settlements has to do.

The schools among foreigners are functioning properly in the Province. The organization of the area into school districts has been completed, and as new settlements arise their organization is proceeding as in the other parts of the Province. There are now about one hundred and thirty schools, the majority of whose ratepayers are Ruthenian. The whole area is dominated by the state school, just as the rest of the Province is. There are three important duties devolving on the Supervisor, all three of which are attended with difficulties which are unknown to the school interest of Canadian settlements. They are:

(1) The making of proper financial arrangements in the establishing of the school in the first instance;

(2) The securing of the proper performance of the duties of Trustee in carrying on the ordinary business of the school;

(3) The securing of regularly qualified teachers and the carrying on of work according to English standards and in the English language.

As the area is now completely organized into districts the difficulties arising from the establishment of schools is practically over. As far as possible even the initial steps of organizations are taken with the co-operation at least of the local ratepayers. The general method followed in the administration of the foreign schools is to make the management paternal to the point of having the necessary work or business done, but to decentralize as speedily as possible the exercise of authority, and have it devolve upon Trustees, so as to have them "learn to do by doing" the things necessary to carry on the work of the school.

THE OFFICIAL TRUSTEE

The creation of the office of Official Trustee has been of the greatest possible benefit in solving the difficulties of the foreign school. The philosophy of the practice of appointing Official Trustees is that it is the immediate substitution of experience for inexperience in the solving of rural school difficulties. It is equally flexible as to its taking on and its taking off. A few characteristic cases will show its operation:

Ruthenian School children remote from a railway.

The Board of Trustees of Proswita School District, north of Lamont, was in financial difficulties and consequently did not want to engage a teacher. The district was visited and the Board was requested to accept the services of a qualified teacher, but they refused, and an Official Trustee was at once appointed. A qualified teacher was put in charge of the school immediately, and, as the ratepayers paid up their arrears of taxes, the credit of the district was soon restored.

Trouble arose in the Kotzman district over the election of Trustees. An Official Trustee was appointed and in a short time a special meeting of the ratepayers was called for the purpose of electing a new Board of Trustees. This Board has been quite successful in administering the affairs of the district.

The administration of the affairs of Bruno School district, north of Innisfree, was handed over to a Board of Trustees. Last year the ratepayers of the district, through their Trustees, persisted in retaining the services of an unqualified teacher, and an Official Trustee was appointed. A qualified teacher was placed in the school and as the ratepayers are now disposed to conform with the requirements of the School Ordinance in the selection of their teacher, they were given another opportunity to manage their own affairs.

The administration of the affairs of the Bojan School district, north of Vegreville, was also turned over to a Board of Trustees. When this school district was being organized the ratepayers thought it better to have an Official Trustee until the school building was erected and the school was put in operation, and consequently they petitioned the Department to have one appointed. Later on, the ratepayers wished to assume the responsibility of managing their own affairs, and consequently were allowed to elect a Board of Trustees.

Prior to 1915 the difficulties met with were more numerous and more varied, and consequently the affairs of a greater number of school districts were administered by an Official Trustee. Two years ago, when the schools in Ruthenian settlements were raided by would-be teachers from Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and when the ratepayers of a number of these school districts, through their Trustee Boards, were engaging unqualified men, an Official Trustee was appointed in several districts. As soon as they became disposed to conform with the requirements of the School Ordinance and the regulations of the Department, they were given another chance to elect a Board of Trustees and thus manage their own affairs. As an illustration of how effectively this method has worked out, mention may be made of the fact that the district which gave the most trouble then has now, through its own Trustee Board, engaged one of the most efficient teachers in the colony, and the relations between the teacher and ratepayers are most cordial indeed.

Thus, in 1913, I, acting in the capacity of Official Trustee, had charge of twenty-three school districts. At present I am acting as Official Trustee of only ten schools, which shows satisfactory progress in the capacity of the foreign settlers in the management of their own affairs.

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

The office of Supervisor, or of the Official Trustee in case one is appointed, is important in the outside relations of the Board, e.g., in the matter of securing teachers. The trouble is intensified in the case of scarcity of teachers. On account of living conditions in foreign districts, male teachers are usually more suitable than female, which still further narrows the choice or supply. The supply was just becoming adequate to the demand when the European war broke out and large numbers of the teachers enlisted, thus causing a shortage again.

To ameliorate these conditions, teachers' houses have been built. These are frame structures usually about fourteen feet by eighteen feet, although some are much larger. They are furnished with a table, bed, cook stove and cooking utensils. In nearly all cases there is a plentiful supply of drinking water on the school premises. Where the teacher is at all handy and is able to enlist the co-operation of the School Board, the teacher's house and its surroundings are made quite comfortable and home-like indeed.

In the early part of the year there was a scarcity of teachers. Students of eastern universities and of the University of Saskatchewan and of the University of Alberta, who held certificates entitling them to standing in Alberta, were communicated with, and a number of qualified men were secured in this way. Later on, when the Normal schools of the Province closed their sessions, the supply of teachers became quite equal to the demand. A few young men from the Ontario universities, who did not have the necessary qualifications, came out on their own initiative, expecting that it would be an easy matter to secure

schools among the foreign population of the Province, but were disappointed. Permits were granted in a few cases, but only to Alberta students who held the required academic standing.

SHORT TERM SCHOOLS DECREASING

The occasional scarcity of teachers makes it difficult to secure the operation of all schools for the full year. The percentage of yearly schools is increasing, however, and it is gratifying to know that the sentiment in favour of the yearly operation of schools even in the outlying districts is manifesting itself. If the supply of teachers were equal to the demand at all times, practically all of these schools would be yearly schools, as the ratepayers are getting in good condition financially. It is recognized that the short-term school is probably the greatest barrier to educational progress in English-speaking communities of the Province, much more so is it the case in non-English settlements. Special efforts are being made to secure an adequate supply of teachers for these schools throughout the year.

FREE INSTITUTIONS AND PERSONAL INITIATIVE

Quite a marked development is noticeable in recent years in the initiative of the Ruthenians. Ten years ago the predominant characteristic of the masses was their lack of self reliance. They flocked together to do the pettiest detail of business, whether public or private. They seldom relied upon their individual judgment. This characteristic is noticed among the old men even to-day. Public opinion among them was formed by the old people. The young man had little influence in public meetings. The customary appeal to prejudice, "He is a young man, he is not yet twenty-four" (the year of maturity in Austria), would counteract any effect his arguments might have produced. This public opinion had a retarding influence over the colony. It was averse to anything new. If anyone by his own industry became prosperous he was disliked and shunned, and sometimes even intimidated and boycotted. To-day the old people no longer control public opinion. Freedom of thought and action has made rapid strides among them during the last few years. One prominent Ruthenian leader remarked to me that he no longer had influence over his countrymen; "Everybody is wise now," said he.

Ruthenian children are as a rule bright and intelligent, and even with the handicap of acquiring a new language, they keep abreast with the children of English-speaking parents. The use of the English language is becoming prevelant throughout the colony among adults and children alike. While it is the case that in the early years in foreign settlements public, and to a considerable extent, business affairs are dominated or directed by English-speaking people, the foreign settlers are now working in the higher interests and activities of their communities. The people of the constituency of Whitford are represented in the Legislature by one of their own number in the person of Andrew S. Shandro, M.L.A. In Vegreville, which is the largest town in the foreign district, one member of the village council is of non-English stock. Pupils who have been trained in the public schools have gone out in considerable numbers to the secondary schools and likewise to the colleges and universities. There are at present twenty such students enrolled in vocational colleges, the university or in affiliated denominational colleges.

During the period of the war the Ruthenians have remained loyal and industrious. Nor would one expect otherwise. In their native land they did not enjoy the same liberty, opportunity or freedom of action as they have in their adopted country, and as they are now beginning to understand our institutions, they appreciate them. Besides, although they are of Austrian nationality, they have not been under German influence to the same extent as the people of some of the other units of the Austrian Empire. For example, they speak the same language as the Russians and belong to the Slav race. Consequently their sympathies are largely with Russia and her Allies in this great struggle. They are contributing liberally to the Patriotic Fund, individual contributions reaching as high as fifty dollars. The fact that these contributions are entirely voluntary on their part is fully understood and appreciated by them, and I am sure they contribute more generously on this account. A number, too, have enlisted for overseas service.

MATERIAL PROGRESS

The industry of the Ruthenian people is manifested in the remarkable material progress they have made during the last two years. The amount of grain marketed from the crop of 1915 is double that marketed from any preceding crop. The increased prices for farm products created by the war was no doubt an incentive to this material progress, but it is due chiefly to the development of a free public opinion. A few examples of business success among the younger people of the settlement may be mentioned:

Ten years ago as a youth John Smata, a resident of Vegreville district, was working out for small wages. Now he has six quarter sections in all, a comfortable house and stable, herds of hogs and cattle, and a good stock of superior horses. Last year the proceeds from the sale of grain on his place was $3,000. Alex Shandro, a resident of Shandro district, was also working out for wages ten years ago. To-day he owns six quarter sections, a good stock of fine horses, besides a number of cattle and

Ruthenian homes, showing stages of development

hogs. His buildings are exceptionally good. Another young man of the Shandro district, Michael Hawreliak by name, is forging ahead rapidly. He entered for his homestead in 1909. He has now five quarter sections altogether and threshed 13,000 bushels of grain from last season's crop. He has one hundred and sixty-five acres of new breaking ready for wheat this coming spring, besides two hundred acres of stubble land which he intends to sow in oats and barley.

The improvement in roads during the year has been marked indeed. It is not the extent to which improvements have been made, although this is considerable, but the quality of the work done that elicits favourable comment from the travelling public.

The effect of the success of settlers in their farm work is reacting to their ideas of comfort in living, improvement and extension in tillage operations, the increase in livestock, and the improvement in general surface equipment on the farms. The raising of hogs is growing to large proportions and improvement in horse stock is very marked. Strong heavy work horses from Percheron or Clyde sires have displaced the cayuse, and the horses invariably show good keep. The settlement is well into the second stage of home-making. The original homesteading shack or hut is being rapidly displaced by the real house. With more room and better floors and adequate lighting, the idea of greater comfort and greater attention to personal condition is taking hold.

On the whole the public school has again vindicated itself as an effective instrument of democracy and general public good, when it has been established and upheld in a consistent, serious and kindly way and has been kept free from the influence of ulterior and unworthy motives.

It is gratifying to be able to extend to the officials of the Department with whom I have had to deal, my sincere thanks for steady and sympathetic co-operation and support.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Robert Fletcher,
Supervisor of Schools among Foreigners.

TWO HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1941: HISTORY OF THE TWO HILLS ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

First Two Hills School, built circa 1909

Jim Adams - a teacher of the first Two Hills School who later became a lawyer in Vermilion, circa 1922

The district was established on February 25, 1909, with George L. Smith of Pozerville being the senior trustee.

On March 13, 1909, residents of the area decided at a public meeting to apply to the Department of Education for permission to build a school on SE 6-55-12-W4th. The trustees at this time were Peter Dowhaniuk, Dick Fife (chairman), and George L. Smith (the first secretary-treasurer). After approval from the Department in June, 1909, Elzear Moisin was awarded the contract to build the school and two outhouses for the sum of $260. The school was closed from January, 1912, for several years thereafter, due to lack of money to hire a teacher.

Moving the old Two Hills country school to town to serve as the first United Church, circa 1928

Grade VII and VIII girls of the Two Hills School, 1930, Miss K. Powell (teacher). (L to R) - Anne Dowhaniuk, Mary Odynski, Alexandra Drapaka, Anne Skakun, Nellie Serna, Anne Buk.

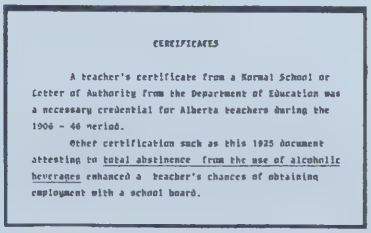
Edmonton, March 1, 1927.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of The School Act in that behalf, that, by order of the Minister of Education, the boundaries of the Two Hills School District No. 1941 of the Province of Alberta have been altered by withdrawing therefrom the following lands, namely: North-west quarter of Section 10, in Township 55, Range 12, west of the Fourth Meridian; and by adding: South-west quarter of Section 17, in Township 55, Range 12, west of the Fourth Meridian; and that from and after the date hereof the said district shall comprise the following lands, namely: Section 33 and those portions of Sections 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 lying north of the Vermilion River, in Township 54, Range 12; Sections 35 and 36 and those portions of Sections 25 and 26 lying north of the said river, in Township 54, Range 13; Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 18, west half of Section 3, south-west quarters of Sections 10 and 17, in Township 55, Range 12; Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, in Township 55, Range 13, west of the Fourth Meridian.

J.T. Ross,
Deputy Minister of Education

In June of 1928, the residents of Two Hills decided to build a brick four-room school on 32-54-12-W4th. W. Jellis was awarded the contract for $20,850.

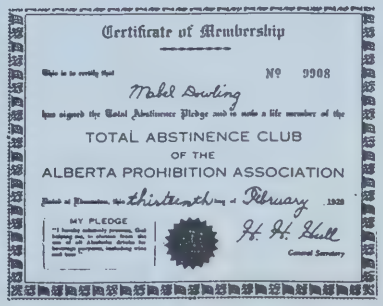
The old school was moved to the Village of Two Hills where it was sold to the United Church. The School Board rented this church for $1. per month and O. Chrapko's hall for $20. per year to be used as classrooms until the new school was completed. Mr. T. Hrapko and Miss K. Powell were hired to teach.



CERTIFICATES

A teacher's certificate from a Normal School or Letter of Authority from the Department of Education was a necessary credential for Alberta teachers during the 1906 - 46 period.

Other certification such as this 1925 document attesting to total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages enhanced a teacher's chances of obtaining employment with a school board.



Certificate of Membership

This is to certify that № 9908

Mabel Dowling

has signed the Total Abstinence Pledge and is made a life member of the

TOTAL ABSTINENCE CLUB
OF THE
ALBERTA PROHIBITION ASSOCIATION

Dated at Edmonton, this thirteenth day of February 1928

MY PLEDGE

H. H. Hall
General Secretary

June 17, 1931 - Vegreville Observer

The school board proposes to cut all teachers' salaries. As the reductions run from $300 to $400 per year, and some teachers who have put in three or four years here are to be paid at the rate of $800 per year if they choose to stay on the staff, one must conclude that the board sees the necessity for economy. So far as is known to the writer, there is no complaint against any of the teachers concerned. Times may be hard, but to expect teachers who have already served the district for some years to continue at a salary of $66.00 per month is a bit thick. Doubtless the district will get the kind of teachers who are worth it.

JUNE 13, 1934 - VEGREVILLE OBSERVER

The Two Hills School Board, having suddenly decided that it needed a little variety, has given three of its teachers notice of dismissal. The three teachers, Miss Powell, Mr. Laughlin and Miss Sherstianka have been teaching in the Two Hills school for seven, five and four years respectively. It is not even pretended that their work has been unsatisfactory, nor is any rational explanation of their proposed dismissal given, unless the statement of the trustees that they "want a change" may be considered such.

Both the present public school inspector and his predecessor have stated that the work of the Two Hills school staff has been eminently satisfactory, and the reports given on the work of the individual teachers have consistently supported this statement.

However, the trustees in their infinite wisdom have declined to consider these facts worthy of their attention. It is perhaps presumptuous to speculate on the motives which actuate the Olympians and it would certainly be futile to inquire of them. The teachers have already done the latter at a board meeting called for that purpose, but the trustees maintained their attitude of inscrutable hauteur, and merely repeated that they "wanted a change."

It is true that in the case of the teacher who is senior in point of service, the board told her that she had been sick and might be sick again. In her seven years as an employee of this board, Miss Powell has drawn one month's sick pay, owing to an injury to her knee. She was fully entitled to such pay according to the School Act. Yet this was advanced as a reason for her dismissal. One wonders if the Department of Education, which is not at all notorious for firmness, will consider the fact that a teacher accepted pay to which she had a statutory right is a good reason for discharging her.

In the case of Mr. Laughlin, his notice informed him that his contract was to be terminated for reasons known to himself. At the subsequent meeting Mr. Laughlin, after thanking the board for its compliment to his powers as a seer, suggested several reasons which occurred to him as possibilities. In each case the trustees emphatically denied that the suggested reason was the cause of dismissal.

It remains, therefore, for the board of reference to decide whether "a change" is necessary to the well-being of the school district.

One might suspect (if one dared suspect anything of so august a body) that the trustees had heard of the alleged "open season" for teachers during the month of June, and thought it an opportunity for the exercise of a little local political strategy. However, time and the board of reference will tell.

Two Hills Public School - June, 1934. Back row, (L to R) - Nick G. Eliuk, Metro Gregory, Adam Andriowski, Archie McCutcheon, Steve Petecki, Walter Dowhaniuk, Ed Teresio, Bill Odynski, Dick Solowan, George Skakun, Mike Rusnak, John D. Skakun, Florence Desrosiers, Mary Dowhaniuk, Rose Buk, Rosie Eliuk, Katherine Hannochko, Jessie McCutcheon, Jenny Meroniuk, Mary Muren; fourth row - Rosie Muren, Mary Chyzowski, Mary Romaniuk, Vivian Porter, Mary Lakusta, Slawa Fedorowich, Olga Solovenko, Pauline Gartke, Nancy Petecki, Anne Kostek, Rose Skakun, Olga Hucul, Annie Glum, Martha Tkachuk, Katie Rosychuk, Sophie Odynski, Lillian Porter, Anne Olinyk, Mary Graff, Elsie Muren, Mary Chrapko, Anne Solovenko, Katie Dowhey; third row - Lena Gregory, Mary Solowan, Rosie Serna, Katie Chrapko, Annie Dowhey, Mary Eliuk, Victoria Eliuk, Vicky Chrapko, Lily Romaniuk, Annie Tkachuk, Elsie Miskiw, Olga Hrapko, Elsie Gorgichuk, Elsie Gartke, ____ Desrosiers, Betty Laughlin, Isabel Graff, Josie Kolisniak, Katie Nikiforuk, Mary Hucul, Rosie Lakusta, Mary Skakun, Zinnia Teresio, Stella Chyzowski; second row - Mike Dronyk, John Gregory, Metro Buk, John G. Skakun, Alex Olinyk, Stanley Porter, Stanley Hucul, Alex Dowhey, Alex Eliuk, unknown, John Rosychuk, Nick Krawchuk, Alex Andriowski, Orest Antoniuk, Jack Domet, Paul Hannochko, George Dmyterko, Alex Rosychuk, Stephen Andriowski; bottom row - George Nikiforuk, George Rusnak, Nick Olinyk, Billy Graff, Steve Miskiw, Nick Hrynyk, Peter Solovenko, Nick Solowan, George Petecki, Melvin Gorgichuk, Mike Kostek, Sylver Lakusta, John Dronyk, Tony Rosychuk, George Tkachuk, Nick Muren. Teachers: Mona Sherstianka, Kathleen Powell, Mrs. McCutcheon, Jack Laughlin - principal.

An ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

Two Hills Public School "Coronation Year" - June, 1937. Back row, (L to R) - Mike Kostek, Nick Olinyk, John Dronyk, George Nikiforuk, Nick Hrynyk, Billy Graff, Melvin Gorgichuk, Alex Dowhey, Peter Solovenko, Dick Solowan, Stanley Porter, John Skakun, John Rosychuk, Joe Wirachowsky, Nick Solowan, George Tkachuk, Steve Serna, Tony Rosychuk, Peter Chrapko, Nick Muren; fourth row - Irene Porter, Tillie Antoniuk, Lena Gregory, Mary Romaniuk, Mary Solowan, Rosie Muren, Mary Skakun, Annie Solovenko, Mary Chrapko, Katie Nikiforuk, Phyllis Fedorowich, Mary Eliuk, Elsie Serna, Mary Hucul, Rosie Lakusta, Vivian Porter, Rosie Serna, Katie Chrapko; third row - Mike Olinyk, Eli Antoniuk, Ed Chyzowski, George Petecki, Annie Prokopiuk, Josie Kolisniak, Victoria Eliuk, Olga Yuskow, Isabel Graff, Elsie Gorgichuk, Nick Nikiforuk, Bill Solowan; second row - Rhoda Forbes (teacher), Elsie Miskiw, --- Lewko, Rosalind Severyn, Mary Skakun, Lorraine Tanne, Evelyn Greshuk, Elsie Gartke, Annie Tkachuk, Nancy Gorgichuk, Mary Antoniuk, Olga Kostek, Margaret Eliuk, Olga Harasym, Nettie Solovenko, unknown, Faye Stanton, Sandra Chrapko, Lily Romaniuk, Annie Dowhey, Helen Soldan (teacher), Ernest Solowan, Jack Laughlin (principal); bottom row - Eddie Lewko, Steve Miskiw, Bill Skakun, Bill Stanton, Walter Yuskow, Sylver Lakusta, Steve Dronyk, --- Thompson, Danny Pedleski, Joe Wulchak, Walter Hryciw, Marshall Harasym, Marshall Miskiw, --- Humen, Teddy Chyzowsky, John Krewusik, Nick Rosychuk.

In January, 1939, an agreement was signed with the Two Hills School Division No. 21 to amalgamate thus ending the existence of the Two Hills School District No. 1941.

Among the teachers who taught in the Two Hills School District from 1910-1939 are W. Miller, I. Gardiner, W. Wittaker, J. Adams, M. Mix, O. Adsett, M. Cowen, K. Powell, T. Hrapko, J. Laughlin, M. Sherstianko, B. McCutcheon, R. Forbes, P. Semenchuk, S. Clarke, N. Myskiw, M. Soldan, H. Soldan, K. Odynski, and R. Slevinsky.

A sixth classroom was put into operation in 1945. Because of crowded conditions, it was decided that a new school site (present high school loaction) be purchased from N. Dowhaniuk, for $200. per acre.

With some school bussing from rural areas in operation in 1950, a new four-room school was opened. Home Economics and Industrial Arts were introduced, with the Industrial Arts classes held in a schoolhouse moved in from the rural area. Because residents within the boundaries of the Two Hills School District were not granted bussing service, rural students had to arrange for their own transportation.

An additional wing to the high school was completed in 1951. When a severe spring snowstorm stranded bussed students for two days, they were billeted in town homes.

In 1955, six classrooms with a gymnasium were added to the high school and an extension to the brick school was nearing completion. As there was a shortage of teachers at this time, an extensive bursary and recruiting program was introduced.

Tragedy struck on January 17, 1956, when the brick school was destroyed by fire. However, the addition which was almost ready for occupancy, was saved and went into operation in a matter of weeks. Final settlement for fire damage was for $102,500. The elementary school was rebuilt and officially opened in April of 1957. Enrolment in both schools was 661 at this time with 23 teachers in 19 operating classrooms.

In 1961, the elementary and high schools were separated with a principal and vice-principal appointed to each.

Two Hills School, Grades V - VIII, 1940-41. Top row, (L to R) - Mike Olinyk, Ted Chyzowski, Bill Stanton, Victor Eglinski, Walter Yuskow, John Dronyk, George Tkachuk, Bill Skakun, Larry Ewanishan, Steve Dronyk, Ernest Solowan; middle row - Rose Dowhaniuk, Lillian Harasym, Victoria Chrapko, Victoria Eliuk, Rose Serna, Irene Porter, Charles Tymchuk (teacher), Josie Kolisniak, Kate Chrapko, Lena Gregory, Mary Eliuk, Lorraine Tanne; bottom row - Nancy Slevinski, Anne Tkachuk, Nancy Gorgichuk, Elsie Myskiw, Lillian Romaniuk, Anne Prokopiuk, Elsie Gorgichuk, Evelyn Greshuk, Nettie Solowan, Olga Kostek, Mary Antoniuk.

Two Hills High School, Grades IX - X, 1940-41. Top row, (L to R) - Steve Myskiw, Nick Paulichuk, Nick Olinyk, George Nikiforuk, John Skakun, Dave Hohol, Peter Kuleba, Nick Hrynyk, Mike Kostek; middle row - Stan Clarke (principal), Faye Stanton, Alice Myroniuk, Olga Chrapko, Vivian Porter, Jack Domet, Olga Soldan, Mary Romaniuk, Mary Skakun, Viola Human, Nick Myskiw (teacher); bottom row - Mary Towpich, Tillie Antoniuk, Leona Ferbey, Nancy Buk, Alice Delawsky, Annie Bandura, Kay Ewanishan, Olga Yuskow, Rose Buk.

Two Hills High School, Grades XI - XII, 1940-41. Top row, (L to R) - Nick Goroniuk, Metro Ternovoy, Steve Ewasiuk, Orest Antoniuk, Taras Soldan, Steve Lysakowski, Edward Hollick, Alex Soldan, Walter Dowhaniuk; middle row - Marshall Samoil, Peter Tomyn, Bill Humeniuk, Harry Soldan, Justine Chmilar, Lillian Porter, Zinnia Tymchuk, Albert Hohol, Nicholas Chomick, Bill Odynski, Nazar Kuzio; bottom row - Stanley Clarke (principal), Jennie Shypansky, Helen Slevinski, Mary Chyzowski, Rita Castagner, Josephine Kupchenko, Catherine Semeniuk, Elsie Dronyk, Nancy Petecki, Anne Kostek, Nick Myskiw (teacher).

Two Hills Elementary School, circa 1940

Indian Dance Practice for the Christmas concert, teacher then - E. Ponich. (L to R) - Mary Harasym, Carol Rudyk, Alexandra Serna, Marshall Miskiw, Nick Ilkuf, Nick Ewanishan, circa 1940s.

Two Hills School students, circa 1940. Front row (L to R) - Pat Watt, Mike Chrapko, Jenny Lutzak; second row - Raymond Dehid (fourth); back row - Nick Rosychuk, unknown, Olga Dochuk.

Two Hills School students - Grades III - IV, 1946-47. Back row (L to R) - Triffon Rosychuk, Emil Stefiuk, John Pilip, Mary Hnatiuk, Anne Shchurek (teacher), Lillian Hnatiuk, Louise Fedun, Boris Boida, Joe Krewusik, Donald Fedoruk; third row - Douglas Forbes, George Chrapko, Donald Coutu, Orest Luciak, Josie Orlecki, Anne Dronyk, Ernest Rosychuk, Mike Woloshyniuk, Terry Hunka, Marshall Dehid; second row - Nestor Hryciw, Lawrence Tymko, Olga Pilip, Delores Delawski, Marilyn Suliak, Sophie Gorgichuk, Hazel Gorgichuk, Rosanne Orlecki, Dave Tkachuk, Marshall Solovan; front row - Eugene Harmata, Lawrence Samoil, Freddie Gorgichuk, Rosie Rosychuk, Lillian Basaraba, Rita Fedun, Valerie Podealuk, Emile Delawski, Bill Nickiforuk, Randy Dowhaniuk.

Two Hills School Orchestra under the direction of Mr. J. Berezan - 1946. Front row, (L to R) - George Chrapko, Terry Hunka, Rudy Sheptyski, Walter Stefiuk; middle row - Ruby Berezan, Lorraine Spak, Mary Skakun, Olga Kostek, Josephine Semeniuk, Stella Eliuk, Esther Dadenski, Sonja Buk, Marion Hryciw, Angella Fedun, Martha Chrapko, Jeanette Hryciw; back row - Leonard Ponich, Victor Nikiforuk, Orest Mulka, Sandra Chrapko, Mary Serna, Joyce Gartke, John Dron, Anne Hnatiuk, Alexandra Serna, Walter Kupchenko and Iris Andriaschuk.

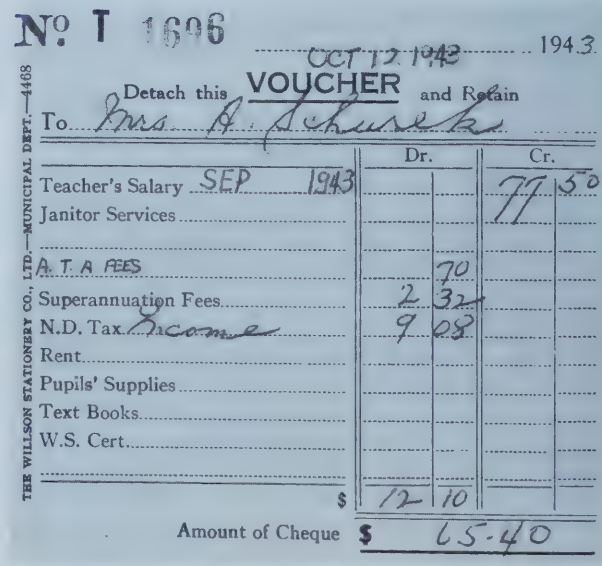
A Book

There is no frigate like a book
To take us lands away,
Nor any coursers like a page
Of prancing poetry.
This traverse may the poorest take
Without oppress of toll;
How frugal is the chariot
That bears a human soul!

—Emily Dickinson

Two Hills School, Grade ~~IV Class~~ 2 & 3, 1947. Back row, (L to R) - Ronnie Mulka, Walter Killick, Larry Shwed, Steve Rosichuk, Jimmy Fedoruk, Sandy Krewusik, Ann Lupul (teacher), John Dochuk, Peter Misik, Jean Forbes, Dennis Nikiforuk, George Serna; third row - June Pundick, Dick Bodnar, Cecile Chrapko, Edward Woloshyniuk, Rose Rosichuk, Stanley Elko, Angela Mandrusiak, Billy Nikiforuk, Sophie Sorochan, Shirley Krewusik, Ronnie Hnydyk; second row - Sylvia Tomyn, Olga Hryciw, Myrna Hnatiuk, Lois Shwed, Judy Forbes, Francis Werenka, Josie Rosichuk, Rose Archinuk; front row - Eva Pundick, Sophie Andriaschuk, Betty Kindrake, Roselind Kis, Julia Basaraba.

Two Hills School students, circa 1944-45. Front row, (L to R) - Stanley Adamoski, Nick Ewanishan, Nick Serna; second row - Vera Kostelny, Sonja Buk, Sandra Serna, Elsie Rosychuk; back row - Metro Eglinski, Bill Solowan, Nick Ilkuf, Mike Kostelny.



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Detach this VOUCHER and Retain

To Mrs. A. Schuresko

	Dr.		Cr.	
Teacher's Salary SEP 1943			77	50
Janitor Services				
A. T. A. FEES		70		
Superannuation Fees	2	32		
N.D. Tax Income	9	08		
Rent				
Pupils' Supplies				
Text Books				
W.S. Cert.				
$	12	10		

Amount of Cheque $ 65-40

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Two Hills Junior High School Grade VIII-B Class (1967-68). Front row, (L to R) - Michelle Gorgichuk, Lorraine Meroniuk, April Tymchuk, Marilyn Pawliuk, Donna Orlecki, Rosemarie Kisilevich, Shirley Sherstan, Rose Marie Skoropadyk, Roseanne Gretzan; middle row - Robyn Kostelny, Johnny Elkow, Bernie Warawa, Andy Lakusta, Catherine Brosseau, Linda Wertz, Joanne Logozar, Elaine Sayler, Patsy Taschuk, Ken Shchurek, Leonard Boychuk, Bob Semeniuk, Gordon Forbes, Nick Ewanchuk (teacher); back row - John Chrapko, Richard Geleta, Darrell Kuzio, Jerry Chrunik, Norman Hanson, Philip Bohaychuk, Terry Rurka, Ricky Krucik, Billy Adamowski, Daniel Harasewich, Glen Skoropad.

Two Hills Senior High School Grade 12-A Class (1967-68). Front row, (L to R) - Belinda Choban, Joyce Chrunik, Iris Slewka, Shirley Pundick, Linda Korol, Belinda Kotyshyn, Marie Mondor, Beverly Panylyk, Barbara Dronyk; middle row - Danny Dochuk, Kenneth Eliuk, Arnold Shandro, Bill Hnydyk, Gary Mandrusiak, Melvyn Lypka, Ted Strileski, Danny Warwaruk, Linda Soldan, Nick Olinyk (teacher); back row - Douglas Chonko, Jim Kindrake, Gerald Kereluk, John McCombe.

Principals of the Two Hills Schools: (1929-1986)

J. Laughlin, 1929-37
S. Clarke, 1937-41
N. Myskiw, 1941-42, 1945-53
N. Poohkay, 1942-45, 1953-55
A. Hohol, 1955-57
J. Melnychuk, 1957-62
M. Pawliuk, 1961-85
C. Lutic, 1962-70
N. Olinyk, 1970-76
S. Eliuk, 1976-81
R. Rudkowsky, 1981 (incumbent)
M. Sawchenko, 1985 (incumbent)

Among the teachers who taught in the Two Hills Schools from 1939-1985, are the following:

N. Aguilar
P. Bachinsky
S. Bachinsky
B. Bailey
L. Basaraba (Kitz)
E. Bednarski
J. Berezan
J. Bohaichuk
D. Bolstad
B. Boschman
L. Boychuk (Gorgichuk)
M. Boyda
R. Buck
J. Buk
S. Cavanaugh (Werenka)
R. Charuk
J. Chepeha
P. Chepeha
S. Chepeha
J. Chrunik
S. Clarke
G. Corry
M. Cunningham
P. Cymbaluk
E. Dadensky
A. Danelovich
E. Danyluk
E. Dehid
S. Derbawka (Gorgichuk)
J. Dobush
D. Dochuk
M. Dolinski
E. Duce
W. Dushenski
H. Eliuk
I. Eliuk
S. Eliuk
C. Elkow
O. Elkow
N. Ewanchuk
S. Ewanchuk
T. Ewanchuk
K. Ewoniak
R. Forbes
K. Frankiw
R. Gawreluck
W. Gegolick
E. Gorgichuk (Chmilar)
N. Greckol
M. Hackman
H. Hamaliuk
O. Hannochko
S. Hannochko
A. Hanushewski
H. Hasiuk
N. Hauca
P. Hauck
A. Hayduk
A. Hohol
L. Homeniuk
W. Hood
E. Horbasenko
S. Horon (Tomashewsky)
M. Hlewka
T. Hryciw
A. Joseph
W. Karbashewski
S. Kassian
M. Kereluik
S. Killick
W. Killick
W. Kirsch
J. Kolisniak
C. Koronko
M. Kostek
L. Kotowich
M. Kotowich
I. Kozmak (Andriaschuk)
J. Kozmak
M. Kozmak
W. Kulak
C. Kully
V. Kupchenko
V. Kushniruk (Verenka)
E. Kusiek
C. Kuzyk
J. Lavell
L. Lazaruk
M. Leskiw
A. Lupul
C. Lutic
M. Lutic
W. Lytwyn
W. Macenko
J. McConnell
J. Melnychuk
A. Melnyk (Hannochko)
C. Morgan
K. Morse
S. Mutch
M. Muzyka
K. Myskiw (Odynski)
N. Myskiw
P. Nichiporik
S. Nikiforuk
S. Odynski
N. Olinyk
A. Oneschuk
M. Panylyk
M. Pawliuk
H. Petasky (Boyko)
L. Pidruchney
R. Plupek
A. Podealuk
D. Podealuk
E. Podealuk
M. Podealuk
E. Polischuk
R. Poloway
E. Ponich
N. Poohkay
G. Pundick (Tkachuk)
B. Reilly
A. Reiter
M. Reznik
P. Romanchuk
A. Romaniuk
R. Romaniuk
J. Rudkowsky
R. Rudkowsky
E. Ruptash
R. Samoil
E. Saskiw
N. Saskiw
M. Sawchenko
S. Sembaluk
I. Semeniuk
N. Seniuk
E. Serbu
D. Severyn
R. Shapka
A. Shchurek
E. Shchurek
M. Shykora
F. Shymko
M. Simonds
E. Skakun
V. Skakun
W. Skoropad
M. Slobodian
G. Smith
L. Smith
C. Soldan
D. Soldan
H. Soldan
E. Sorochan
J. Srinivassan
J. Stogre
J. Stoski
N. Svarich
C. Terry
N. Tkachuk
M. Toma
J. Turner
C. Tymchuk
Z. Tymchuk
D. Wacko
B. Warawa
A. Watson
O. Wisniewski
S. Yakimowich
J. Young
N. Zipchen

Two Hills School Staff, 1940-41. (L to R) - Stanley Clarke (principal), Nadia Svarich, Nick Myskiw, Kay Myskiw, Charles Tymchuk.

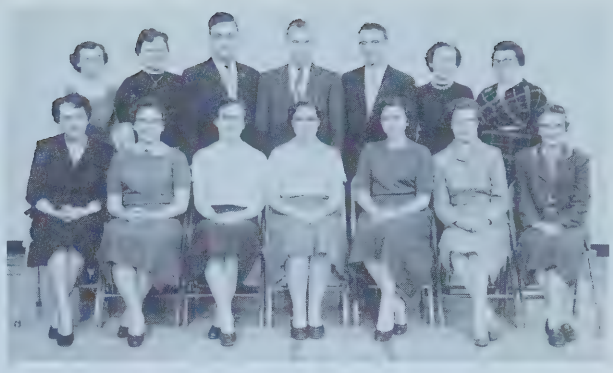
Two Hills School Staff, circa 1941-42. (L to R) - Nick Myskiw (principal), Joanna Young, Alice Hannochko, Kay Myskiw, Charles Tymchuk.

Two Hills Teaching Staff, circa 1943. (L to R) - Richard Samoil, Elsie Ponich, Nick Poohkay (principal), Kay Myskiw, Wm. Gegolick.

Two Hills School Staff, 1946. (L to R) - Nick Myskiw (principal), Sophie Odynski, Anne Shchurek, Dmytro Podealuk, Kay Myskiw, Michael G. Toma.

Goodness is the only investment that never fails.

—Henry D. Thoreau



Two Hills Elementary Staff, 1957-58. Top row, (L to R) - Olga Elkow, Shirley Tomashavsky, Mike Pawliuk (vice-principal), Joe Melnychuk (principal), Nick Zipchen, Anne Shchurek, Ann Romaniuk; bottom row - Marion Podealuk, Gloria Tkachuk, Marion Muzyka, May Boyda, Victoria Kushniruk, Anna Podealuk, Lillian Kitz.

Two Hills Junior-Senior High School Staff, 1963-64. Back row, (L to R) - Mike Kozmak, Iris Kozmak, Walter Kulak, Nick Greckol, Alice Melnyk, Edward Horbasenko, William Kirsch; front row - Sophie Gorgichuk, John Kozmak, Margaret Lutic, Con Lutic (principal), Nick Olinyk, Philomena Hauck, Gene Corry.

Two Hills Elementary School Staff, 1965-66. Back row, (L to R) - Mildred Panylyk, Shirley Horon, Nick Seniuk, John Buk, Lillian Kitz, Lillian Boychuk, Kay Myskiw; front row - Anne Shchurek, Marion Podealuk, Dmytro Podealuk, Mike Pawliuk (principal), Victoria Kushniruk, Cecile Elkow, Sylvia Killick.

Two Hills Elementary School Staff, 1967-68. Front row, (L to R) - Mildred Panylyk, Lillian Kitz, Kathy Frankiw, Tom Ewanchuk (vice-principal), Mike Pawliuk (principal), John Buk, Victoria Kushniruk, Cecile Elkow, Mary Reznik; back row - Shirley Horon, Lillian Boychuk, Pauline Romanchuk, Alice Melnyk, Kay Myskiw, Anne Shchurek.

Two Hills Junior-Senior High School Staff, 1967-68. Front row, (L to R) - Shirley Ewanchuk, Phyllis Nichiporik, Wyra Lytwyn, Nick Olinyk, Con Lutic (principal), Margaret Lutic, Lorraine Kotowich, Vivian Skakun, Marshall Kotowich; back row - Donald Soldan, Edward Horbasenko, Nick Ewanchuk, Elmer Kusiek, John Kozmak, Mike Kozmak.

Two Hills Junior-Senior High School Staff, 1970-71. Front row, (L to R) - Janaky Srinivassan, Iris Kozmak, Margaret Lutic, Elaine Saskiw, Wyra Lytwyn, Lorraine Kotowich; middle row - John Kozmak, Orest Wisniewski, Mike Kozmak, Con Lutic, Marshall Kotowich, Edward Horbasenko, Nick Olinyk (principal); back row - Donald Bolstad, Nick Ewanchuk, Walter Kulak, Nestor Saskiw.

Two Hills Elementary School Staff, 1974-75. Front row, (L to R) - Anne Shchurek, Victoria Kushniruk, Barbara Boschman, Shirley Ewanchuk, Marlene Hlewka, Louise Smith, Gerry Horbasenko (secretary), Elaine Sorochan; back row - Shirley Horon, Lillian Basaraba, Mary Reznik, Alice Melnyk, Tom Ewanchuk, Dan Dochuk, Mike Pawliuk (principal), Janaky Srinivassan.

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Wolski receiving a gift on the occasion of their retirement as caretakers of the Two Hills Elementary School, June 1975. Principal M. Pawliuk presenting on behalf of the staff.

Two Hills High School "Roaring Forties" Reunion - July 30, 1977. Standing, (L to R) - High School teachers of the Forties: S. Clarke, N. Poohkay, H. Krueger, Sup't. F. Hannochko, J. Young, N. Myskiw, and W. Gegolick; seated: B. Clarke and O. Hannochko. Nick Olinyk - M.C. and coordinator.

Two Hills Junior-Senior High School and Support Staff, 1978-79. Front row, (L to R) - Mike Kozmak, Alexis Reiter, Patricia Dehid (secretary), Stanley Eliuk (principal), Nestor Saskiw, Bonnie Warawa, Con Lutic; back row - Nick Olinyk, Karen Morse, Iris Kozmak, Walter Kulak, Larry Homeniuk, Randy Poloway, Margaret Lutic, Edward Horbasenko, John Kozmak, Elaine Dehid.

Two Hills Junior-Senior High School Teachers and Support Staff, 1981-82. Front row, (L - R) - Iris Kozmak, Myrtle Hryciw (librarian), Margaret Lutic, Ron Rudkowsky (principal), Elaine Sorochan, Patricia Dehid, Bonnie Warawa; back row - Mike Kozmak, Nick Olinyk, Larry Homeniuk, Nestor Saskiw, Walter Kulak, Randy Poloway, Edward Horbasenko, Con Lutic.

Two Hills Elementary School Staff - June, 1985. Front row (kneeling) (L to R) - Dan Dochuk, Cameron Koronko, Lil Basaraba; middle row (L to R) - Jean Krawchuk (caretaker), Shirley Horon, Anne Shchurek, Mike Pawliuk (principal), Gerry Horbasenko (secretary), Judy Rudkowsky, Shirley Ewanchuk; back row (L to R) - Tom Ewanchuk (vice-principal), Carol Soldan, Harry Krawchuk (caretaker), Marlene Hlewka. (missing - Cecile Elkow).

In observance of Canada Day, Two Hills Elementary School sponsored a Field Day. At the opening ceremonies, the flags of the provinces are displayed - June, 1984.

Two Hills Elementary School, 1965

Two Hills Elementary School, 1985

Two Hills High School, 1985

Memories of My Two Hills School Days in the 1920s

(as related to Olga Chudyk by her mother, Mary W. Serna)

The first Two Hills School was situated on about four acres of John Andriowski's land.

We walked three miles to this country school. We had no shoes on our feet; instead, we had moccasin-like shoe packs which were often cold in the winter. One cold day in winter when father took our only sleigh to haul a load of wheat to Vegreville, my mother asked us to stay home. However, sister Bessie and I decided to walk to school anyway. We got to school but the teacher let us out early because there were so few children present.

We walked home for less than half a mile and our hands and feet were freezing. I told my sister that we should take off our shoepacks and sit on our feet on the road to warm up. As soon as we took off our shoepacks, we got colder and we started to cry and holler. Mrs. Elena Andriowski and her son Bill heard us crying and led us to their house. We could barely walk as we were so cold. Mrs. Andriowski put our hands and feet into snow and cold water. It felt like being pinched with needles and was very painful. Half an hour later we were better and she kept us overnight.

Our one-room school had white siding, a black roof, four big windows on each side, and two windows in front. Four steps led to a front platform and a door on the south side. The school had two outhouses - one for the girls and the other for the boys.

In winter there was a straw-barn near the school. In summer the horses stayed in the open field.

Water was brought in to school from a well near the school.

Inside the school was a pot-bellied stove in the middle of the classroom. Wood was the only fuel available but later coal was used. Pipes leading from this stove led to the north chimney wall. In summer, water was sprinkled on the floor to keep the dust down, and in winter snow was used for this purpose.

Our classroom had white walls, and green blinds helped to shade the room. Two rows of desks (one size to fit all), were arranged on each side of the room, and in the very front was a big teacher's desk and a swivel chair. On this desk was a brass school bell with a black handle.

Equipment included two large blackboards, brushes, white chalk, a huge Webster's dictionary, a pencil sharpener, ash pails, a world map and a Union Jack flag. We had no clock, however a coal-oil lamp complete with mantles was lit when necessary, then hung on a wire from the ceiling.

We also had a galvanized water pail and dipper, and each family brought their own drinking cup.

The school porch had shelves for lunches, and our boots were kept on the floor. Our clothes were hung on brass hooks.

School hours were from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., including one hour for lunch, in the wintertime. In summer, school was opened from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., including a noon break of one and one-half hours. Both morning and afternoon recesses were 15 minutes long. The school term varied from three to nine months when teachers were available. Our two month vacation was in July and August if we had a teacher for a full term.

At the beginning of the school day we said good morning to the teacher, recited the Lord's prayer, then sang "Good Morning to You". Before the class was dismissed we sang songs such as "Twenty Froggies Went to School", "Kentucky", "My Bonnie", "Old Black Joe", "Clementine", "Red River Valley", "Now the Day is Over", and, of course, "Good Night Ladies".

About 40 children from Grades I to VIII were taught in the one-room classroom. Attendance was marked daily. Common reasons for absenteeism included being needed on the farm.

In winter, if the teacher resided in the teacherage, he would make a fire in the morning so that the school would be warm. When the fire was lit as the students arrived, they had to stand around the stove to warm up, sometimes until noon. Female teachers usually boarded at Dick Fife's place.

HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY
MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS BOARD

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS, 1918

GRADE VIII.

GRAMMAR.

Time—Two hours.

Candidates will take the *first three* questions and *any other three.*

Values.

12 **1.** Write sentences to show that each of the following words can be used as three different parts of speech, and tell the part of speech in each case: plow, wrong, skin, before.

2. Analyze fully:

5 (*a*) The house dog on his paws outspread
Laid to the fire his drowsy head.

5 (*b*) The weary messenger, who came post haste from Mons, announced that our little army, overwhelmed by numbers, was falling slowly back on Paris.

8 (*c*) To and fro, in a room of his simple, primitive dwelling,
Clad in doublet and hose and boots of Cordovan leather,
Strode, with a martial air, Miles Standish, the Puritan captain.

3. "*When* he was a *boy*, Franklin, who *afterward* became a distinguished statesman and philosopher, *learned* his trade in the *printing* office of his brother, *who* published a paper *in* Boston."

2 (*a*) Classify this sentence.

12 (*b*) Write out the clauses and tell the kind and relation of each clause.

14 (*c*) Parse the italicized words in full.

1 **4.** (*a*) What is an infinitive?

1 (*b*) What is a participle?

2. He followed her to school one day;
That was against the rule;
It made the children laugh and play,
To see a lamb at school.

3. And so the teacher turned him out;
But still he lingered near,
And waited patiently about,
Till Mary did appear.

4. And then he ran to her, and laid
His head upon her arm,
As if he said, "I'm not afraid,
You'll keep me from all harm."

5. "What makes the lamb love Mary so?"
The eager children cry;
"O, Mary loves the lamb, you know,"
The teacher did reply.

6. "And you, each gentle animal
To you, for life, may bind,
And make it follow at your call,
If you are always *kind*."

EXERCISES.—What did Mary have? Where did the lamb go with Mary? What did the lamb do? Why did he love Mary? How can we make animals love us?

ARTICULATION.

R. rap, ran, rug, rill, ear, car, far.

S. sad, sod, sob, sag, sin, [illegible]

T. tub, tag, tug, hat, at, bet, [illegible]

LESSON XLVIII.

doubt cous'in can'dle us'ual
wheel rea'son be-cause' hap'pi-er
busy crack'le bright'er fin'ish-ed
sewing wom'an pleas'ant in-struct'ing

THE FIRESIDE.

1. ONE winter night, James was reading to his mother and sisters, as they sat by a fine fire.

2. The little girls were sewing, and their mother was busy at her wheel.

Young and old children up to the age of 23 attended classes. The older ones were often mean to us and sometimes pulled our hair. Later, the school trustees decided to allow children from ages seven to 15 years of age to attend Grades I to VIII, then further their education at Vegreville or Edmonton if they wanted to. We did not have report cards. The teacher told us if we passed or failed.

Two students sat in a double desk that had a single ink well hole. Trustees provided books free of charge, but we had to buy our own scribblers, pencils, erasers, and crayons. Blue ink and straight pens were not used until Grade VI. Fountain pens were used later. Because story books were not readily available, the teacher read stories to us.

Silver stars given by the teacher were rewards for good marks. Discipline was very strict, and almost everyone obeyed the teacher. Standing in the corner for ten minutes was typical punishment for naughty students. Whenever we spoke Ukrainian, or broke a window when playing ball, we were strapped.

Homework was given to all students beginning in Grade IV. We had to memorize much poetry such as "The Brook". Some poems had over 40 lines. In Geography we had to draw a map of Canada, label all the provinces and capital cities, as well as the Great Lakes, all from memory. Spelling and arithmetic matches were common games on Friday afternoon. We sang and took music theory, but had no musical instruments.

Our outdoor games were Hide-and-Seek, Fox and Goose, and our favourite Run-Sheep-Run. In winter we would bring our little homemade sleighs to school. We'd pour water down the hill and when it froze we'd slide down during the noon hour. It was fun!

Baseball was played against children from Wattsford School and school picnics were held at Fred Shoff's place. Here we enjoyed running and standing broad jumps, and three-legged races. Lunches were eaten on tables in the bush. The English ladies made sandwiches, mostly from plain mashed eggs (no mayonnaise then). Tea, coffee, and all kinds of cakes imaginable - some even with icing - were also available.

In winter, many parents took turns in bringing children to school by horse-drawn sleighs. Often our lunch froze

by the time we got to school so we unthawed our syrup cans of tea on the stove. The cans were uncovered but the boys would press all the lids back tightly, so that as they heated, the lids would fly off making an explosive noise that scared us all. In summer we brought milk in pop bottles. Our lunches were mostly sandwiches (jam, cold pork, or sardines). Our teacher's lunch was a beef or jam sandwich, an apple or orange, cake or cookies, and coffee or tea.

At Christmas concerts we sang, recited and put on plays. One play that I especially remember was about a bad witch who put some children to sleep. Then the Spirit of Christmas came with a wand and a star on it to awaken these children, saying that she would like them to wake up when the sun sets. On Christmas Eve they all awoke. This was a beautiful experience.

Parents always helped us to decorate the Christmas tree. They brought candles and tinsel that was ordered from the Eaton's catalogue. Colourful tiny silk or cotton hand-sewn string bags were filled with walnuts, peanuts, and candy. Soft red French creams (like chocolate drops) that were used to paint lips, were also hung on the tree, and labelled with the children's names. Lunch, which included sandwiches, and many varieties of cakes sprinkled with tiny colourful candies, was served after the concert. We also had a visit from Santa Claus who gave out these beautiful draw-string cloth bags that hung on the tree. Believe me, it was all very exciting!

At Eastertime we drew rabbits on paper and pasted pussy willows on them. On Valentine's Day we made our cards and exchanged them with each other. We did not know about Hallowe'en then.

On the last day of school we had a picnic. We brought our own lunches, sang, and played games. The teacher did not get presents on this day.

Thomas and Alice Hrapko Lose Their Farm --But Not Their Home

by W.E. Grekul

Thomas Hrapko was one of the early schoolteachers born and raised in the Two Hills area. He taught in many of the rural schools in this vicinity. But finding it difficult to raise his family in the small and often cold teacherages located by the schools, he decided to buy a farm, a quarter section of land, from Dick Fife. This land is just north of the bridge, on which now is located the Two Hills Recreation Centre and the Dick Geleta Park. The Hrapkos made a small down payment on the land and soon after had a four-room bungalow constructed. So now his wife and two young children could live comfortably while he was away at his teaching job. I might mention here that Alice suffered from arthritis and that was one of the reasons why Thomas wanted his wife to have a warm, comfortable home.

However, the Hungry Thirties came and teachers' salaries decreased to as low as seven hundred dollars a year. The Hrapkos found themselves unable to make the yearly payments on the mortgage on their land and Dick Fife threatened to repossess the land and evict them from

Thomas Hrapko - teacher in Two Hills, circa 1928

their home.

It was fall time of 1933 and the winter snows had com early that year. The friends and neighbors soon learne of this threat to Hrapkos. They organized secretly a action committee. Mr. Nick Dowanuik, who owned th quarter just north of Hrapkos, made his land available t Hrapkos to move their house on.

So one night, while Thomas was away teaching, th neighbors gathered with their teams and sleighs. To worl quietly they even muffled the sleigh bells. They jacked u the house and put it on skids, and soon had it moved ove to Dowhanuik's land. Mrs. Hrapko didn't even have t put out the fire in the heater or kitchen stove, s smoothly was the move made. Even nature co-operated That very night, as the friends and neighbors wer leaving, it began to snow heavily and by morning a traces of how the house was moved were blotted out.

Dick Fife repossessed his quarter of land but th Hrapkos did not lose their home. (And to his dying da Mr. Fife wondered how the house was moved so quietl and who did it.)

HISTORY OF THE TWO HILLS SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 21

(basic information supplied by Mrs. O. Hannochko)

In the 1935 Provincial Elections, the United Farmers o Alberta Party was defeated and the Social Credit Part formed the new government. One of their first majo changes was in the field of education with their plan o incorporating rural school districts into large schoo divisions in order to provide a higher standard o education.

Under the small school districts a dual method for th collection of funds for school purposes was in effect. I some cases the small districts levied and collected its ow taxes, in others the municipal districts were doing that fo them; in neither case was this satisfactory as th

ollection of such funds depended so much on the im-
nediate economic condition of the particular district.
'rost, hail, and other natural elements were the
arometers of the school purse and, with it, the school's
acilities, its equipment and its progress.

Although there were strong reasons projected for the
ormation of school divisions, there was strong op-
osition to this from ratepayers for the following ex-
ressed reasons:

. The cost of organizing large divisions and their operation would greatly increase taxes.
. Local school boards would lose their autonomy, since the elected school division board would be in power to dictate school operations and teacher appointments.
. Children would have to travel great distances to larger centres as one room schools disappeared.
. The focal point of the local community would be lost with the disappearance of the rural school.

In spite of this opposition, a bill was passed in 1936
stablishing school divisions. School inspectors would
ecome school superintendents. Their roles would be
xpanded to include providing guidance to the elected
oard in administering the division, in addition to
ontinued inspection of classrooms and evaluation of
eachers.

Two Hills School Division No. 21 was constituted in
937. Geographically, the area was approximately 95
iles long and 45 miles wide, some 1,200 square miles,
vith the North Saskatchewan River as its northern
oundary.

irst School Board of the Two Hills School Division No. 21, 1938. (L to) - Wm. Halina, (secretary-treasurer), J. Gidzinski, P.D. Samoil, L. ysakowski, William Ropchan, (chairman), Superintendent F. Han-ochko, L. Hymanyk.

The Honorable William Aberhart, Minister of
Education then directed that meetings be held in
December, 1937, to elect a board member from each of
he five sub-divisions that made up the school division.
The first elected board members were Wm. Ropchan,
hairman; Peter D. Samoil, L. Lysakowski, J. Gidzinski
nd L. Hymanyk. At the first board meeting, Wm.
Halina was employed as secretary-treasurer. Among
hose who served as school board members in later years
were M.G. Mehalcheon, N. Wygera, W. Chicklowski, M. Tym (chairman), J. Hocaluk, P. Lychak, M. Toma, G.E. Pawliuk (chairman), J. Pshyk, M. Synuiga (chairman), F. Sakowsky, T. Zaharichuk, F. Hlus, M. Mudryk, M. Yakimec, P. Stepanick, M. Paulichuk, M. Karbashewski (chairman), Wm. Ostashek, W.H. Chorney, G. Harasym, and S. Bidulock.

The Minister of Education decreed that the assets of every school be transferred to the Board of the Division and that all liabilities become the responsibility of the Board. The auditor's statement for 1938 showed that cash and saving assumed by the Board, amounted to $7,007.33 and liabilities assumed amounted to $125,397.98.

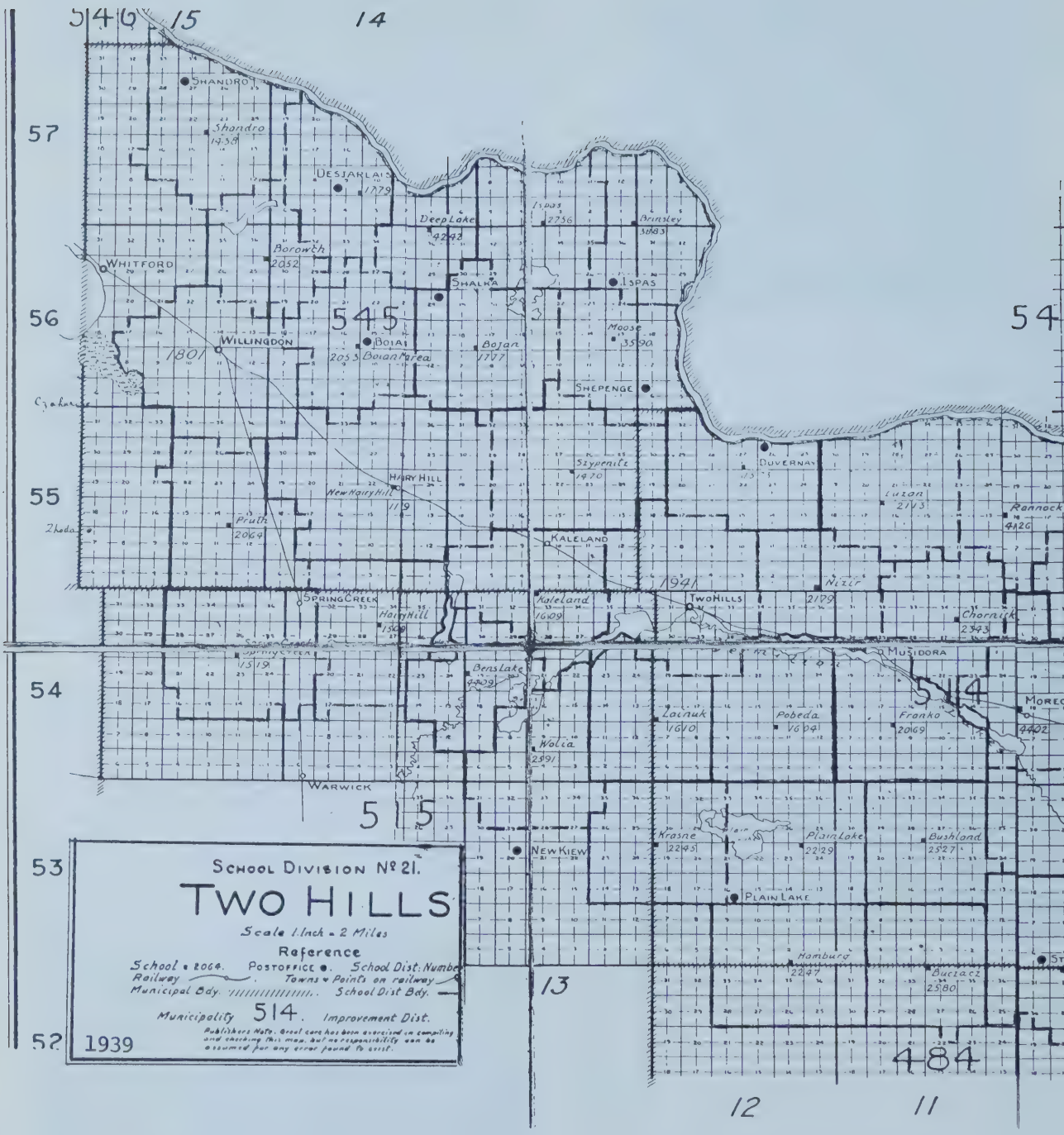
Department of Education officials appointed Frederick Hannochko as School Superintendent, effective January 1, 1938. Frederick Hannochko was personally committed and dedicated to increasing the quality of education and providing all students with equal educational opportunities. Drawbacks, such as travelling dirt roads made almost impassible by weather conditions, complicated by vandalism to his vehicle, did not deter him from his commitments. During his 19 years as Superintendent of the Two Hills School Division, Fred Hannochko was instrumental in having the Divisional Board bring about a number of significant changes including the setting up of a travelling library scheme, the promotion of school festivals and the introduction of a bulk purchasing system for school supplies which saved thousands of dollars.

Financial assistance was provided to those students who registered in the Faculty of Education with the stipulation that they teach in the Division for two years. Scholarships were offered to students in Grade IX and Grade XII who made "honours" standing in the departmental examinations.

Through Superintendent Hannochko's efforts, five high school centres were set up at Hairy Hill, Willingdon, Two Hills, Myrnam and Derwent to enable rural and village students to complete their high school programs. These centres were provided with modern gymnasiums, science laboratories and facilities for industrial arts, home economics, music and business equipment.

School buses were chartered to van farm students to the centralized schools for equalized educational opportunities. The first school bus was organized in 1940.

Two Hills School Division Office, circa 1941-1963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TWO HILLS
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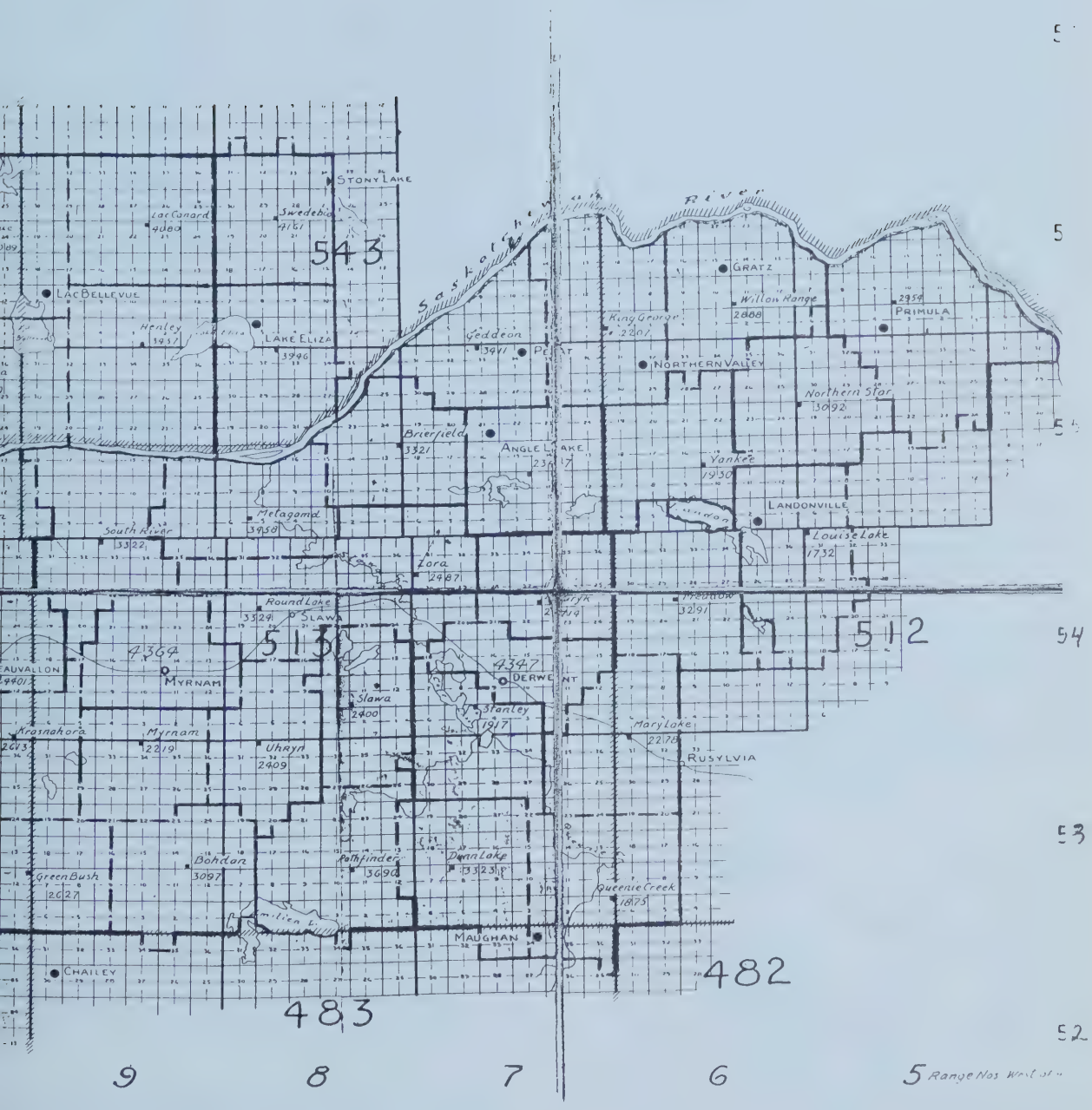
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From the Shandro District this bus brought the children to the school in Willingdon. The experiment was a success as the parents were pleased with the increased educational opportunities offered in a larger school. Soon other districts were persuaded to follow suit.

Sixty-seven individual districts operated in 1938; by 1956 only seven centres were operating, of which two were two-room schools in the hamlets of Morecambe and Beauvallon.

The Division took over a $125,000. debt in 1938 which was eventually paid off. Because the Board was hesitant about going into debenture debt to build new schools, schools were constructed out of current revenues. The Superintendent and board member of each sub-division supervised the building of each school. By not borrowing money or hiring contractors, construction costs were minimized.

In 1956, Frederick Hannochko transferred to Stony Plain, and former Two Hills School principal, then superintendent of Lac La Biche, Nick Myskiw, became the new superintendent. During his term as Superintendent, centralization was completed with Morecambe and Beauvallon being bussed to the larger centres. Mr. N. Myskiw was Superintendent from 1956 to 1962 in the School Division and 1963-1971 in the Two Hills County. In 1963, the boundaries of the Two Hills School Division and the County of Two Hills became co-terminous.

From the time of Two Hills School Division's inception in 1937, the commitment and dedication of the Division board members, the Superintendents, and the Secretary-Treasurers (Wm. Halina, Eli Boida, Elsie Ponich, Frank Shymko, Stephen Petasky, and P.M. Shavchook) improved educational opportunities for students.

Superintendent Hannochko's valuable service to the nation in the field of education was acknowledged when a Centennial Medal was presented to him by the Government of Canada.

County of Two Hills No. 21 School Administration (1963-1986)

compiled by A. Miskiw

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D. Hassen	G.N. Popowich

Assistant Secretary-Treasurers

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M. Mudryk	M. Majcher

Assistant County Administrator
John Kozmak

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J. Dudar	J.R. Bober
I. Hutskal	B.T. Kokotailo
M. Logozar	D. Ursuliak
P. Mudryk	R. Bachelet
M. Kotowich	W. Verenka
F. Hasiuk	V. Chrapko
N. Dushenski	V. Romaniuk
M. Stefaniuk	

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J.P. Hocaluk	J. Mudryk
M. Mudryk	S. Yacey
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A. Rogucki	F. Bielech
M. Kaluzniak	P. Marcichiw
S. Sorochan	Mary Karbashewski

Chairmen of the School Committee

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J.A. Tkachuk	M. Kotowich
M. Mehalcheon	N. Dushenski
J. Dudar	P. Marcichiw
S. Bidulock	

List of Major Activities Approved and Undertaken by the Two Hills County Board of Education Since 1981

submitted by D.L. Yakimowich,
Superintendent of Schools

1981 - Adoption of "White Paper on Educational Policy - May, 1981"

1981 - Placement of all schools in the County of Two Hills on a "Seven Period" timetable, effective September, 1981

1982 - Closure of Hairy Hill School in June

1984 - Centralization of Willingdon High School at Two Hills in September

1984 - Re-institution of Department of Education Grade XII Diploma Examinations in 1984

1984 - Implementation of Department of Education Management and Finance Plan in 1984 (Policies, guidelines and procedures were adopted in the area of teacher, student, school and school system evaluation.)

1985 - Approval of 3085 m^2 for Two Hills High School granted by the Minister of Education

1985 - Completion of a Secondary Program review by the Department of Education in 1985 (Major changes were recommended for the secondary school program in Alberta.)

The greater man, the greater courtesy.

—Alfred Tennyson

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS: TWO HILLS SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 21 AND TWO HILLS COUNTY NO. 21

Frederick Hannochko, 1938-56

Nick Myskiw, 1956-71

William Cherniwchan, 1971-78

David Yakimowich, 1978-

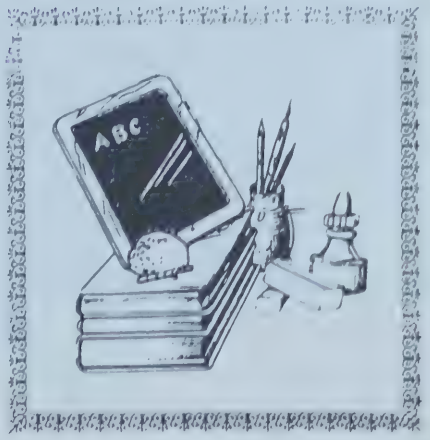
From August, 1978, to December, 1978,, R.H. Cunningham was appointed by the Department of Education as acting Superintendent of County Schools.

Prior to 1938, the official Government supervision of schools in the Two Hills area was conducted by Provincially appointed inspectors. Among these inspectors were the following: L.H. Bennett, W. Gorman, M. Morton, E.L. Fuller, J.C. Butchart, O. Williams, A.L. Doucette and L.B. Yule.

A house without books is like a room without windows.

—HORACE MANN

January 4, 1933
AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING TEACHERS
(A.L.Doucette, Inspector of Schools)
-West Bruce S.D. No. 3630, teacher Miss Catherine Smith, Oral Language and Picture Study
-Two Hills S.D. No. 1941, Miss Sheratianka, Room Decoration
-Shandro S.D. No. 1438, Tom Shandro, Playground Equipment and Activity
-Brinsley S.D. No. 3823, John Pawliuk, Primary Seatwork Materials
-Brookside S.D. No. 1436, Mrs. Linke, History Teaching
-New Hairy Hill S.D. No. 1119, Mr. Gray, Teaching and pronunciation of French by development of the phonetic symbols
-New Vegreville S.D. No. 1480, Penmanship, Grades V to VIII, order of merit: Mr. McCrea, M. Patterson, Mrs. Murray, Miss D. Woodie, Miss Hackett, Miss Stevens
-Willingdon S.D. No. 18 , Mr. Worbets, Geography Map Work of Vera Gordey
-New Beauvallon S.D. No. , Miss Alice Bauer, Penmanship letter forms on charts over the blackboard; also song books
-Viking S.D. No. 1906, Mrs. Clark, Primary Devices and Atmosphere; Neatness and Arithmetic in Grade III by Paul Better
-Viking S.D. No. 1906, Miss Anna Hall, Grade IV Written Composition
-Boian Marsh S.D. No. 2052, Mrs. Martin, Pupil Notebook, especially in Literature and Nature Study and Penmanship in Grades I to IV
-Inpas S.D. No. 2756, Mr. Tkachuk, Art in ordinary textbooks
-Pruth S.D. No. 2064, Mr. S. Samoil, Salt and Flour Coloured Relief Maps and projects
-Boian Marsh S.D. No. 2052, Mrs. Martin, Best Junior Oral English in Ukrainian Schools
-Sich S.D. No. 1795, Peter Shavchook, First Aid and St. John Ambulance Work
-Zhoda S.D. No. 1458, Wm. Tomyn, Grade IX Composition General Courtesy of Pupils
-Szypenitz S.D. No. 1676, Dan Chrapko, Courtesy of Pupils
-Stanislaw S.D. No. 1485, Stanley Deane, School Paper
-Ben's Lake S.D. No. 4400, Mrs. Watt, School Play in which every pupil participates
-Wolia S.D. No. 2591, Mr. R. McQuillan, Practical Citizenship
-Old Myrnam S.D. No. 2219, Pupil Courtesy and Response
-Oleskow S.D. No. 1612, Miss Wymychuk, Pupil Response
-Vermilion S.D. No. 778, Hilda Kules, Art, Music, Geography projects
-Holden S.D. No. 1057, Miss MacPherson, Splendid work in spite of overburdened room
-Lefield S.D. No.1984, Miss Kelly, Blackboard and daily outline of seatwork
-Normal School graduate doing most satisfactory work, Miss Catherine Smith of West Bruce S.D. No. 3630.



County of Two Hills No. 21 officials, 1985. Seated, (L to R) - W. Verenka (reeve), P. Marcichiw (chairman of the Board of Education*), N. Dushinski*, D. Yakimowich (superintendent); standing - G. Popowich (administrator), F. Bielech*, J. Bober*, Mrs. M. Karbashewski*, S. Bidulock*, Mrs. G. Hauca (Board of Education deputy chairman*), M. Stefaniuk*, J. Dudar*, V. Chrapko*, V. Romaniuk*. Missing from photo - J. Kozmak (assistant administrator). *(Board of Education members).*

Breaking Ground for New High School - May, 1986. Town officials gathered on the site of the new Two Hills High School for the sod turning ceremony that will begin 12 months of construction. The project has been in the planning stages for 22 months and will cost a total of $2 million before students get a chance to sit in the new classrooms. The new facility will accommodate 325 students when completed.

Artist's concept of the new high school for Two Hills students - May, 1986

The Sculptor

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day
And as my fingers pressed it still
It moved and yielded to my will
I came again when days were passed
And that bit of clay was hard at last
It still that early imprint bore
I could change its form no more

I took a piece of living clay
And gently shaped it day by day
I molded it with power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart
I came again when years were gone
And he was a man I looked upon
He still that early impress bore
And I could change him never more.

The poem above was used by the late N.D.P. leader Tommy Douglas to honor the teaching profession. Author unknown

RUSSIA (FRANKO) SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2069

The Russia School District No. 2069 came into existence on November 26, 1909, and was located on 54-11-W4th. The establishment was made possible through the efforts of John Blowmstroud of Pozerville. According to the earliest records available (1920), the trustees elected to the School Board were Wasyl Kolisniak, John Sorochan, and Pawlo Dudziak.

Russia (Franko) School, built in 1910, was moved to the Ukrainian Heritage Village in 1972. Presently (1985) it is under restoration.

In 1932 Russia School, through the efforts of W. Masciuch, was renamed Franko School in honor of the great Ukrainian poet Ivan Franko. Today it has a great place of honor in the Ukrainian Heritage Village near Elk Island Park, on Highway 16.

Among the teachers who taught in the Russia School prior to 1930, are the following: John Yakimischak (who later became a doctor), P. Fedorchuk (later a druggist in Two Hills), Mr. Woywitka, Miss Bezubick, K.W. Frazer, E.P. Gortley, R. Boswell, N. Buk, S. Huminiuk, and H.B. Jones.

According to Alberta Education, the following also taught at the school: P. Winarski, 1930; A. Winarski, 1930; W. Masciuch, 1930-34; D. Podealuk, 1934-38; N. Lysakowski, 1936-37; Marion Podealuk, 1937-38; G. Plawiuk, 1938-40; A. Hannochko, 1938-41; S. Odynski, 1940-43; O. Pozernuik, 1941-42; K. Holick, 1942-44; K. Faryna, 1943-44; V. Human, 1944-47; A. Lupul, 1944-48; L. Bartoshyk, 1947-48; J. Kozmak, 1948-49, 1951-52; H. Demkiw, 1948-50; R. Towpich, 1953; A. Kozmak, 1954.

K. Faryna and K. Hollick, teachers of Franko School, circa 1943

Franko School, Grade VI students circa, 1943. Back row, (L to R) - Mary Gorgichuk, Vera Verenka, Matt Laschowski, Olga Krywiak, Adeline Kachmar; front row - Flora Verenka, Alice Wolski, Pauline Kshyk.

Franko School class - Viola Human (teacher), circa 1946

Franko School pupils, 1948. (L to R) - Jean Sorochan, Adeline Kachmar, Lena Bartoshyk (teacher), Mary Gorgichuk; forefront - Stella Kosinski.

Franko School students circa, 1948. Back row, (L to R) - Lekaria Babych, Mary Gorgichuk, Adeline Kachmar, Jean Sorochan; middle row - Iris Elkow, Anne Babych, Olga Gorgichuk, Elizabeth Kachmar, Victoria Sorochan, Sonia Delawski, Josie Gorgichuk, Kathleen Sorochan; front row - Zinnia Sorochan, Stephanie Kachmar, Stella Kosinski, Lillian Elkow, Emily Delawski, Olga Sorochan, Marie Sorochan.

Franko School girls, circa 1948. Front row, (L to R) - Jean Sorochan, Adeline Kachmar; back row - Alice Wolski, Mary Gorgichuk.

Russia (Franko) School Highlights

(taken from the article in the Vegreville Observer, August, 1978 - by Anne Koren)

- Franko School was once named "Russia School" by some English inspector who thought that all farmers around there were Russian.
- Dr. Yakimischak (Dr. Yak of Vegreville) taught in this school and kept guinea pigs under the school shack and these were used for laboratory experiments.
- The teacherage was a "Hot Box" in summer and a "Fridge" in winter.
- The teacher's wife, Mrs. Boswell, was the first lady to knit sleeve wristlets for a School Fair Competition in Naughton Glen School. She also taught us to embroider, bake our first rolled oat cookies and treated us to the best homemade fudge.
- We put up concerts and plays in Franko School. Every child took part and received a gift. It was a "Super Day" full of excitement and long to be remembered.
- Mr. Harry Terebenetz, a great choirmaster from the Ukraine, instructed us in singing. He taught us about 100 Ukrainian songs.
- We had fun rotating a world globe that stood on the teacher's desk, and checking out the oceans, countries, and capital cities.
- It was fantastic to have "spelling bees" and rapid calculation. We took great pride in spelling well.
- Our readers were very interesting and had a moral to each story - no such monotonous stuff like "Dick and Jane".
- A short strap was kept in the teacher's desk, and was used on unruly boys. Girls were never strapped, but had to stand in a corner for talking too much.
- We walked to school barefooted over the dusty roads, and squished the mud between the toes when we stepped into the puddles.
- Whenever any of our sisters or brothers misbehaved or were punished in school, we would tell our parents and they would get an extra "licking at home". Today, if students get disciplined, the parents run to the school to protect the child. That is why we have so many delinquents.
- We loved and respected our teachers.
- At noontime there wasn't one child in the school yard in summer. Everyone hit for the bushes looking for berries and orange top mushrooms, "kozaree".
- The school nurse would come once a year and check the kids' hair for lice, and tell them to wash their hair in coal oil. She would paint their sores with iodine.
- We were farm children with simple pleasures. We improvised our own games and were never bored. The boys used to carry around garter snakes and scare the girls.
- Now the children are vanned to school by buses. They miss all that beauty of roaming around, picking wild berries, flowers, and the smells of pine forests.

LUZAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2113

A meeting to organize the Luzan School District was held in January, 1910. The elected trustees at this time were Adelard Bechard, Ivan Kupchanko and Stephen Orlecki. The district, according to the Alberta Gazette, was established on February 8, 1910, and its location was listed as 55-11-W4th. Mr. F.X. Boileau of Duvernay was hired as secretary-treasurer for $48. a year. Two acres of land located on NW 16-55-11-W4th were purchased from Ewan Ponich for a school site.

Steve Orlecki suggested that this school be named Luzan, in memory of his hometown in Bukovina, and this was unanimously accepted. Mr. Elzear Moisin was awarded the contract to build the school for $1,000.

According to records available, Richard Smith was the first teacher in 1911.

Among the other teachers who taught at Luzan School from 1912-29, are the following: H. Tompkins, W.T. Middleton, D. Kostock, W.H. Saunders, E. Abbot, M. Mallet, M. Thilbreck, E.C. Menzies, S.S. Kolba, J.M. Struchon, P. Kolaski, M. Plaigue, M.E. McPherson and C. McPherson.

Alberta Education records have the following list of teachers for the years 1930-48: J. Semaka, 1930-31; A. Krett, 1930; J. Lazaruk, 1930-31; Wm. Kutt, 1931-37; R. Svarich, 1931-33; E. Taschuk, 1933-36; S. Dowhaniuk, 1936-40; R. Slevinsky, 1937-38; S. Topilka, 1938-39; T. Demko, 1940-41; S. Orleski, 1941-42; J. Hohol, 1942-45; Nestor Tkachuk, 1945-46; Wm. Orlecki (supervisor), 1946-47; M. Kassian (supervisor), 1947-48.

Luzan School was in operation in 1911. Today (1985) it is being used as a parish hall.

Luzan School children, circa 1931. Teacher - Bill Kutt

NIZIR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2179

On May 10, 1910, the Nizir School District first appeared in the Alberta Gazette, where it was officially registered through the efforts of G.L. Smith of Lanuke. Its location was on 54-11-W4th.

According to the earliest records available, on September 5, 1914, the trustees were Fedor Ilkuf, Onufry Rudkowski and Elko Grekul. Maxim Tomyn was hired as secretary-treasurer at $20. a year.

Among the teachers who served at Nizir School between 1923-28, are: Mr. Tivey, A. Babiuk, and M. Hamar.

Alberta Education also lists the following teachers for the above school: J. Taschuk, 1930; M. Soldan, 1930-34; P. Nikiforuk, 1934; A. Kieryluk, 1934-36; A. Shandro, 1936-37; Wm. Kutt, 1937-41; A. Slevinski, 1941-44; C. Skoropad, 1944-45; R. Buck, 1945; O. Odynsky, 1945-46; S. Pawliuk (supervisor), 1946; and M. Kostek, 1947.

Nizir School pupils, circa 1925. Adam D. Babiuk, teacher

Nizir School class, circa 1926

November 11, 1936
ANNE KIERYLUK, NIZIR SCHOOL

Death in its most tragic and sudden form, came to Miss Anne Kieryluk, aged 25, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kieryluk, on Tuesday morning, November 10. The circumstances appear to be that Miss Kieryluk, who was teacher at Nizir School, not far from Two Hills, was out to get a pail of water. The well is one of those from which water is obtained by means of a rope and pulley and it is surmised that Miss Kieryluk endeavoring to look down the well when she slipped and fell in, head first. Her descent was stopped by the pail in the water at the bottom, her head striking it with terrific force. Imprisoned and helpless, the poor girl was either drowned or killed by the fall.

Her pupils discovered their teachers body a few minutes later. She was taken from the well and word was sent at once from Two Hills to Mr. Kieryluk, who immediately left for the unhappy scene.

When the news of Anne's unfortunated death reached the citizens of Vegreville, they were shocked to the soul. Born in Vegreville, educated here, she was most widely and favorably known. With one accord, the citizens expressed their deepest sympathy with the bereaved parents.

The remains were brought to Vegreville in Brown's ambulance and the funeral will be held on November 12th, services at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and interment made in the Riverside Cemetery.

She is survived by her father and mother, two sisters, Mary (Mrs. Shattuck) of Vancouver and Elsie at home; two brothers, Michael and Edward.

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Nizir School class, Anne Slevinski (teacher), circa 1943

Nizir School students, 1945. Back row, (L to R) - Orest Zayetec, Bill Elkow, student teacher Rose Buk, Mrs. C. Skoropad (teacher), Steve Harasewich, John Elkow; second row - Joe Elkow, David Chomyc, Marshall Elkow, Silver Dochuk, Marshall Elkow; front row - Joe Elkow, Fred Boyda, Benny Elkow, Metro Eluik, John Dochuk.

Nizir School, 1945. Back row, (L to R) - Mary Zayetec, Mrs. C. Skoropad (teacher), Rose Buk (student teacher), Esther Elkow, Elizabeth Dochuk; second row - Josephine Dochuk, Annie Eluik, Priscilla Boyda, Olga Eskiw; third row - Mary Eluik, May Boyda, Edith Zawadiuk, Alice Elkow; front row - Nadia Elkow, Emily Elkow, Angelia Mandrusiak, Vicky Elkow, ____ Mandrusiak.

Nizir School, 1930

Reflections - Nizir School

sincerely submitted by Edith R. Zawadiuk

Nizir School No. 2179 was built in 1910 on the southeast corner of S.E. 1-55-12-W4th. The school was situated approximately in the middle of a 3-acre plot between a fairly large hill southeast of the school and a smaller knoll on the northwest side. These two hills were used by the children for sledding and tobogganing. The southwest corner was the home of many Richardson squirrels (gophers). During the spring, these interesting animals received many baths. Hundreds of buckets of water were carried ambitiously by the girls and poured down the hole. The boys, with sticks or flat boards in hand, would eventually beat the poor water drenched animals to their death as they made their appearances from the hole. Located on the east side of the school was a ball diamond and a soccer field.

The school itself followed the architectural style of that particular era. The entrance to the school was partitioned to include a locker area where coats, boots and lunches were located. The boys locker room was to the left and the girls to the right. Here the coats were neatly hung on nail hangers. A cupboard housed the lunch buckets which were either brown paper bags or 3-pound lard pails (BURNS - the yellow colored ones, SWIFTS - the white and blue colored ones). The classroom housed double-desks lined in neat rows. The floor was oiled and the walls were painted white. Blackboards were located on either side of the chimney which stood in the center of the north wall. From the chimney, pipes followed the ceiling leading to a pot-bellied heater located at the back of the room. During the winter, the grill on the top of the heater was lined with inkwells thawing. Located back of the heater against the locker wall was a sand table and a bench which contained a water dispenser (a pottery crock

with a drinking cup), a hand basin for washing hands and a big blue enamel pot for making cocoa.

Highlights of the school year consisted of the arrival of a new teacher in September - the Halloween Party in October and the Christmas Concert. Other events which the students looked forward to were the playing of Fox and Goose in the snow and the sliding and tobogganing on the hills in the winter. In spring, the playing of Hop-Scotch, Softball, Tag and the drowning of the Richardson squirrels.

For me, the highlight was school itself. The school was located on the quarter section on which we lived. Our house was one-eighth of a mile from the school. At the age of four, I became aware of the children playing in the schoolyard. I also saw them walking past our house to school in the morning or going home in the evening. Being a determined little girl, I decided that I should join them. No explanation by either my parents or Mr. Kutt, the teacher, sufficed. Finally, after a meeting between the Superintendent, Mr. William Kutt and my Dad Mike Zawadiuk, an agreement was reached that I could attend providing I adhered to all the rules of the school. So, I pioneered the Early Childhood Service Program back in 1940 and Mr. William Kutt became the first E.C.S. teacher.

In 1948, Nizir School closed its doors and the students were bussed to the centralized school at Two Hills. For the many students who attended Nizir School (named after a district in the Ukraine), I am sure that each has his own fond memories. These were mine!

PLAIN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2229

by Michael H. Tomyn

The Plain Lake School District No. 2229 was organized in 1910. The school was located ten miles southeast of Two Hills, on the northeast corner of NE 23-53-12-W4th. As best we can ascertain the first school board consisted of: Bronko Lysakowski (chairman), Dick Wispinski, Harry Tomyn, and Maxim Tomyn (secretary-treasurer).

Plain Lake School was like every other country school at that time. Painted white and trimmed in green (not a red schoolhouse) the building had one room and a porch. The interior had the following features: a big heater, long stretch of stove pipes, platform, double desks equipped with inkwells, globe, water pail and dipper (later a crock water fountain and cups were considered better), maps in a box over the blackboard, flag, picture of the King, yardsticks (used for various purposes), blackboard, chalk, chalk liner, blackboard brushes, teacher's desk, a wall pendulum clock, library books, Webster's dictionary, pencil sharpener, wood and ash pails, brooms and dustpan. The regulation strap was usually kept out of sight, but it did not get covered with cobwebs as it does today.

Plain Lake School - 1910 to 1928. Note teacherage (shack) in middle and barn on left foreground.

July 7, 1915
DOMINION DAY AT PLAIN LAKE

PLAIN LAKE, July 2. Dominion Day was befittingly observed in the Plain Lake district when the Krasna school (Andrew Bennett, teacher), Plain Lake school (P.S. Banes, teacher), and the Hamburg school (W. Hall Todd, teacher), united in holding a Patriotic picnic and field meet on the shores of the Lake. Half a hundred children, besides a number of adults, gathered at the lake shore to observe the national holiday by singing patriotic songs and executing a full programme of athletic sports. Hotly contested games of baseball and football were also played and greatly enjoyed, as they were the first of such games ever played here.

There were prizes for all winners in the contests, and bags of candy and peanuts, oranges, applies and gum were provided for all the children. Picnic red lemonade was in abundance for everybody.

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The teacherage contained one room with only the bare essentials. Because the school and teacherage lacked insulation, they were usually very cold in winter and very hot in summer.

The schoolyard was two acres in size. The hill on the southwest corner of the schoolyard proved to be a good recreation spot, especially in wintertime. A pump in the yard supplied water. A barn built about 1928, billeted the horses used by the children. The schoolyard was fenced and fire-guarded.

Plain Lake School students, 1919. Front row, (L to R) - Nick Palichuk, John Wispinski, John Tomyn, John Boychuk, Dora Kostyniuk, Annie Wispinski; second row - Walter Kitt, John Makarowski, Nick Karaim, Annie Zaleschuk, Nancy Hnydyk, Mary Palichuk; third row - Anton Stepushyn, Mike Karaim, Peter Grycan, Peter Stepushyn, Jennie Predyk, Nancy Skoropadyk, Frances Petasky; back row - Panko Fedorchuk (teacher), Nick Caruk, Harry Skoropadyk, Tillie Predyk, Tillie Stepushyn, Annie Tomyn.

Plain Lake School class, 1921. Front (kneeling) Peter Shavchook (teacher - 17 years old); front row, (L to R) - John Boychuk, Mike Hnydyk, Nick Palichuk, Alec Kostiniuk, John Makarowski, Matt Hnydyk (tall one); back row - Anton Stepushyn, Peter Stepushyn, Harry Skoropadyk, Nick Caruk; William Tomyn (barely visible - "fooling around").

(1921)

Inspector's Report to the Trustees

official visit to the Plain Lake *School*

Date of visit May 26 *19*

Teacher.

Mr. Shavchook seems to be interested in his work, and he seems to be a young fellow of good ability, and I think he will do very good work for an untrained teacher, though he has been in charge of the school too short a time to enable me to say much about his work as yet.

al Remarks:

The school premises are in very good condition, though a foundation under the school house is badly needed, and maps of Alberta and the British Isles should be added to the equipment as soon as possible.

The matter of the erection of a proper residence for the teacher should be taken into consideration by your board. The Department offers generous assistance in this matter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. A. B. Stewart
Inspector of Schools

M. Tomyn, Esq.,

Secretary Plain Lake S.D. No

Plain Lake P.O.

Teachers who served at Plain Lake School included the following: Mr. Banes - 1912; Mr. Fisher - 1913 (he was a preacher as well); Mr. Hrynchyshyn - 1915 (he taught Ukrainian after school); Mr. P. Fedorchuk - 1916-19 (later he was the first druggist in Two Hills - he was also a great hunter); Mr. Vango - 1917 (was a good swimmer and taught swimming and diving after school); Mr. A.C. Francis - 1920; Mr. P.M. Shavchook - 1921; Mr. Mike Skorrie - 1921; Mr. John Svarich 1922; Mr. Sam Woloshyn 1922-23 (he taught night school as well, mostly arithmetic for the pioneer farmers); C.O. Connell - 1923;

JM-MG.
6009-23

Edmonton, January 30, 1923.

Sir:-

Yours of January 10th to hand, stating that you have opened a night school in the Plain Lake School District #2229.

I am, therefore, sending you copy of the night school register, pamphlet of instruction in night schools, term returns, etc. These should be studied carefully and returned to the Department at the end of the night school term.

In the meantime, I would be pleased if you would advise the Department as to what nights your classes are being held, the number of pupils in attendance and the subjects taught.

Your obedient servant,

Supervisor of Schools
Among New Canadians.

S. F. Woloshyn, Esq.,
Vegreville, Alta.

Miss Edith Russel - 1924; Mr. John Nagle - 1925-26 (he was a great hunter and had Matt Hnydyk for a faithful partner); Mr. William Tomyn, 1927-28 (he was the recipient of the Lord Strathcona Trust Shield for having a well-organized school).

During the summer of 1928, Jake Glum added the second room to the school and also attached a long porch to the building. The teacherage was moved and two small rooms were added. From then on there were two teachers on staff every year till 1939.

Plain Lake School pupils, 1924. Front row, (L to R) - Edith Russel (teacher), Katie Hnydyk, Mary Kitt, Paul Gushniowski, William Hnydyk, Mike Hnydyk, Peter Muzychka; back row - Cecille Russel, Nancy Hnydyk, Walter Kitt, Peter Stepushyn.

According to Alberta Education, the following also taught at Plain Lake School: Mary Podealuk, 1930; Pearl Podealuk, 1930, 1936-37; Mrs. Mary Kindrachuk, 1930-36; William Kindrachuk, 1930-36; Wm. Grekul, 1936-43; N. Skoropadick, 1937-39; J.P. Buk, 1943-47; Viola Human, 1947-49; John Kozmak, 1950; Myrtle Charuk, 1951; Metro Marchak, 1952; Dick Hunka, 1953.

Because of the small enrolment, the school was closed at this time and the children were vanned to Two Hills.

In the early 1950s the school and teacherage were sold to the Soldans of Two Hills.

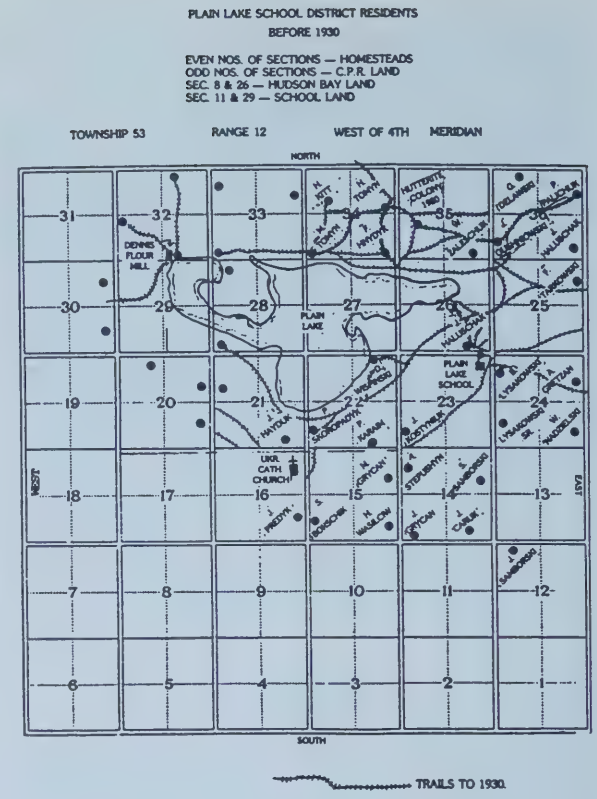
Plain Lake two-room school built in 1929, teacherage in background

Plain Lake school teacherage purchased in the 1950s by Mr. Thomas Soldan

School games often included activities such as Prisoners' Base and softball. At noon the children swam in Kostyniuk's Lake or Plain Lake (boys "here" and girls "there" - there were no swimming suits in those days). In winter all the children played hockey, mostly with curved sticks, on the frozen sloughs, or they would slide down the hill on any make-shift contraption like an old desk top or seat, a piece of tin, some wide board, or a piece of cardboard.

The curriculum called for a garden on the schoolyard, but some problems arose. There was no one to weed the garden during the summer holidays and sometimes the neighbour's cow convinced herself that the garden belonged to her.

Some early Plain Lake School District residents were Alec Stepushyn, Peter Karaim, Dick Wispinski, Peter



Skoropadyk, John Hayduk, Steve Predyk, Mike Grycan, Harry Wasilciw, Sam Borschik, John Predyk, John Grycan, John Saruk, Gregory Tarkowski, Frank Tarkowski, Joe Gushniowski, Philip Palichuk, Hnat Boychuk, Matt Makarowski, Andrew Lotoski, William Zaleschuk, Fred Hnydyk, Maxim Tomyn, Harry Kitt, Harry Tomyn, G. Delawski, John Haluschuk, Anton Gretzan, Walter Nadzielski, Bronko Lysakowski, Frank Muzechka, Joe Nadzielski, Samborski family, and Stanley Palsitt.

Some Plain Lake students who went on to greater heights were Micheal H. Tomyn, a school teacher and principal for 44 years; Nick P. Skoropad, teacher for 43 years (now retired); William P. Skoropad, teacher and university professor; Alec Saruk, teacher and Vice-Principal for 43 years; William Tomyn, teacher; Bill Haluschak, teacher and salesman; Steve Haluschak, optometrist; and Mike J. Haluschak, optometrist; Annie Hayduk, teacher; Harvey Hayduk, teacher for about 40 years.

A Surprise Visit

by W.E. Grekul

Winter came early in the fall of 1937. There was a heavy snowfall and the roads were badly drifted so that it was impossible to travel by car. At Plain Lake School we were looking forward to a long period of winter isolation. By mid-November both the junior room and senior room teachers were well on their way preparing the program for the Christmas concert, a very important social and

community event in every rural school in those days. We rehearsed some of the program items during the school day, almost anytime that we could find with the various classes, regardless of the timetable that we were supposed to have followed.

This was Monday, November 22. I was in charge of the Junior Room, Grades I to VI, and Mr. Nick Skoropad was in charge of the Senior Room, Grades VII to X. School commenced at 9.30 a.m. mountain daylight saving time, for this was wartime and we had daylight saving time even during winter. I had just finished the opening exercises, the Lord's Prayer, saluting the flag, and had assigned the various grades their morning seatwork. Then with one group I was just beginning to rehearse a little skit, when we were interrupted by the loud sound of a low-flying airplane. At the same time there was a knock on the door and in walked Mr. Fred Hannochko, the newly appointed school inspector for our newly organized Two Hills School Division.

What a surprise on a Monday morning to see an inspector, even with snowblocked roads! The first thing he asked me was whether he could stay overnight with us at the teacherage and whether he could get a ride next morning to Hamburg School, which was about four and a half miles south of Plain Lake School. Well, both of these requests I knew could be taken care without too much difficulty. And so he proceeded to inspect my classes that morning and in the afternoon Nick's upper classes.

Mr. Hannochko had arrived by a snowmobile that was operated by Alex Harasym, a garageman in Two Hills. Plain Lake was one of the first schools that he visited after his appointment, he told me later, and he inspected three other two-room schools by making a circuitous trip that week before returning to Two Hills.

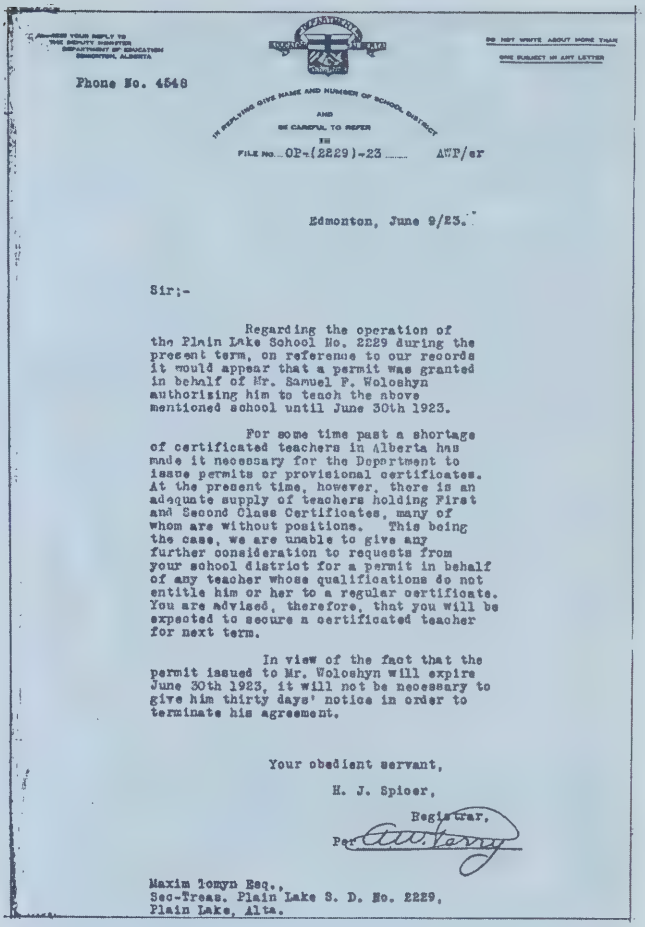
We enjoyed Mr. Hannochko's surprise visit, and needless to say both of us teachers received very good reports. I can still recall how good Fred was at bridge that we played that evening. The game lasted almost till midnight.

The next morning I had one of the older boys, John Grycan, who brought his younger brothers and sisters by horse and cutters, take Mr. Hannochko to Hamburg School.

And so that was just another day and another week in the life of a teacher and a school inspector. There was the spirit of dedication to one's job and a willingness to help one another. Qualities that were ever present in the early days.

Music is the universal language of mankind.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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Edmonton, June 9/23.

Sir:-

Regarding the operation of the Plain Lake School No. 2229 during the present term, on reference to our records it would appear that a permit was granted in behalf of Mr. Samuel F. Woloshyn authorizing him to teach the above mentioned school until June 30th 1923.

For some time past a shortage of certificated teachers in Alberta has made it necessary for the Department to issue permits or provisional certificates. At the present time, however, there is an adequate supply of teachers holding First and Second Class Certificates, many of whom are without positions. This being the case, we are unable to give any further consideration to requests from your school district for a permit in behalf of any teacher whose qualifications do not entitle him or her to a regular certificate. You are advised, therefore, that you will be expected to secure a certificated teacher for next term.

In view of the fact that the permit issued to Mr. Woloshyn will expire June 30th 1923, it will not be necessary to give him thirty days' notice in order to terminate his agreement.

Your obedient servant,

H. J. Spicer,

Registrar,

Per A.W. Ferry

Maxim Iomyn Esq.,
Sec-Treas. Plain Lake S. D. No. 2229,
Plain Lake, Alta.

KRASNE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2245

by Rose Wolos
(information supplied by Adolph Adamowski and Marie Chernecki)

Krasne School, which was constructed on two acres of the land (NW 19-53-12-W4th) owned by Tony Adamowski, was built by contractor Yarema Yanishawski, at a cost of about $1,000. Construction began in the spring of 1911, and was completed in May, 1912. The trustees at this time were Karol Adamowski, Michael Samoil, and Hrynko Malowany. Mrs. K. Adamowski was elected secretary.

Krasne School, Mr. C.W. Whittaker, teacher, 1912-14

The Krasne School teacherage was a shack containing three rooms, one of which was the ante-room that was used for storage. Because this room was not insulated, one could see light through the openings between the boards. The living room had cracks in the walls as well. In spring there was soil that drifted under the door, while in winter snow also blew in. An old wood and coal stove was in the kitchen, and a belly heater in the living room, supplied heat for the teacher's residence.

The only fuel supply for the school was wood and coal. Farmers were contracted to provide cordwood. Teachers had to make the fire in school, first thing in the morning.

A school barn was built in the early 30s. When there was not enough room to accommodate all the horses, some were kept at Adolph Adamowski's place (SE 25-53-13-W4th).

Before a well was dug, water was carried from Samoil's and Wakaluk's place. The first well, 14 feet deep, was hand dug by Dmetro Stoski, on the southeast corner of the schoolyard. Water was obtained by use of a pulley and pail. A second well was dug by Alex Haluschak who also installed a pump.

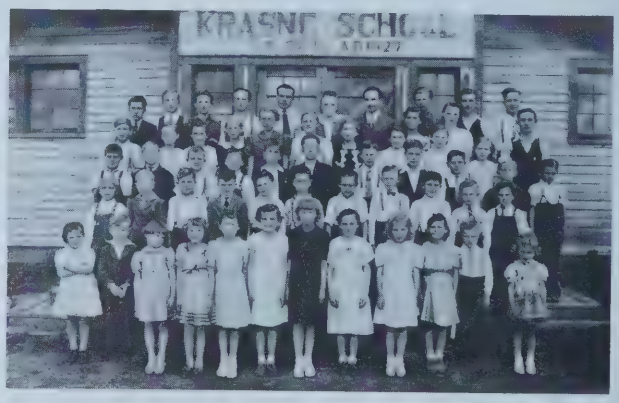
Trees, such as maple, ash, pine, birch, hemlock, and aspen, were ordered from Indian Head, Saskatchewan, and planted by the students in 1937. A flash fire destroyed some of these trees, however.

Krasne School pupils, 1918-1919. Front row, (L to R) - Tony Sawchuk, Nick Babych, Paul Kisilewich, Nick Stoski, Peter Samoil, John Kisilewich, John Samoil, Tony Strychaliuk; second row - Kate Horon, Angela Kowalski, Nellie Babych, Josie Strychaliuk, Pearl Malowaney, Kate Haluschak, Eva Mokry, Tillie Hryciw, Pearl Stoski, Katie Horon; third row - Mike Frankiw, Wm. Krawchuk, Alex Sawchuk, John Frankiw, Alex Wakaluk, Alex Budnyk, John Petecki, John Stoski, Joe Petecki, John Krawchuk, Tony Horon; back row - Annie Babych, Kate Horon, Pearl Florko, Natalka Cymbaluk, Nancy Frankiw, Annie Strychaliuk, Cassie Hryciw, Mary Sawchuk, Kate Cymbaluk, Pearl Hryciw, Nancy Chudyk, Wm. Boytzun (teacher).

Some of the first pupils that attended Krasne School were Adolph Adamowski, Helen Lazowski, Mary M. Peteski, Frank M. Peteski, Mary J. Sawchuk and Andrew J. Sawchuk. In the 1916-1917 school term, there were 65 children in Grades I to VIII. A school nurse inspected pupils twice a year.

The first teacher at Krasne taught for two weeks, before passing away. Other teachers that taught in the early years included Messrs, Bennett, Whittaker, Goshko, Genik, Masciuch, Myles, McCarry, Skory, Boytzun, Tymchuk and Miss E. Henderson.

Krasne School pupils, Senior and Junior Room, 1934-35. Front row, (L to R) - Ed Samoil, Paul Adamowski, Joe Kisilewich, Harry Krawchuk, Angela Adamowski, Vera Goshko, Josie Semeniuk, Lillian Horon, Olga Horon; second row - Martin Kisilewich, Wlady Adamowski, Nick Kitz, Emil Kozicki, unknown, Pearl Kisilewich, Josie Adamowski, Annie Krawchuk, Walter Samoil; third row - Peter Adamowski, Steve Kozicki, unknown, (Magdalen) Margaret Kisilewich, Fedosia Kozicki, Angela Kisilewich, Annie Duk, Stefka Samoil; back row - Lewis Samoil, Metro Sirman, Bill Kitz, Frank Adamowski, Adam Samoil, Joe Goshko, Nancy Kozicki, Rosie Bachinski, unknown, Mr. William Chernecki (teacher), Mary Kitz, Lena Stoski, Marshall Samoil, Vera Chudyk, Peter Duk, Sophie Malowaney, Harry Sawchuk.



Krasne School Pupils, 1939. Back row, (L to R) - Martin Kisilewich, Lewis Samoil, George Kachmar, Bill Wakaluk, Stanley Baron, Marie Chernecki and Wm. Chernecki (teachers), Peter Adamowski, Adam Samoil, Bill Kitz; fourth row - Paul Adamowski, Marie Horon, Josie Adamowski, Olga Horon, Annie Krawchuk, Katie Florko, Annie Duke, Josie Semeniuk, Olga Warawa, Pearl Kisilewich and Nellie Tomsza (slightly back), Mary Adamowski, Mike Cwihun; third row - Ivan Kozicki, Walter Florko, John Zurawell, Steve Frankiw, Edward Samoil, Nick Kitz, Harry Krawchuk, Bill Zurawell, Emil Kozicki, Cassie Frankiw, Billy Horon; second row - Joe Frankiw, Bob Kisilewich, Adam Kisilewich, Stanley Adamowski, Emil Semeniuk, Marshall Horon, Bobby Baron, Nick Krawchuk, Joe Kisilewich, Peter Frankiw, Walter Kozicki; front row - Olga Kachmar, Melvin Kisilevich, Elsie Florko, Olga Zurawel, Emily Horon, Nadine Mokry, Lillian Horon, Angela Adamowski, Olga Horon, Rosie Kisilewich, Eli Frankiw, Betty Florko.

Krasne School Orchestra, 1941. Back row, (L to R) - Nick Kitz, Martin Kisilevich, Lewis Samoil, Peter Adamowski, Bill Krysak, George Kachmar; second row - Pearl Kisilewich, Stanley Adamowski, Nick Krawchuk, Walter Florko, Annie Krawchuk, Kate Florko, Edward Samoil, Emil Semeniuk, Peter Frankiw, Marie Horon; front row, seated - Nadine Mokry, Josie Semeniuk, Olga Horon, Marie Chernecki and William Chernecki (teachers), Lillian Horon, Mary Adamowski; forefront - Eli Frankiw with accordion.

Krasne School, 1946-47. Kulak's one-horse cutter is in the front left.

Krasne School, 1951-52, teacher M. Pawliuk. Front row, (L to R) - Orest Semeniuk, --- Warawa, Mary Kulak, Eddie Horon, Vivian Horon, Iris Semeniuk, Allan Kowalski, Kenny Warawa; second row - Lillian Semeniuk, Larry Horon, Orest Horon, Donald Duk, David Kisilevich, Arlene Warawa, Harry Kulak, Bobby Warawa; back row - Mary Warawa, Mary Florko, Gloria Samoil, Patricia Semeniuk, Walter Kulak, Emily Zurawell, Olga Kulak, Gloria Warawa, Sally Horon.

A second room was added to Krasne School in 1927.
(R.W.)

According to Alberta Education, the following teachers also served in Krasne School: D. Podealuk, 1930-33; Wm. Kindrachuk, 1930; M. Oryschak, 1930-34; T. Horon, 1933-34; Wm. Chernecki, 1934-45; M. Goshko, 1934-36; M. Cherniawski, 1936-37; M. Chernecki, 1937-45; C. Skoropad, 1945-46; Wm. Skoropad, 1945; S. Proskiw, 1946; A. Kassian, 1946; O. Soldan, 1946-47; T. Soldan, 1946-47; L. Podealuk, 1947-51; Mirsil Podealuk, 1947-51; M. Pawliuk, 1951-53.

The school ceased to operate in 1953, because of centralization. The buildings were bought by Messrs. Soldan, Frankiw, and M. Pawliuk.

A Former Teacher Remembers

by Stephanie Proskiw (as related to Rose Wolos)

We were required to attend summer school in July and August, 1946, to complete our year of training.

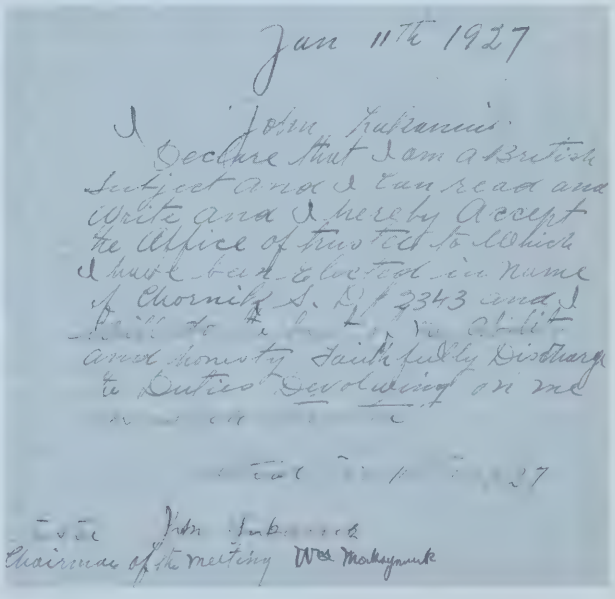
During the time Anne Kassian and I taught at Krasne, we had over 60 students. Miss Kassian was principal and taught Grades VI - IX. She received a monthly wage of $64.

I taught Grades I - V and my monthly wages were $60. At that time we had to be custodians as well as teachers. We brought in wood and water, thawed the pump on winter mornings, checked the barns, raked the yard, and even made soup for student lunches.

CHORNIK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2343

The Chornik School District, through the efforts of S. Hrynyk, Musidora, was officially established on December 24, 1910, and located on 54-11-W4th.

Among the teachers who taught prior to 1930 at the Chornik School, are the following: I. John, D. McLeod, D. Goshko, and M. Clune.



Jan 11th 1927

I John Tukanuis
Declare that I am a British
Subject and I can read and
Write and I hereby Accept
the Office of trustee to which
I have been elected in name
of Chornik S. D. # 2343 and I
[illegible] to [illegible] ability
and honesty faithfully Discharge
the Duties Devolving on me

[illegible] 1927

John Tukanuis
Chairman of the meeting Wm Makaynuk

Alberta Education records include these teachers also. H. Smith, 1930-31; W. Kalancha, 1931-34; A. Mihaskiw, 1934-35; M. Bezuliak, 1936; M. Hrehoriak, 1936-40; O. Pozernuik, 1940-41; A. Ogroduik, 1941-44; M. Pylypiuk, 1942; Wm. Kindrachuk, 1944; H. Lotoski, 1945; H. Chomik (supervisor), 1946; A. Lakusta (supervisor), 1946.

Chornik School Class, circa - early 1940s. First row, (L to R) - Fourth is Lauria Krevenchuk.

Did You Know That ..... ?

... on June 23, 1923, board members M.P. Odynski and J. Bohaichuk decided at a regular school meeting that $200. should be borrowed from the Canadian Bank of Commerce to cover the balance of a teacher's salary ($150.), and the remainder to be used to order three double desks?

... school was closed for almost three weeks in August, 1923, due to a diphtheria epidemic?

... in 1926, there were 57 pupils in attendance at the one-room school?

... the inspectors who visited the school included Mr. Williams and Mr. A.L. Doucette?

... later on a room was rented in Mr. Elias Pylypiuk's residence for a second classroom - rent to be $10. a month?

... board meetings were sometimes held at the teacher's residence?

... Mr. Karp Iskiw once washed and oiled the classroom floor for $3.?

... in June, 1934, due to insufficient funds to hire a teacher, it was decided to give the teacher a promissory note. However, when this was refused, another teacher was hired for the ensuing year at $600. a year, plus a $50. bonus to teach Ukrainian, hold a concert, and maintain good discipline?

> Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.
>
> —Martin Luther

BUSHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2527

by Ludvig Lisevich

The district came into being officially, on August 10, 1911, and its senior trustee was G. Franko.

The school was built by a Mr. Obermeyer, and the first teacher was a Mr. Sergeant. Other teachers that I recall were a Mr. Lehman, Mrs. Freeman, Sam Woloshyn, and Dmytro Prokopiuk (1921). Bushland School operated only during the summer months in the early years.

The first Bushland School, built circa 1911. Photo taken in 1928.

In his report of Jan. 9, 1918, to the Department of Education, J.C. Butchart B.A. Inspector of Schools writes:

> No. 2527 a new and very poor district can afford only a summer school ... the teacher has to live in a shack and most are suitable only for male teachers and even then it is difficult to get teachers for the outlying schools during the winter months.

The first student to pass Grade VIII departmental examination was Ludvig Lisevich. This occurred in 1924, when John Henry Corcoran was teaching.

Leon Pasicka, John Bednarski, Steve Demkiw and G. Kshyk were quite active in the district promoting education. According to the data compiled from a survey made in the early 1920s Bushland No. 2527 had 30 students in attendance. Trustees at this time were H. Iwashko, Steve Demkiw, G. Kshyk, and D. Wispinski was the secretary-treasurer. There were 25 ratepayers and the district was 100% Ukrainian and Catholic.

(L.L.)

Among the teachers who also served at Bushland School prior to 1930, are J.J. Buryk, J.M. Tymchuk, Mr. Adams, D. Pooghkay, and Wm. Grasiuk.

According to Alberta Education, the following taught at the school: M. Fedorkiw, 1930; S.F. Woloshyn, 1930-33; C. Tymchuk, 1933-35; S. Uniat, 1935-39; M. Skrepnek, 1939-40; M. Hayduk, 1940; S. Matei, 1940; M. Dubelt, 1941; P.W. Romaniuk, 1941-42; A. Chrapko, 1942-43; J. Gizowski, 1943-46; H. Lotoski, 1946-48; L. Lisevich, 1948-53.

The new Bushland School was built in 1943. Back row, (L to R) - Nelsie Ewashko, Olga Ewashko, Steve Kryviak; fourth row - Mike Kryviak, Nick Ewashko; forefront - Gizowski girls. The rest of the class is unknown.

Bushland School

by Mike Kachmar

The Bushland School No. 2527 was built in 1911 on SE 28-53-11-W4th on Harry Ewashko's farm. The schoolyard consisted of four acres.

In 1942, the school was torn down by Bill H. Kitt for $300. and the lumber was used to build a new school which was located one mile to the east on NW 23-53-11-W4th.

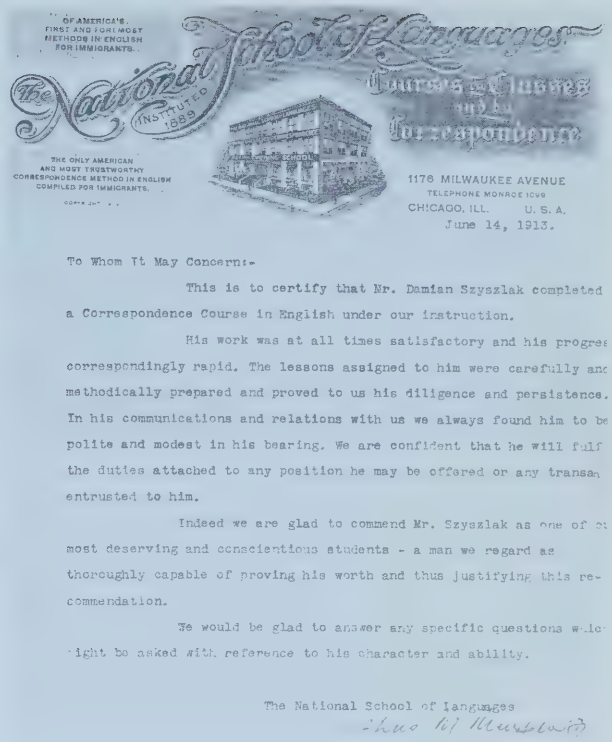
In 1949, the school was closed, and the children were transferred to the Two Hills School. When the school was tendered for sale, John Laschowski bought it for $800. He moved the school to Two Hills where he remodelled it into a home and sold it to Dick Pawliuk.

WOLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2591

Wolia School District came into existence on November 9, 1911, and its location was registered as 53-13-W4th. Mr. W. Najdziak of Warwick headed its organization. The school was built about two years after the district was registered.

Among the early teachers who taught at Wolia School prior to 1930, are Mr. Fisher, Mr. McLeod, E. English, J. Woywitka, F. Knights, S. Urchak, G.N. Hosking, M. Martin, M.A. Griffin, J. Tymchuk and C. Styra.

According to information from Alberta Education, the following also served at the school: R. McQuillan, 1930-33; M. Cherniawski, 1933-35; C. Tymchuk, (Petaske), 1935-38; R. Samoil, 1938-40; R. Svarich, 1940-41; J. Ruptash, 1941-42; E. Sadoway, 1942; T. Theroux, 1942-43; Z. Tymchuk, 1943-44; M. Kowalchuk, 1944-45; V. Porter, 1945-46; J. Kozmak, 1946-48.



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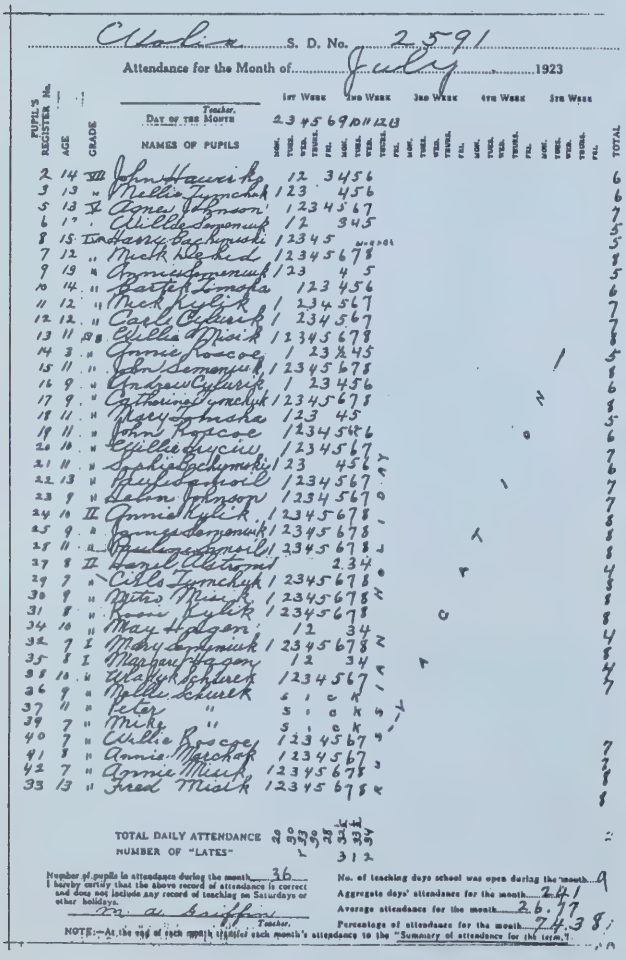
October, 1928 - Vegreville Observer
WOLIA SCHOOL PROVIDES
MEDALIST FOR INSPECTORATE

A distinct feather in the cap of Mr. McQuillan, teacher at Wolia school, is the winning of the Governor-General's medal for the Inspectorate, by one of his pupils, Andrew Cyluryk.

An interesting feature of this win is that the pupil is non-English and yet took a mark of 89 out of 100 in English Composition. His marks in other subjects were equally gratifying. Mr. McQuillan is doing fine work and securing fine results.

Wolia School Class, 1920s.
Front row, (L to R) - Edith Johnson, Agnes Johnson, Evelyn Spears, Rose Hawirko, Katie Killick, Ezdor Dehid, Allen Rosco, Fred Semeniuk, William Samoil, Mike S. Killick, Fred Lorenson; second row - Sophie Misik, Nancy Tymchuk, Nick Dehid, William Semeniuk, George Lorenson, Nick Samoil, John Hawirko, John Marchak, Harry Bachinsky; third row - Mary Tomsza, Helen Johnson, Annie Semeniuk, Annie Rosco, Paul Samoil, Fred Misik, John Semeniuk, William Rosco, William Hryciw; back row - William Misik, Annie Killick, May Hagen, Katherine Tymchuk, Sophie Bachinsky, Charlie Tymchuk, and Andy Cylurik (in forefront).



Wolia S. D. No. 2591

Attendance for the Month of July 1923

Pupil's Register No.	Age	Grade	Day of the Month / Names of Pupils	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week	Total
2	14	VII	John Hawirko	12 3456					6
3	13	"	Nellie Tymchuk	123 456					6
5	13	II	Agnes Johnson	1234567					7
6	17		Willie Semeniuk	12 345					5
8	15	I	Nancy Bachinski	12345					5
7	12	"	Mick Dehid	12345678					8
9	13	"	Annie Semeniuk	123 4 5					5
10	14	"	Bertie Smoka	123456					6
11	12	"	Mick Kylik	1 234567					7
12	12	"	Carl Cylurik	1 234567					7
13	11	[illegible]	Cecilia Misik	12345678					8
14	3	"	Annie Roscoe	1 23 4 5					5
15	11	"	John Semeniuk	12345678					8
16	9	"	Andrew Cylurik	1 23456					6
17	9	"	Catherine Tymchuk	12345678					8
18	11	"	Mary Smoka	123 45					5
19	11	"	John Roscoe	123456					6
20	10	"	Cecilia Hryciw	1234567					7
21	11	"	Sophie Tymchuk	123 456					6
22	13	"	Peter Samoil	1234567					7
23	9	"	Lelon Johnson	1234567					7
24	10	II	Annie Kylik	12345678					8
25	9	"	Annie Semeniuk	12345678					8
26	11	"	Paulina Samoil	12345678					8
27	8	II	Hazel Clement	234					4
29	7	"	Ella Tymchuk	12345678					8
30	9	"	Peter Misik	12345678					8
31	8	"	Rosie Kylik	12345678					8
34	10	"	May Hagen	12 34					4
32	7	I	Mary Tymchuk	12345678					8
35	8	I	Margaret Hagen	12 34					4
38	10	"	Evelyn Schuck	1234567					7
36	9	"	Nellie Schuck	s i c k					
37	11	"	Peter "	s i c k					
39	7	"	Mike "	s i c k					
40	7	"	Willie Roscoe	1234567					7
41	8	"	Annie Marchak	12345678					8
42	7	"	Annie Misik	12345678					8
33	13	"	Fred Misik	12345678					8
			TOTAL DAILY ATTENDANCE	29 30 32 34 34					
			NUMBER OF "LATES"	1	3 1 2				

Number of pupils in attendance during the month 36
I hereby certify that the above record of attendance is correct and does not include any record of teaching on Saturdays or other holidays.
[illegible] Teacher.

No. of teaching days school was open during the month 9
Aggregate days' attendance for the month 241
Average attendance for the month 26.77
Percentage of attendance for the month 74.38

NOTE:—At the end of each month transfer each month's attendance to the "Summary of attendance for the term."

Wolia School (1929) Grade IX girls - Pauline, Josie, Rosie, Helen, Hazel, Annie and Pauline

Wolia School children, 1940s

Wolia School, 1941. John Ruptash - teacher

Wolia School picnic (Eugene Sadoway - teacher), 1942

Wolia School picnic on the Najdziak pasture (Mrs. T. Theroux - teacher, circa 1943)

I Recollect ... Wolia School

by Anton Shchurek

... that Wolia School was situated on a hill that overlooked Ben's Lake. It was so scenic when nature changed its seasonal patterns.

... how our teacher, Fred Knights, often walked to the Warwick Store to buy us candy for the following day. It was a treat I seldom got at home.

... that during my school days at Wolia we never sang or had any Christmas concerts even though there was an organ in the classroom. On one occasion the teacher made an attempt to teach us a song but gave it up - never to try again.

... how the boys removed the box from the sleigh. They then took the sleigh and put the pole up and back so that they could steer. The children got on, and at break-neck speed the sleigh sped for about one-half mile downhill towards Ben's Lake. What a thrill!

... how difficult it was for me to adjust when I skipped a couple of grades.

... when the inspector, Mr. Williams, visited our classroom it was so unusually quiet that one could hear a pin drop.

... how very frightened we all were when Miss Black, the health nurse, called us one by one to the teacherage for a very thorough check-up and administered those stinging needles.

... how the aroma of sardine sandwiches always made one particular boy gag, squeeze his nose and dash at full speed out of the classroom. You know, sardines were considered a delicacy during this time.

... that our teacher, Mr. R. McQuillan, always praised us for work well done. However, he was an outstanding disciplinarian. What a remarkable man he was!

... the time in the fall when the boys ran during the noon hour to a nearby pond to see who could run across the thin ice without breaking in. The bigger boys nimbly ran across first without any trouble. I, being very small for my age, also took my turn. Alas! Halfway across I broke in and sank up to my armpits. Let me tell you, it was a long, uncomfortable afternoon.

... whenever there was an outbreak of colds or flu, the teacher would pour creoline into a can of water and let it boil on the heater to disinfect the classroom.

... when a teacher got angry at a pupil, and hit him with his fist. The boy, in fear, ran out of school and towards his home. The teacher ran, caught him about one-half mile down the road, flung him on his shoulders and carried him back to school. We all ran out to watch this event. How frightful!

Three eager Wolia School scholars (L to R) - Anton, Pete and Mike Shchurek, 1925

ISPAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2756

The Ispas School District was established on June 10, 1912, and was located on 57-13-W4th. This was made possible through the efforts of Metro Pawliuk of Ispas.

At this time the trustees were H. Busiak, Metro Pawliuk, and H. Ewanchuk. Mr. Samuel Roth was hired as a contractor.

In 1938, the district was amalgamated with the Two Hills School Division No. 21, and in 1956, the children were bussed to Two Hills.

Among the teachers who served at Ispas School from 1914-29 are Messrs. Sykes, Peart, Klymok, Choban, Hargrove, Serbo, Hooper, and Elia Kiriak (author of Seni Zemli - Sons of the Soil).

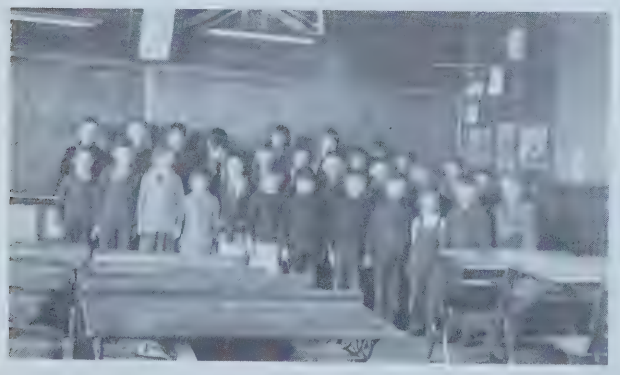
According to Alberta Education records, the following also taught at the school: W.H. Kordovski, 1930; S. Tkachuk, 1930-34; G. Kelba, 1934-39; M. Skrepnek, 1935-36; G.W. Shewchuk, 1939-40; J. Hohol, 1940-42; B. Mynzak, 1942-44; S.E. Gordey, 1944-45; A. Hluss, 1945-46; E. Sadoway, 1946-48, 1950-51;, A. Kassian, 1948-49; M. David, 1952-54; V. Kushniruk, 1954-55; L. Bidulock, 1955.

Ispas School

by Mike Pawliuk

Ispas School was built in 1913, on SE 4-57-13-W4th. The school was built on top of a flat hill with little room for a level playground. However, there was a small level area to the west of the school building. In the northwest corner of the schoolyard was another hill on which the children had a great time sledding and sliding in the wintertime or just romping around in the spring and fall. The north slope was not visible from the school and the children often had much fun, hidden away from the prying eyes of the teacher. Most of the school yard sloped away to the east forming a level area at the bottom of the hill. Unfortunately, this area was where the teacherage and the well were located, leaving very little room for a ball diamond. Actually, there was enough level area for the diamond itself but the outer field was on a slope of a hill.

Ispas School (background), built circa 1913 - George Kelba's 1930 Model A Ford by the shack



Ispas School Students, circa 1931. Front row, (L to R) - Alex Pawliuk, Emil Deputat, third and fourth (unknown), Sanda Basaraba, unknown, John Hryniuk, Peter Olinyk, Mike Pawliuk, Eugene Deputat, Metro Lakusta, Mike Fedorak; back row - Willard Olinyk, John Deputat, John Shukaliak. Among the others who cannot be positively identified are the following: Mary Buzak, Annie Buzak, Katie Basaraba, Mike Olinyk, Metro Fedorak, Dora Odynak, Metro Shukaliak, Bill Shukaliak, Metro Basaraba, Alec Ewanchuk and Nick Ewanchuk.

The school itself was built of lumber - wood siding on the outside and V-joint boards for the inside walls and ceiling. As in most buildings in those days, there was no insulation in any walls or on the ceiling. On cold days in winter, the children huddled around the large cylindrical shaped heater which swallowed three-foot logs.

Before an enterprising teacher built a shelf at the back of the schoolroom, lunches were kept in the porch of the school and were usually solidly frozen in the wintertime.

Ispas School pupils, Grades I to IX taught by George Kelba, 1935

Ispas School class, 1937 - George Kelba, teacher

Second Ispas School, built in 1940

MOOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3590

(some material supplied by Frank Shymko)

The district, as recorded in the Alberta Gazette, was established on January 5, 1918, on 56-13-W4th, with R. Fletcher of Lamont, Alberta, being the official trustee.

The first board of trustees were W. Drolo, H. Olynik and G. Shepanski. In 1921, J. Seminowich was elected

the first secretary-treasurer.

About 90% of the school population was of Ukrainian stock with Romanians comprising the remaining 10%.

In 1938, the ratepayers and trustees protested against being amalgamated with the large Two Hills School Division, but it was a lost battle.

The original one-room Moose School was built in 1920, with an addition of the second room in 1928. (Photo 1942)

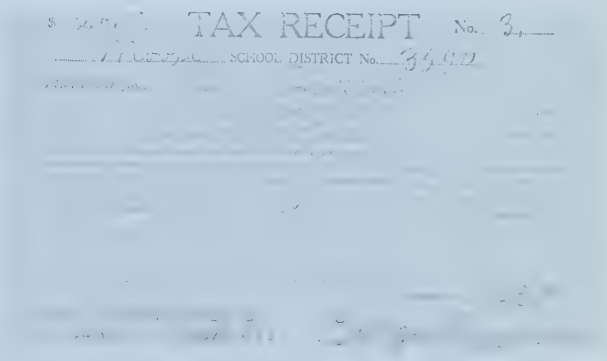
Following World War II, a second room was added to the school. A school barn was built as well. For some years after its closure, Moose School served as a community hall. It is still standing but in a sad case of disrepair.

Among the teachers who taught prior to 1930 at Moose School are the following: Wm. Cutsungavich, G. Mosher, N.W. Svekla, W. Lowery, C. McCleary, J. Woywitka, C. Thomas, Wm. Cousins, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron.

According to Alberta Education, the following also taught at the school: M. Dent, 1930-31; L.F. Dent, 1930-31; M. Palamar, 1931-36; R. Pawliuk, 1931-34; M. Makovichuk, 1934-36; M. Korpan, 1936-38; Wm. Cherniawski, 1936-38; F. Shymko, 1938-41; S. Urchak, 1938; D.M. Nekolaichuk, 1938-39, 1942-43; Wm. Djogolick (Gegolick), 1939-40, 1946-49; S. Kokotailo, 1940-41; L. Kelba, 1941-42; G. Kelba, 1941-42; D. Hauca, 1942; K. Nekolaichuk, 1942-43; V. Chrapko, 1943-46; A. Chrapko, 1943-44; A. Belinski, 1944-45; B. Zadimersky, 1946; O. Gegolick, 1946-49; N. Cherniwchan, 1950; J. Cherniwchan, 1950; A. Leonty, 1951-54.

Moose School students with teachers Frank Shymko (left) and Steve Kokotailo (right), circa 1941

Moose School students, 1942. George and Lena Kelba, teachers at the time



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SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 39

Moose Memories

by Metro Shepansky

Moose School was built about 1920, and opened the following year. Three hired carpenters, a Mr. Hrehirchuk of Brosseau, John Semenovich and George Shepansky, both of Shepenge, along with volunteer help, built the Moose School. It accommodated 65 pupils ranging in age from seven to 21 in its first year. There were 35 Ukrainian and 30 Romanian children.

Our first teacher, a Mr. Albatreausis, was French and found it difficult to teach such a large class. He would print the word "cow", say this word, and then the whole class would respond - "cow". He asked the Romanians what they would call cow in their language, and they would say "vaka". The Ukrainian children said that they called it "korova". He would say "kora". A Grade II girl, Eva Olinyk, served as interpreter for the Ukrainians, and John Vicsuch, a Grade III pupil, was interpreter for the Romanians. Mr. Albatreausis taught only for the month of February and quit. Our next teacher was John Verchomin, who later became a prominent medical doctor in Edmonton.

I had the advantage over the rest of the children because, once I learned the alphabet, I could read and write. My best teacher was Wm. James Cousins. In six years of school I completed Grade VIII and passed to Grade IX.

Jacob K. Olinyk was secretary-treasurer of Moose School before he moved his business to Two Hills. At age 15, I became its next secretary but my dad was the signing authority for any cheques that were issued.

BRINSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3883

According to the Alberta Gazette, the Brinsley School District was officially established on October 24, 1919. Its location was 57-12-W4th, and J. Morgan of Edmonton was the official trustee.

In 1920, the trustees were J. Holowaychuk, John W. Zukiwiski and E. Pashniak.

The school, which was built by carpenters Wasyl Hryhirchuk and Steve Snaychuk, was completed in 1921. In 1943-44, Brinsley School became a two-room school. Ispas Hall housed the Senior Room with Andy Rogalsky as teacher and principal, and the Brinsley School was the Junior Room with John Kokotailo as teacher. In 1944-45, the Senior Room was closed and the school operated as one room with Grades I-VIII

Among the teachers who taught at Brinsley School prior to 1930, are P. Lehanky, Z. Goshko, A. Campbell, E. Wilson, A. Griffin, B. Ewasiuk, T. Zuk, and T. Murphy.

According to Alberta Education, the following also served at the school: Wm. McTavish, 1930; J. Pawliuk, 1930-35; D. Nekolaichuk, 1935-38; M. Korpan, 1938-40; M. Meroniuk, 1940-41; D. Chrapko, 1940-41; F. Shymko, 1941-42; E. Sawchuk, 1942-43; M. Sawchuk, 1942-43; J. Kokotailo, 1943-44; A. Rogalsky, 1943-45; A. Belinski, 1945-46; V. Verenka, 1946-50; S. Matei, 1951; E. Sadoway, 1952-55.

Students of Brinsley School, circa 1933, teacher - John Pawliuk. Front row, (L to R) - Steve Shapka, Peter Tokar, Alex Holowaychuk, Billy Hlewka, Peter Holowaychuk, Nick Kushniruk (front), John Holowaychuk, Willie Tokar, Nick Tokar, Alec Storoschuk; second row - Mary Tokar, Vera Pirnak, Victoria Hlewka, Violet Mulek, Lena Storoschuk, Lena Tokar, Mary Kushniruk; third row - Helen Vennik, Mary Palahniuk, Rosie Hlewka, Lena Palahniuk, Sophie Holowaychuk, Jennie Goryniuk, Elsie Holowaychuk, Nancy Goryniuk, Rosie Pirnak; fourth row - Sadie Shapka, Katie Pirnak, Jennie Shepanski, Mary M. Holowaychuk, Helen Hlewka, Helen Werstiuk, Rosie Goryniuk, Pearl Tokar, Pearl Shapka, George Mulek, John Werstiuk; back row - Rita Pirnak, Pearl Vennik, Mary G. Holowaychuk, Belle Holowaychuk, Mary Mulek, Steve Shepanski.

East-side of Brinsley School, 1949-50. Teacher - Victoria Verenka.

The ditty that follows was composed by the late John Pawliuk, a pioneer teacher in the Two Hills area. It was sung to the tune of "Darling Clementine".

(As remembered by Pearl Lakusta - nee Shapka)

In the corner, by the church yard,
Where the sun does always shine,
There's a schoolhouse, in that corner,
And it does its steady chime.

(Chorus)
It is Brinsley, it is Brinsley,
Best of schoolhouses along the line!
Let us give three cheers for Brinsley,
Brinsley, Brinsley, every time!

John Pawliuk

In grade eight and seven, there are seven,
In grade five, there are seven too,
Four in grade four, three in grade three,
Nineteen in one, six in two.

(Chorus)

I'm James Zukiwski, that's James Zukiwski,
He eats seven meals a day,
Im'Nick Trufen, that's Nick Trufen,
He is quite the other way.
I'm John Gordy, that's John Gordy,
He likes all the girls in class,
I'm Metro Holowaychuk, that's Metro Holowaychuk,
He is full of laughing gas.
I'm Theodore Tokar, that's Theodore Tokar,
He does not come to school on time,
I'm Nick Shypanski, that's Nick Shypanski,
He'll do anything for a dime.
I'm Mike Goryniuk, that's Mike Goryniuk,
He needs lots of time to think.
I'm John Holowaychuk, that's John Holowaychuk,
He needs lots of milk to drink.

I'm Alex Nahneychuk, that's Alec Nahneychuk,
He does all the trouble in school,
But when he gets a real good licken,
He is very, very good.

(Chorus)

Reminiscences by Former Teachers

Brinsley School, located kitty-corner from Brinsley Church, was built in 1921. It was a one-room school and had a one-room teacherage. It remained a one-room school for its duration.

In 1941, when I was appointed to teach there, it was supposed to become a two-room school, with the senior students going to the hall which was about one-half mile west of the school. However, this was wartime and there was a shortage of teachers, so I wound up teaching 48 pupils in Grades I to IX.

On January 25, 1935, a sad event took place. Mr. John Pawliuk, a well-liked teacher at the school, died suddenly. He was a brother to Mike Pawliuk who was the Elementary School Principal in Two Hills.

The school was closed in the early 50s with the pupils going to Two Hills or Hairy Hairy School. The buildings were sold, the schoolyard plowed over, so that today no trace remains of the school.

The students coming to this school were all Ukrainian.

by Frank Shymko

In the fall of 1940, the Chrapkos and I had just settled in nicely as teachers at Luzan School, when we were informed that we would have to move because the teacher at Brinsley (a one-room school) had a larger enrolment than we did. The main problem was that the teacherage there consisted of one large room. We curtained off my bunk, and together with a tall cupboard, we had some semblance of privacy.

Dan Chrapko taught the senior class in a community hall a quarter of a mile from school.

I remember my class was very enthusiastic when other work was set aside and out came the song books. They loved to sing!

by Mary Demco

Brinsley School class 1941, with teacher Mary Meroniuk

Brinsley School students with teachers Mary Meroniuk and Dan Chrapko, 1941

Brinsley School class, 1944-45. Front row, (L to R) - first - Nestor Werstiuk, third - Marshall Shymko, fourth - Violet Shymko; second row - fourth - Elsie Severyn, seventh - Lily Shapka, eighth - Amy Shapka; third row - Andy Rogalsky (teacher), fifth - Annie Olynyk, eighth - Mary Olynyk; back row - Nick Hlewka, John Pirnak, Walter Hawaleshka, the rest are unknown.

Brinsley was my first school where I taught Grades I-VIII.

For my teaching efforts I was rewarded with a salary of $1050. a year. In addition to this salary I was to receive $40. per year for janitorial services. However, none of this amount was received since the sum of $40. was charged by the School Division for the rental of my teacherage.

Even though I was the janitor, the school, a tall structure, was terribly cold in winter. Lessons were carried on, as the children clad in their coats, sat in desks around the stove. When the weather got warmer and the snow began to melt, we were often startled 'out of our skins' as the snow slid down the roof with a thundering roar.

The children had hot cocoa to drink and cod liver oil to take in winter. These were supplied by the Two Hills School Division. The children took turns bringing cream.

Our Christmas concerts, held in the Ispas Hall, drew large crowds to a program of carols, recitations, comedy plays and instrumentals.

We participated in school festivals and amateur nights. Freddie Hawaleshka's rendition of the "Floppy Eared

Brinsley School pupils, 1946-47. Front row, (L to R) - Marshall Shymko, Fred Hawaleshka, Archie Goryniuk, Billy Shymko, Annie Shapka, June Holowaychuk, Jeanette Holinski, Joanne Severyn; second row - Johnny Mazurek, Wilfred Pashniak, Nestor Werstiuk, Shirley Holinski, Violet Shymko, Mary Derda; third row - Dave Pirnak, Johnny Derda, Walter Hawaleshka, Steve Hawaleshka, Alec Werstiuk, Elsie Severyn, Victoria Goryniuk, Mary Lebid, Amy Shapka, Victoria Verenka (teacher).

Mule", played on the violin, was as good as Don Messer's.

The one-room teacherage was so cold in winter, that dish towels had to be stuffed around the door to keep out the cold. The water froze in the pail and the bed had to be moved close to the stove.

In summer, bugs, such as centipedes were a common sight, while snakes sunned themselves on the south side of the teacherage.

In 1948, a new teacherage was built. It had a kitchen, pantry, bedroom and closet.

Brinsley School, 1948-49. Examining toilet-hole before the "Big Move." Front row, (L to R) - Willie Derda, Billy Shymko, Steve Mazurek, Tony Holowaychuk; back row - Dave Pirnak, Johnny Mazurek, Johnny Derda, Archie Goryniuk, Jimmy Hawaleshka.

Softball was the favorite game and on several occasions we were driven to the Ispas School to challenge them to a game.

On the last day of school we had a picnic, to which parents came. At times we had a wiener roast or a pot-luck feast. On one year-end picnic we drove to Elk Island Park in the back of a grain truck.

During those four years at Brinsley, I was never comfortable living 'kitty-corner' to a church and graveyard.

People in the community were very friendly and the children were respectful and obedient. The four punctured tires, remain a mystery to this day, however.

Brinsley is indeed a memorable place! Not only did I gain my first experience as a teacher there, I also gained a friend who later became my husband.

by Victoria Kushniruk

RANNOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4126

ERECTION OF
NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Edmonton, July 10, 1922.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of The School Ordinance in that behalf, that, by order of the Minister of Education, the following lands, namely: Sections 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, the north half and southeast quarter of Section 6, the west halves of Sections 8 and 16, those portions of Sections 22, 27, 31 and 32 lying south and west of the Saskatchewan River in Township 55 Range 10; Sections 13, 24, 25, the north half and southeast quarter of Section 12, northeast quarter of Section 11, east halves of Sections 14, 23, 26, those portions of Section 36 and of the east half of Section 35 lying south of the above mentioned river in Township 55 Range 11 west of the Fourth Meridian, have been erected into a School District under the name of The Rannock School District No. 4126 of the Province of Alberta.

Senior Trustee: John Palamaruk, Esq., Duvernay, Alberta.

J.T. Ross,
Deputy Minister of Education.

The Rannock School District came into existence on July 10, 1922. In August of the same year, the ratepayers applied to the Department of Education for permission to build a school. Messrs. John Palmaruk, D. Arychuk and Wasyl Arychuk were elected trustees. Mr. O. Lakusta was hired secretary-treasurer for $100. a year. Construction of the school was completed in July, 1923.

The last year the school board was in operation was 1938.

Among the teachers that taught prior to 1930 at Rannock School, are Messrs. Styra, D. Goshko, J. Svarich, and Mrs. A.E. Knight.

In addition to those already mentioned, Alberta Education has also recorded the following: M. Goshko, 1930; D. Hamar, 1930-31; J. Buk, 1931-37; Wm.

Grasiuk, 1937-39; K. Holick, 1939-41; S. Orleski, 1941; J. Sosnowski, 1941-46; S. Haluschak, 1946-47; M. Pawliuk, 1947-48; J. Melnichek (supervisor), 1948; S. Matei, 1948-50; G. Ewanchuk, 1951-54.

Rannock School, 1929

Students of Rannock School, 1934

Rannock School Class, 1947-48. Front row (seated) (L to R) - Larry Sakaliuk, Bill Gully, Wes Rudkowsky, Metro Gully; second row - Billy Rudkowsky, Diane Kupchenko, Elsie Grabas, Sanny Maksymiuk, Alexander Warren, Walter Danyliuk; third row - Fred Sydora, Silver Sebest, Mary Sebest, Bill Sydora, Steve Gully, Peter Warren, Dick Maksymiuk, Mary Gully, Mike Pawliuk (teacher); back row - Rosie Rudkowsky, Billy Popowich, Paul Gully, Peter Woloshyn, Walter Kupchenko, Sophie Rudkowksy, Metro Maksymiuk.

Rannock students with the school in the background, 1948

This old Rannock School was moved (circa 1968) to Adam Werenka's farm and used as a machine shop.

MORECAMBE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4402

The district first appeared in the Alberta Gazette where it was officially registered on March 19, 1929, through the efforts of J. Marion of Morecambe. It was located on 54-10-W4th.

The following teachers, according to Alberta Education, taught at the Morecambe School: C. Kwasniey, 1930-32, 1935-37; Wm. Tomyn, 1930; S. Bokovoy, 1930-31; E. Bokovoy, 1931-37; N. Myskiw,

1932-35; A. Green, 1937; K. Odynski, 1937-38; P. Floria, 1937-38; P. Radomsky, 1938; M. Kalancha, 1938-40; A. Danelovich, 1939; U.C. Gereluk, 1939-40; B. Podealuk, 1940-41; M.G. Yaworsky, 1940-41; M. Kindrachuk, 1941-64; Wm. Kindrachuk, 1941-64; F. Johnson, 1944; F. Prymak, 1947; A. Kassian, 1948; L. Marian, 1957; S. Gallagher, 1958-59; W. Kulak, 1960; M. Farrus, 1961.

Morecambe School

submitted by Nick Myskiw

With the coming of the C.P. Railway in 1928, hamlets sprang up along the line from Lloydminster to Edmonton, and each needed a school. Morecambe area built its own two-room school, with separate cloakrooms, full basement, central heating, and indoor toilets. The school was the pride of the community and the centre of its social, cultural and political life.

Morecambe School, 1930s

Morecambe School students, 1932-33. Teachers - Nick Myskiw and Emma Bokovoy

This was the typical two-room school of the early 30s. Instruction was offered in Grades I to XI and the enrolment dictated that the junior room consist of Grades I-V, while the senior teacher taught Grades VI-XI. I began my teaching career here in 1932 as principal in charge of the senior room, and often burned the midnight oil to prepare for the classes next day.

In exchange for janitorial services in the school, I had the privilege of living in the teacherage provided. Insulation was unheard of in those days, and the water in the water pail often froze during the night in the winter months. After two years of this hardy life, I chose room

Morecame students, High School Division, N. Myskiw - teacher, 1932-33

and board with the John Demkiw family in the hamlet.

Most of the pupils walked to school, some as far as three miles or more. To accommodate those who were more fortunate and could come on horseback or with a team of horses, a stable was provided.

The statutory minimum annual salary for teachers at the time was $840. In my first year I was fortunate enough to receive the fine salary of $1,000. However, those were critical economic times, and the Board was permitted to lower it to a mere $800. the very next year. In some cases salaries were even lower. Nevertheless, the teacher still seemed to appear more affluent than others in the community, and was often approached by local farmers for emergency non-interest loans of ten or 20 dollars. It was my good fortune not to have lost any money in the transactions.

Among the sports activities of the school was boxing, the manly art of self-defence. Actually the Board had seen fit to provide a set of regulation boxing gloves for the school. The teacher often participated in this sport, even at his peril, with some of the boys in the upper grades. There were no casualties to report.

The highlight of the school year was the Christmas concert. It was the rule that every pupil be in the program, because every parent would be there to see his or her child perform. A temporary stage was set up at the front of the junior classroom, and the cloakroom back of the chalkboard served as the dressing room. The program lasting three hours or more was presented to a packed house, standing room only. About midnight everyone went home happy.

I look back with pleasant memories to the three years in Morecambe where I began my teaching experiences. Others that have also taught there were Clarence Kenway (Kwasniey), Emma Bokovoy, Prokop Floria, Kay Odynski, Morris Yaworsky, Bessie Podealuk, Bill Kindrachuk, and Mary Kindrachuk. We can all recollect those youngsters as they strived to acquire their basic schooling on their way to becoming farmers, business people and professionals.

BEN'S LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4409

Ben's Lake School District was officially established on April 6, 1929, through the efforts of G.W. Gorman, Deputy Minister of Education. It was located on 54-13-W4th.

The trustees elected to the board at that time were A. Venne, D. Brunton and G. Hoytiniuk. The secretary-treasurer was R. Watt.

According to Alberta Educastion, the following taught at Ben's Lake School: D. Pugh, 1930; M. Watt, 1930-33, 1936, 1946; G. York, 1933-36; M. Kalancha, 1936-38; F. Euler, 1938-41; M. Petruk, 1941-43; N. Skowpaduk, 1943-44; T.M. Theroux, 1944-45; V. Verenka, 1946; H. Zaparyniuk, 1946-47; M.J. Eliuk, 1947-49.

He who loves best his fellow-man
Is loving God the holiest way he can.

—ALICE CARY

Ben's Lake students, 1930s. Back row (L to R) - unknown, Nick Vegara, David Brunton, Bill Vegara, Rosie --- (Smith), Helen Littlechild (Simpson); front row - Harvey Nelson, Wm. Brunton, Floyd Nelson, Glenn Simpson, Henry Simpson, Alice Eliuk (Smith), Dora Temchuk (Wygera).

Ben's Lake School students, circa 1936. Front row, (L to R) - Sara Watt, Mike Kozmak, Ray Simpson, Mike Wygera, John Kozmak. Others pictured are Elizabeth Hoytyniuk, Irene Smith, Alice Wygera, Bert Simpson, Bill Czar, Dora Wygera, Alice Smith, Henry Simpson, Steve Wygera, Glen Simpson, Bill Brunton, Archie Simpson, and George Smith.

Ben's Lake School

by T. Watt

Ben's Lake School was a later addition to the Wattsford district. The School located on the NE-54-13-W4th opened its doors for instruction in 1929. Land for the school was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Edmo Smith. The adjacent land is still owned by the Smith family and the original school well is still being used.

The first teacher at Ben's Lake was Miss Dorothy Pugh. She was followed by Mrs. Maggie Watt. Mr. Mike Eliuk was the last teacher when the school closed its doors in the summer of 1949.

The next school year saw the six or seven remaining students bused to the Warwick School in the Vegreville School Division. One year later, the bus was re-routed to the Two Hills School. In the 1950s, the school was sold and dismantled. Many an ex-student who goes by the corner today, wishes that the old school was still standing beside its well.

Ben's Lake School Days

by Mrs. Doris Temchuk (Wygera)

Of my many memories of Ben's Lake School, the most vivid are of special events.

We had Christmas concerts every year. After the concert, Santa Claus would come with a bag full of goodies for all the school children and all other children that would be at the concert.

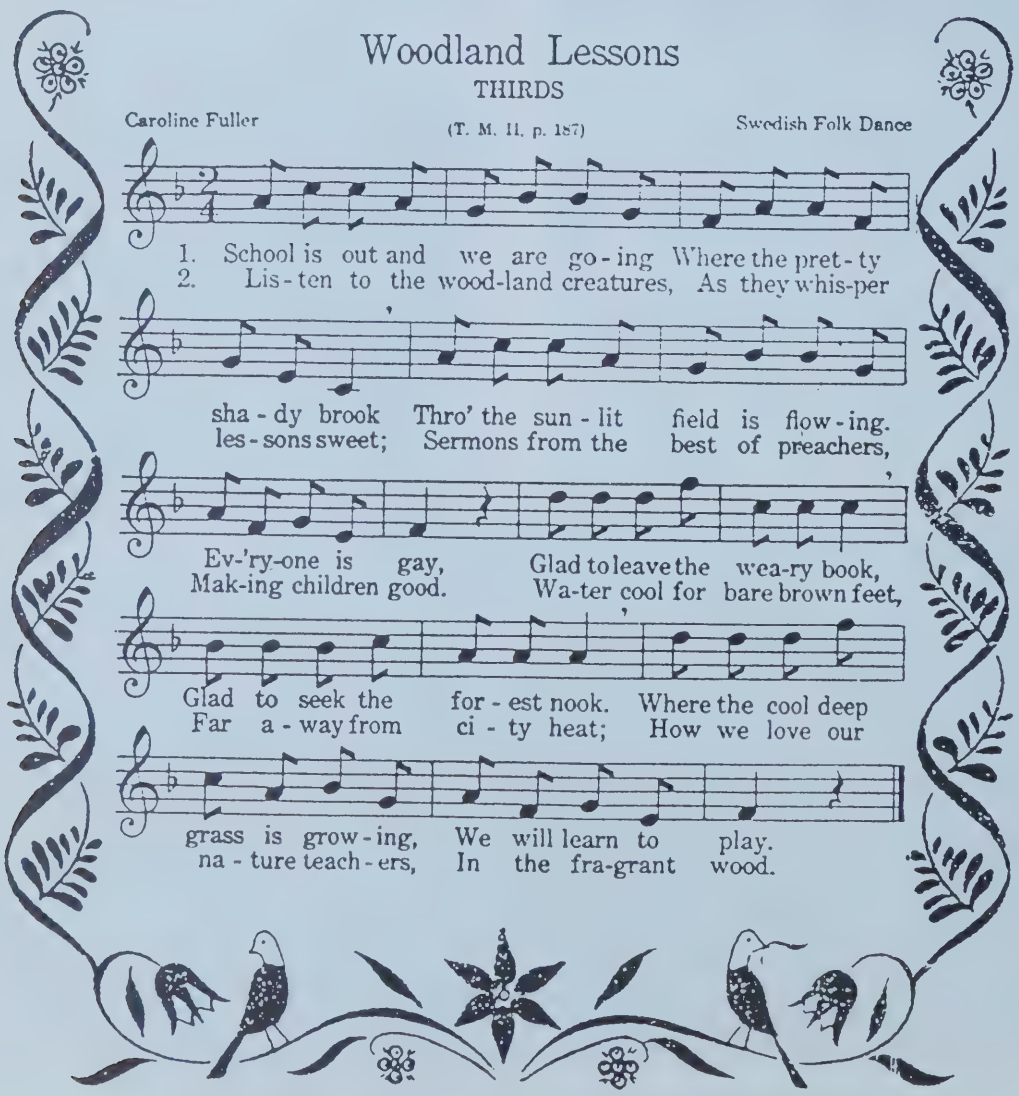
After that, we cleaned the area and had a dance. The band played. Allan Smith played the violin, Harry Young the piano accordion, and sometimes Gordon Shandruk played the guitar.

Also during the year, on special days like Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's, and other days, we would have a dance and a box social which the girls or ladies would decorate, prepare a lunch in it, and put their names inside. These boxes would be auctioned and whoever bought it, had lunch with the girl that prepared it. It was fun!

On New Year's Eve we had gatherings at John Wygera's and sometimes at the Smith's or Simpson's. After lunch or supper we had a dance.

On some Sundays there was church service in the school too.

Those were the good old days!

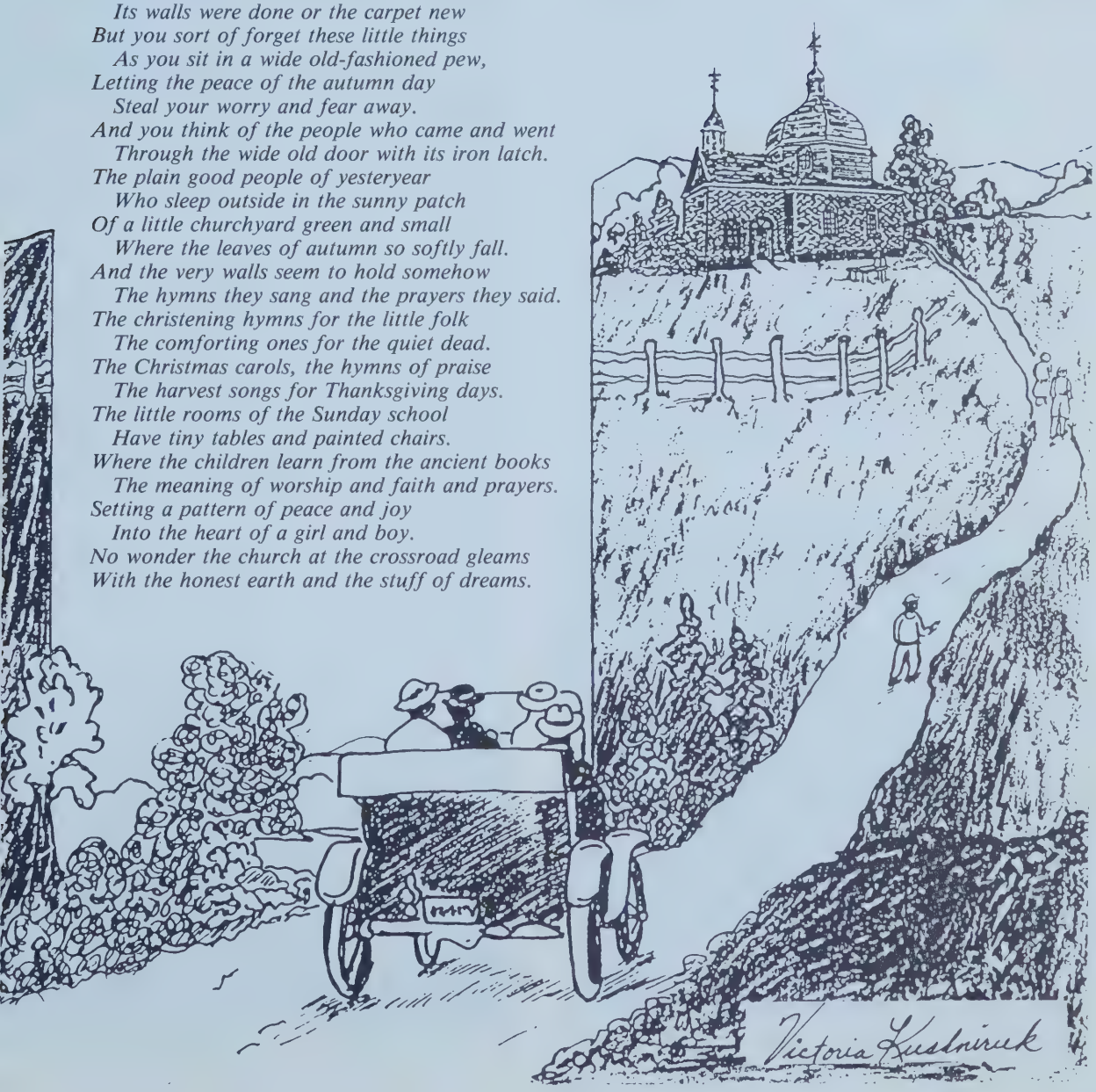


Religion:

Food for the Soul

COUNTRY CHURCH
Edna Jaques

It's little and shabby and dear knows when
Its walls were done or the carpet new
But you sort of forget these little things
As you sit in a wide old-fashioned pew,
Letting the peace of the autumn day
Steal your worry and fear away.
And you think of the people who came and went
Through the wide old door with its iron latch.
The plain good people of yesteryear
Who sleep outside in the sunny patch
Of a little churchyard green and small
Where the leaves of autumn so softly fall.
And the very walls seem to hold somehow
The hymns they sang and the prayers they said.
The christening hymns for the little folk
The comforting ones for the quiet dead.
The Christmas carols, the hymns of praise
The harvest songs for Thanksgiving days.
The little rooms of the Sunday school
Have tiny tables and painted chairs.
Where the children learn from the ancient books
The meaning of worship and faith and prayers.
Setting a pattern of peace and joy
Into the heart of a girl and boy.
No wonder the church at the crossroad gleams
With the honest earth and the stuff of dreams.



The Spiritual Life

by Lillian Kitz-Basaraba

It was their faith in God that inspired the pioneers to meet their adversities and challenges as they continued to build this great country, thus leaving a memorable but unforgettable heritage.

When immigrants left their homeland for Canada, they brought along their religious convictions and their prejudices. Circumstances in North America often exerted new pressure on the faithful and magnified the differences in their faith. As the pioneers settled, they first gathered in their simple homes and worshipped in mixed denominations. Later, they gave their time and labour freely as simple log churches were constructed to serve as places of worship.

From these humble beginnings, the Two Hills and surrounding district is proud to acknowledge the following religious denominations: Ukrainian Catholic, Ukrainian Orthodox, Russo-Greek Orthodox, Romanian Orthodox, Roman Catholic, United, Presbyterian and Evangelical.

Due recognition should also be given to members of the clergy who served in the early beginnings of our communities. For it is they who gave the settlers the strength and courage to meet the new challenges of life as well as provide spiritual uplift in times of anguish. Their inspirational words not only cheered, but also lightened the load that these early settlers had to bear. In addition to assisting pioneers in their worship, the ministers baptized, solemnized marriages and conducted funerals. In spite of the adverse weather and road conditions, their work had to be fulfilled.

One well-known clergyman in the district, Rev. Ambrose Chrustawka, who served in the Two Hills and surrounding area for nearly 20 years, deserves special recognition. He began his ministry in 1926, serving the Russo-Orthodox parishes and later the Ukrainian Orthodox parishes. Being a kindly person, Rev. Chrustawka developed many friends and became a close companion to many of his parishioners. His influence and dedication to his work will long be remembered by many people in this community.

As we embark into a world of uncertainty, we should reflect upon and respect our predecessors and their spiritual guidance to fulfill our own endeavors of the unknown future as well as to gain a better understanding of our fellow-mankind.

Reverend Ambrose Chrustawka, a well-known pioneer clergyman of the Orthodox Churches in the Two Hills and surrounding area, 1926

TWO HILLS FELLOWSHIP CHAPEL

by Myrtle and Freda Shertan

The Fellowship Chapel had its beginning at the residence of Peter and Martha Taschuk of Brosseau, where approximately 25 to 30 families attended a service officiated by Rev. F. Doonanco. In 1926, the congregation decided to hold services at the home of Steve and Veronica Sherstianka.

Tent meetings were held three miles east of Brosseau in 1945. Special music was provided by a quartet from the Prairie Bible Institute of Three Hills. At these tent meetings, William Mix of Vermilion suggested the building of a Fellowship Chapel. That year a lot was purchased from Nick Dowhaniuk by Metro Sherstan and other early organizers. Nick Logozar, Mike Pundick and John Bereska were hired to construct the building. The following spring, building progressed so that meetings could be held in the church. A parsonage was also built at this time.

In 1946, Pastor Bert Cooper of Ontario arrived to become one of the first ministers to serve in this church. The pastor stayed with the Sherstan family during the

Two Hills Fellowship Church, circa 1952

summer and served the faithful. After his untimely death, he was replaced by Pastor Basel Cooper. Other individuals who provided services in the chapel were Pastor Waldie and his wife, Pastor Glen Forsberg and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Broadway, Paul Maxwell, Ron Petrie, Pastor Mark and Kathleen Landis, Jake Plett, Ron Swanson, Pastor Ben Wall and his wife, Rev. Alex McCombe and his wife, Rev. Sam Ells, Rev. Paul Ford and his wife, and Pastor Jeff Davis and his wife.

Metro Sherstan family, one of the first organizers of the Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, 1956

In 1947, summer extension work was carried out by Florence (Sherstan) Daneluk at the residence of Paul and Annie Archinuk of Brosseau. As the group expanded, services were moved to the St. Laurent School at Brosseau.

The Two Hills Fellowship Church was affiliated with the Canadian Sunday School Mission but in 1958, it became affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America. A "Centennial Plus" celebration with 175 former members and pastors was held in 1968.

Because of declining membership, the church was taken over by the Canadian Sunday School Mission in 1981.

At present the chapel is actively engaged in providing Vacation Bible School, Bible Camp, various special speakers, Sunday School service, Church Bible study, and morning worship. Thus, the church continues an active role in the community, providing the spiritual needs for many of its adherents.

Two Hills Fellowship Church Sunday School under the direction of Myrtle Sherstan, circa 1965

TWO HILLS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. VLADIMIR AND OLGA

by Matt Charchun

Deep religious convictions of Ukrainian settlers inspired them to have a place of worship, a church of which they would be proud.

About the year 1937, Basilian Fathers Kaminecki, Baranyk, Pasichynyk and Rev. Wynnyk of Mundare, held services in private homes and community halls in the district. It was at this time that the first Ukrainian Catholic mass was held by Rev. Kaminecki at the Peter J. Hryciw residence in Two Hills. Later, when a residence for Catholic priests was established at Derwent, Rev. Frs. Shewchuk, Hannas and Melnychuk served church mass in Two Hills. Later Rev. Tarnawsky took over the duties of the previous clergymen.

People such as Peter J. Hryciw and Peter M. Samoil were instrumental in organizing a Ukrainian Catholic parish in Two Hills. In 1943, an old vacant schoolhouse which formerly was a United Church, was purchased for $400. by Peter M. Samoil. With Fr. Shewchuk as advisor, the founding members consisting of Alex Kulka, Paul Spak, Paul Cymbaliuk, John Kitt, Wm. D. Hryciw, Andrew Leschyshyn, Dan Achtemichuk, Peter Miskiw, John Tomyn, John Rudyk, William Tymko, and Mrs. (Bill) Mary Buk, elected Peter J. Hryciw as chairman and Peter M. Samoil as secretary. These men were to promote all activities relating to the functions of the parish through fund raising activities such as carolling and donations. As a result, the church debt was soon paid off. Initial church membership dues were $2.50 a year.

In 1946, the St. Vladimir and Olga Ukrainian Catholic Parish and the Ukrainian Orthodox parish agreed on joint ownership of a cemetery, one-half mile east of Two Hills.

Blessing of the first Ukrainian Catholic Parsonage in Two Hills, 1947

Cantor for church services was Nick Hryciw who received $2.50 per session. As the years passed, the church acquired more members. From donations received, the parish was able to furnish the local hospital with two $450. beds.

Two Hills Ukrainian Catholic Church of St. Vladimir and Olga, 1966

In 1957, a meeting was held regarding the building of a new parish church. Three lots were purchased north of the Frontenac Motel along Highway 36, but it was felt that the site was not appropriate. Later three lots were purchased from Nick Dowhaniuk for a new church and a priest's residence to be constructed by Peter Pruss.

On May 14, 1960, His Excellency, Bishop Savaryn turned the sod for the proposed church site. As the building of the church progressed, Rev. Hanushewsky assisted by Rev. Cherkawsky of Derwent and Rev. Hnat of Glendon blessed the cornerstone. At that time the church executive included Nick Myskiw as president.

Blessing of the second Ukrainian Catholic Parsonage in Two Hills, 1977

Two years later, Rev. Hanushewsky was replaced by Rev. Peter Lytwyn who served the parish until December, 1984. At the present time Rev. I. Makuch is serving the parish.

The 1986 church executive consists of Peter Pawlusky, (chairman); Cecile Ekow, (financial sec.); Steve Skoropadyk, (recording sec.); Emil Kozicki, (cantor); Walter Petasky and Iwan Nowak, (ushers); and Paul Spak and Joe Ekow (trustees).

Today, many active members continue to raise funds for the church through various fund raising ventures.

TWO HILLS UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY

by S.P. Mulka

The first Ukrainian Orthodox Church service in the Village of Two Hills was held in the John Kolisniak - Peter Hrynyk Recreation Hall on July 23, 1943. After the service, a meeting was held to organize the parish. Reverend A. Chrustawka and guests J. Decore and W. Kereliuk outlined the importance and need of a church for Orthodox Ukrainians of Two Hills. As a result, 22 members signed up and elected Nick Dowhaniuk as president; Jacob Olinyk, vice-president; Michael Ponich, secretary; and Mike Soldan, treasurer. The parish joined the Vegreville parochial district and held monthly church services, with Rev. A. Chrustawka officiating.

Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Holy Trinity, 1977

At the annual meeting on March 5, 1944, the parish was named "The Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Holy Trinity". During the ensuing four years all efforts of the executives and committees were directed to raise funds for construction of a church. Concerts, plays, raffles and bazaars were held and each Christmas, carollers visited homes where generous donations were received.

In 1947, the executive and the building committee of D. Geleta, W. Boyko and M. Chrapko proceeded with construction of a 60 x 30 feet, hollow-tile, full-basement church. Nick Dowhaniuk donated two lots for the building and W. Boyko was hired carpenter. Early in 1948, the first Divine Service was held in the partly-finished church.

By 1953, carpenter Nick Kitz had completed the domes, the ikonostas and the altar tabernacle. Miss E. Semenko of Winnipeg decorated the ikonostas and painted the icons. On March 13, 1953, the church was incorporated under the Religious Societies Act. On April 14, 1953, a certificate of admission was issued by the Consistory of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Canada. The church was consecrated by Metropolitan Dr. Ilarion on June 12, 1955.

The parochial district of Two Hills, comprising of Two Hills, Szypyntsi, Kaleland, Ispas and Brinsley parishes was organized in 1956. Rev. H. Kryshtanowich served the

Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Sunday School Girls on the occasion of Metropolitan Dr. Ilarion consecrating the church in 1955. (L to R) - Betty Geleta, Sharon Geleta, Arlene Hannochko, Carol Kaye, Patricia Danchuk, Myrna Young, Linda Chonko (little), Sharon Bachinsky, Dianne Pundick, Dixie Hunka, Arlene Iftody, Patricia Mulka, and Belinda Kotyshyn.

district for one year, residing in a rented house at $65. per month. The following year, Rev. Kryshtanowich was transferred and Rev. A. Teterenko became the parochial priest. To accommodate his family a four-room house was purchased from Axani Gorgichuk for $3,900. In 1961, the Two Hills parish built a new manse.

During the past 31 years, pews, electric bells, chandeliers, tetrapod, oblation table, votive stands and all articles necessary for the performance of church services were purchased or donated by members of the parish. The basement hall was equipped with kitchen facilities and washrooms and the oil furnace was replaced by two gas furnaces. Recently the exterior of the church was given a "face-lifting." Cathedral-glass windows were installed and a large lighted-cross was placed above the main door.

Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation, 1967 Khram

In 1954, the Town of Two Hills purchased from John M. Serna a three-acre cemetery site on SW 4-55-12-W4th for $1,500. The Town and the Orthodox and Catholic parishes each contributed $500. towards the purchase. Separate areas were allotted to each contributor. The Orthodox section of the cemetery is designated by a marble cross donated by Pearl Odynski Kalancha.

Religiously and culturally the parish progressed. In 1944, Joanna Young organized a choir whose music enriched the church services. When Joanna left the district in 1956, Stephen Mulka took over as conductor to the present time. He has also served as its cantor since 1944. William Fushtey was his assistant for 12 years.

The choir holds concerts and carols each year. In 1967, the Two Hills, Vegreville and Myrnam choirs, under the direction of Myroslawa Pidruchney Fodchuk, participated in the Canada Centennial celebration and performed on CKSA Lloydminster television. For many years the Two Hills choir carried the beauty of Ukrainian songs beyond the confines of the church.

Throughout the years, the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association supported the church executive in many ways. It assisted in bazaars, served festive and memorial dinners, beautified the church and made annual grants of money. The organization also sponsored Ukrainian and Sunday school classes. Peak Sunday school enrolment reached 82 children, with Fred Hannochko and Stephen Mulka as first teachers.

Parish priests who took care of the spiritual needs of their parishioners and assisted the executives in

promoting understanding and co-operation were Rev. Fathers A. Chrustawka, (1943-1949); E. Ulan, (1949-1952); M. Flak, (1952-1956); H. Kryshtanowich, (1956-1957); A. Teterenko, (1957-1965); and P. Zubrytsky (1965-).

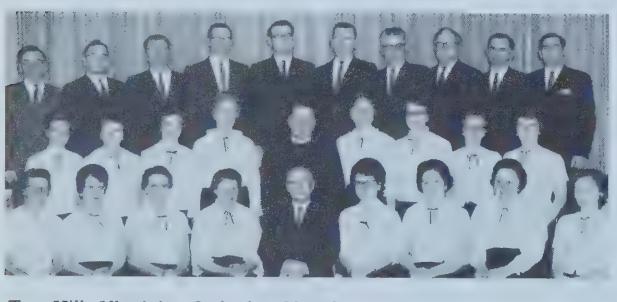
Executive members, who through their vision and dedicated service, provided leadership included the following: Presidents - Nick Dowhaniuk (1943-1949); Stephen Mulka (1950-1964) (1970-1979); Adolph Kotyshyn (1965); Mike Zalasky (1966-1969); Metro Logozar, (1980-).

Vice-Presidents: Jacob Olinyk (1943); John M. Serna (1944); Peter Odynski (1945-1946); Stephen Mulka (1947); Mike Chrapko (1948); Peter Shavchook (1949) (1952-1964); John F. Elko (1950-1951); William Fushtey (1965); Peter Tymchuk (1966-1972); Metro Iftody (1973-1976); D.M. Geleta (1977-1978); Metro Logozar (1979); Mike Olinyk (1980-).

Secretary-Treasurers: Jacob Olinyk (1944-1945) (1948-1949); Mike Kindrake (1946); Peter Shavchook (1947); John Kolisniak (1950-1952).

Secretaries: Michael Ponich (1943); Dmytro Podealuk (1953-1957); William Fushtey (1958-1968); Stephen Mulka (1969); Andy Warwaruk (1970-1971); Mike Kozmak (1972-1979); Marshall Kotowich (1980); W.J. Mandrusiak (1981-1982); William Dmytruk (1983-).

Treasurers: Mike Soldan (1943); Adolph Kotyshyn (1953-1961); Dmytro Podealuk (1962-1966); Nick Olinyk (1967-).



Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church Choir, 1966-67. Front row, (L to R) - Mrs. E. Warwaruk, Mrs. M. Podealuk, Mrs. T. Shavchook, Mrs. M. Buk, S.P. Mulka (Choir Master), Mrs. P. Dehid, Mrs. R. Bachinsky, Mrs. V. Pundick, Mrs. M. Olinyk; middle row - Mrs. M. Fushtey, Mrs. O. Chonko, Mrs. A. Iftody, Mrs. M. Andriaschuk, Rev. P. Zubrytsky, Mrs. I. Kozmak, Mrs. N. Buk, Mrs. P. Mulka, Mrs. L. Geleta; back row - D. Podealuk, D. Geleta, M. Iftody, W. Fushtey, D. Bachinsky, W. Kolisniak, Wm. Buk, J. Elko, Dr. M.E. Chonko, and M. Olinyk

In August, 1969, the Two Hills-Myrnam Parochial Council-"Okruzna Rada" was organized with an addition of Slawa, Morecambe, Musidora, Luzan (Toporiwtsi), Mamaestie (Brosseau) and Myrnam parishes. Semi-annual meetings were held to budget for the priest's salary and manse expenses. In 1975, the Musidora, Ispas and Brinsley parishes withdrew from the "Okruzna Rada." The executive of the Okruzna Rada includes J. Solodzuk, president, M. Logozar, vice-president, and S.P. Mulka, secretary-treasurer.

Many important events occurred in the history of the Two Hills parish. In 1944, the parish was visited by Archbishop Teodorowich. A concert, to observe the 100th anniversary of Taras Shevchenko's death, was held in 1961. An open-air service to commemorate the Canada Centennial Anniversary, was held at Sandy Lake Beach in 1967. On June 9, 1968, the parish celebrated its 25th anniversary. The congregation was honored on May 30, 1971, by the visit of Archbishop Andrew, who officiated at the Divine Liturgy assisted by Very Rev. Fathers F. Kernisky and P. Zubrytsky.

On November 3, 1976, the Two Hills-Myrnam Parochial parishes honoured Very Rev. Father P. Zubrytsky for his 25 years of priesthood in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. The celebration commenced with a "Molebin" (a short prayer of thanks), officiated by Bishop Boris and assisted by Reverend Fathers, A. Chrustawka, H. Wasyliw, M.K.M. Kryschuk and S. Semotiuk. An anniversary dinner, speeches and presentations followed the service. On May 25, 1980, the Two Hills congregation honoured Stephen Mulka for his leadership as president, cantor and choir master.

At present the Two Hills parish has 104 members. The co-operation and enthusiasm of its past and present members has guaranteed financial security for the parish. Many dedicated members have contributed greatly to maintaining and fostering religious and cultural traditions of the Ukrainian Orthodox heritage.

TWO HILLS UNITED CHURCH

by Victoria Kushniruk

In 1905, the first ordained Presbyterian minister in Alberta, Rev. E. Perich, emigrated from Yonkers, New York, to preach at Laniuk, Alberta - the closest church to Two Hills. After serving the area for five years, he left for Winnipeg. Some of the laymen who also ministered at Laniuk were Messrs Plawiuk, Glowa and Zelezniuk.

In 1928, Rev. E. Perich returned to minister at Vegreville and Two Hills was one of his charges. The Two Hills congregation bought the first Two Hills one-room school

United Church Congregation of Two Hills with Pastor T. Hannochko as clergyman, 1932

at this time and used it for a church.

In 1932, Rev. Taranty Hannochko - originally a Methodist Minister, commuted from Bellis, Alberta, to preach as a Ukrainian United Church Minister at Two Hills. Many denominations attended his church services. However, due to a housing problem, poor roads, and a meagre salary of $60. a month (paid by the Mission); Rev. Hannochko's ministry at Two Hills came to an end in 1939.

Due to a shortage of ministers, service in the area was discontinued. In 1943, the United Church was sold to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic congregation.

Wedding at Two Hills United Church, 1935

The establishment of a chemical plant at Duvernay brought an increase in population and a need for reorganization of the United Church. On May 18, 1958, the newly organized congregation of the United Church of Canada in Two Hills, held its charter membership service. The service was conducted by student missionary Carmen Burns and Rev. T.E. Thomas of Vegreville, the supervising pastor. One member was received by adult baptism, 23 by profession of faith, and 16 by certificate of transfer at this time.

The interim committee of stewards who laid the ground work for the rebirth of the United Church in Two Hills were J.H. McIver, (chairman); Mrs. Gordon, (secretary-treasurer); and Cpl. D. Madill, A. Melnyk, B. McRae, E. Ahlstrom, F. Linklater and Mrs. B. McQuade.

This record will not be complete without special mention of the dedication of Rev. Thomas whose expertise in dealing with the church authorities made the new building a reality.

On April 26, 1959, the church site located on Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 17, Plan 6190 H.W., was purchased for $1,200.

The building committee consisted of F. Linklater, D. Madill, A. Brownlee, A. Melnyk, J. Hamilton, M. Ropchan, A. Melnyk, B. Watt and M. Pawliuk, made decisions, approved plans, arranged the financing and looked after the erection of the church hall.

Sunday services at the elementary school came to an end in August, 1961 and resumed in September in the newly-built Christian Education Center.

On September 30, 1961, a special dedication service

Two Hills United Church First Choir - 1958. Back row, (L to R) - R. Steinhauer, D. Madill, M. Pawliuk, A. Melnyk, A. Linklater; front row - I. Steinhauer, K. Crosby, S. Hamilton, A. Zaharichuk, V. Kushniruk, M. Linklater, and M. Madill (Pianist).

was held to officially open the Center.

On January 7, 1976, a tragic accident took the lives of Alice and Alex Melnyk, resulting in a great loss to the congregation.

In the fall of 1977, the board and congregation approved the construction of a 28 x 30 foot addition to the church to serve as a Sunday School area. The building committee consisted of G. Gorsline, T. Volk, N. Kushniruk and M. Pawliuk. The addition was dedicated at a special service on April 23, 1978.

On September 14, 1985, Mrs. Margaret English passed away. She will be remembered for being the organist at the church and for her spiritual messages at U.C.W. meetings.

United Church Ministers over the years:

1958 (May-June)- Mr. Carmen Burns (student minister - St. Paul Presbytery)

1958-1959- Mr. Larry Lees (student minister)

1959-1960- Mr. Jack Carbert (student minister)

1960- Mr. Al Stenson

1960-1961- Rev. C.H. Miller (St. Paul - Two Hills Pastoral Charge)

1961-1964- Rev. F. Peterson (St. Paul - Two Hills)

1964- Rev. David R. Edwards (St. Paul - Two Hills)

1964-1966- Rev. Daniel MacQuarrie (St. Paul - Two Hills)

1966-1967- Rev. Brian Brown (St. Paul - Two Hills)

1967-June 30- -A motion passed at Alberta Conference that a Presbytery boundary change be made so that Two Hills would be in the North Edmonton Presbytery. Two Hills congregation amalgamated with Andrew and Uwin, with Rev. Berse overseeing.

1967-1968- Mr. Tom Harding (student minister residing at Andrew)

1968-1970- Rev. Jack Bennett (residing in Two Hills)

1970-June 29- Two Hills rejoins St. Paul Presbytery

1970-1971- Rev. Daniel A. Beckwith (commuting from Edmonton)

1971-1974- Rev. John Thompson (Saddle Lake, Goodfish, Two Hills Pastoral Charge)

1972-Nov. 23- Two Hills United Church subsidized by Board of Mission in Canada, Rev. Don Watt convenor.

1974-1976- Rev. Sarah Wallace (first lady minister

living at St. Paul)

1976-1979- Rev. Dale Watson (on roll of Presbytery and resident in area)

1976 (July) to present- Mr. Dick Upham (Lay Supply, farming at Spedden)

1978-May 23- Two Hills-Myrnam Pastoral Charge

1979-Feb. 15- Two Hills-Myrnam constituted as a Pastoral Charge.

Two Hills United Church Congregation - 1967. Back row, (L to R) - Mike Pawliuk, John Forbes, Herbert Albrecht, Gerry Martin, Douglas MacLauchlan, George English, Alex Melnyk, Frank Linklater, Rev. Brian Brown; middle row - Sam Korol, Mrs. Martha Albrecht, Miss Mary Alexandra MacDonald, Mrs. Alberta English, Mrs. Elsie Pawliuk, Mrs. Alice Melnyk, Miss Linda Linklater, Miss Linda Korol, Mrs. Phyllis Krucik, Miss Carol Kushniruk, Miss Beverly Pawliuk; front row - Mrs. Esther Fairbairn, Miss Karen Albrecht, Mrs. Margaret Gorsline, Master Edwin Albrecht, Mrs. Elaine Bureyko, Master Nelson Boychuk, Mrs. Naudia Forbes, Miss Lynn Boychuk, Mrs. Lillian Boychuk, Miss Maureen Kushniruk, Mrs. Victoria Kushniruk, Miss Lori Kushniruk, Mrs. Anne Korol, Mrs. Margaret Linklater, and Mrs. Margaret Watt.

The Two Hills United Church has survived many crises, thanks to the power of Almighty God and the dedication of His people. Today it is a thriving and evergrowing congregation. An expression of its strength is the many young families worshipping regularly, and the youth-Sunday School work which flourishes under able leadership and the adult study group.

The future of the United Church will be focusing on the building of a sanctuary originally planned for by that committee of 1958, and now a real ambition of the congregation of 1986.

Two Hills United Church, 1986.

BRINSLEY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF HOLY GHOST

by John Shepansky

Shortly after arriving in Canada, an interested group of people including Mike Shepansky, Onufry Gordy, Nick Holowaychuk, John Holowaychuk, John Hackman, John Werstiuk, Fred Doschiwnik, Sylvester Bodnaruk, Wasyl Zadimersky, Harry Bereska and a few others started to lay the groundwork for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Khrischatic.

Brinsley Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Holy Ghost, 1985

The church located on SW 6-57-12-W4th (John Hackman's farm) was built of roughly-hewed logs in 1915. Unfortunately it was destroyed by fire in 1920. Four years later a second church was constructed by many volunteer workers with George Deputat as the main contractor. At this time, it was renamed the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Holy Ghost.

Some of the early ministers who served in the two churches were the Reverends Pachinsky, Kusey, and Chrustawka.

A great event in the community occurred on "Green Holidays" when the church held its "Khram" (feast day). Often people came from the neighbouring parishes to help celebrate this special day.

As the members started to leave the district, the church slowly became inactive, except for special occasions such as funerals or graveyard services. At the present time the church stands its lonely vigil and is maintained by only a few members.

ISPAS UKRAINIAN GREEK-ORTHODOX CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY ASCENSION

by Nick Dennis

Eighteen families of Ukrainian settlers who arrived from Bukovina, Western Ukraine, and settled in the Ispas area, felt a real need to profess their religious faith. People such as Nikolai and Metro Pawliuk, Alex Yusep,

Michael Trufen, Prokop Klem, Jacob Menzak, Harry Ewanchuk, George Buzak, Filip Menzak, Theodor Hawaleshka, Metro Hunchak and others undertook the task of building the Ispas Church in 1906.

The church had its early beginnings when Russian Orthodox missionaries arrived in the U.S.A. and Canada and served in such settlements as Shandro, Desjarlais, and Wahstao.

Ispas Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Congregation of the Holy Ascension, (before restoration) 1972

Father Jacob Korchinsky, was one of these missionaries who served in the Ispas district. He consecrated the corner of NE 34-56-13-W4th for the erection of a frame lumber church and cemetery. The Ispas Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Congregation of the Holy Ascension was officially known as the Orthodox Greek Catholic "Swiatoho Woznesania Isusa Khrysta". Its name was officially changed in 1960.

Some of the priests who served in the church from 1922 were Revs. O. Herman, Ivan Kusey, A. Chrustawka, Symchych, H. Wasyliw, W. Melnychuk, H. Kryshtanowich, A. Teterenko, and P. Zubrytsky. Under Rev. Teterenko, the Ispas Church joined the Two Hills Parochial Council.

Today, there are over 20 members of the Ispas Church. Although most of the early residents have moved out of the district, Bill Buzak has remained president for over 30 years. N.W. Dennis has been secretary-treasurer for 47 years. Directors who served for various terms include Henry Shukalek, Nick Klem, John Hreniuk, and Morris Ewanchuk.

Ispas Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Congregation of the Holy Ascension, 1985

KALELAND UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL

by John T. Solodzuk

In the rural community north of Kaleland was born the Greek Orthodox Church.

It is significant that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church is a Canadian church born, nurtured and nourished in Canada for Canadians. The church has contributed much to the development of the cultural and social fabric of western Canada, and it has retained the ethnic culture which is part of the Canadian mosaic.

After 300 years of religious suppression and subjugation, it could have happened only in Canada that people could finally give vent to their feelings and fully express their religious beliefs. Shortly after the influx of the first settlers at the beginning of the century, a Ukrainian language newspaper, the "Ukrainian Voice," nurtured the idea of a Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada and campaigned for its establishment vigorously. More important, it championed the use of Ukrainian as the venacular in worship, which appealed to the people.

Kaleland Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and Paul built in 1917. Picture taken in 1976.

In 1916, after the Szypenitz Church was destroyed by fire, some members of the congregation found support among some members of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic community and held a meeting to discuss the feasibility of building a Ukrainian Orthodox Church. At the first organizational meeting held on February 19, 1917, it was decided, and unanimously approved that the name of the religious community would be the Ukrainian Congregation of the Greek Eastern Orthodox Church.

The language to be used in the church service would be Ukrainian; the church would be built of field stone and the construction would commence in the spring of 1917.

The first executive elected included Meron Tkachuk, president; Steve Eliuk, treasurer; John Lakusta, secretary; Onufrey Ewasiuk, palomar; and trustees Alex Slevinsky, William Meroniuk, and Todor Grekul.

A short time after this first meeting, Peter Svarich of Vegreville was approached by the executive to draw up a constitution, search for a priest and help organize the project. Land for the new church was obtained from Nickolai Olynyk and Michael Grekul each of whom donated two acres. The church and graveyard on a four-acre site was situated of W 1/2 16-55-13-W4th.

During the winter of 1916 and 1917, the building project commenced in earnest when members hauled building rock from John Orleski's farm. The first load of rocks for the church was hauled by William Ruptash and Sam Eliuk. Stone masons, John Shan and Herbert Lefe commenced work in April of 1917. Nick Hrehirchuk was responsible for building the church roof while the dome was constructed by Harry Osatski. The total cost of the church in 1917, was $3,000.

Kaleland Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and Paul, 1980

On June 20, 1917, the church was registered with the Alberta Societies Act as the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and Paul. The first service was held on the feast day of St. Peter and Paul on July 12, 1917, with Reverend Soroka of New York performing the liturgical service. The first wedding held in the church was on July 25, 1917, when Maria Lakusta, daughter of Elia Lakusta was married to Steve Nikiforuk. The first funeral service and first internment in the church cemetery was for the secretary of the congregation, John Lakusta, who died in the spring of 1918.

Besides regular services, special events are celebrated in the church: feast day on July 12, celebrated annually for 69 years; the feast of Jordan on January 19; transfiguration of our Lord on August 19; and more recently the midnight Easter service and Thanksgiving Day.

On August 19, 1940, the church hosted a visitation from His Eminence Metropolitan Ivan Theodorowich of New York. It became a member of the Two Hills Orthodox Parish in 1960, when the Parish was organized by the Parish Priest Reverend Teterenko.

In 1965, Mike J. Chrapko built a new ikonastas, which Vadim Dobrolege painted.

On July 12, 1965, an archpastoral visitation saw the new ikonastasis blessed by Archbishop Andrew, assisted by Reverend Terenko.

July 12, 1967, marked the 50th anniversary of the Kaleland Church. This event was observed by an archpastoral visitation of Archbishop Andrew, with Rev. Zubrytsky assisting as the parish priest.

In 1982, the church was renovated by Zupet Construction of Edmonton. That same year the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and Paul of Kaleland was admitted into the Consistory of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Canada.

Dmetro Orleski served as cantor in the Kaleland Church from 1929, until his retirement in 1976, when duties were taken over by John T. Solodzuk.

The Executive of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and Paul of Kaleland for 1985 is as follows: John T. Solodzuk, chairman; Steve Orleski, secretary-treasurer; Steve Gorgichuk, vice-chairman, and William S. Eliuk and George Olynyk, directors. Reverend Zubrytsky presently serves the congregation.

LANUKE UKRAINIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

by Wm. P. Buk

Presbyterian ideology became evident in the early 1900s, when the people in the Two Hills district felt a need to express their religious convictions.

In 1904, Rev. Perich arrived in the Lanuke district and filed for a homestead on SW-28-54-12-W4th, about one mile southeast of Two Hills. In 1905, he inspired the people to hold an organizational meeting to discuss construction of a Presbyterian Church. A log structure complete with a straw-thatched roof was erected on Rev. Perich's farm. The front of the building served as the church, while the back served as living quarters for the minister and his family.

The following faithful members were instrumental in building the church: Petro Buk, Elko Buk, Todor Chrapko, Joseph Dadensky, Stefan Delawski, Dmytro Delawski, Alex (Lesho) Delawski, Andry (Andrew) Hamar, Stefan Fedun, Nickolai Kordowski, Wasyl Krewucik, Onufry Myroniuk, Wasyl S. Nikiforuk, Dmytro Nikiforuk, Petro Nikiforuk, Nickolai Nikiforuk, Iwan (John) Odynski, Iwan Soldan, Dmytro Soldan, Mike Soldan, Nickola Snaychuk, Mike Teresio and Iwan Urchak.

Church service was conducted in the Ukrainian language and some of the cantors who served included Dmytro Soldan, Dmytro Humen, Andry Hamar and Nick Snaychuk.

The Lanuke Presbyterian Church continued to function until 1910, when some members became disgruntled over the distance they had to travel. After Rev. Perich moved to Manitoba, the congregation was left without a preacher. The church was then dismantled and the stone foundation is all that remains today.

In 1911, another minister, Rev. Pasternak, moved into the district and conducted services in the Pobeda School. However, he was there for only one year and in 1913, was replaced by Rev. Drapaka.

Ukrainian Presbyterian Services at Pobeda School, 1913. Pictured above are: Rev. Zalisniak (right), Rev. Drapaka (left). Among those standing are: Dan Ferbey, Dmytro Humen, Wasyl Nikiforuk, D.M. Odynski, and Nikolai Nikiforuk.

At this time, the congregation agreed to another site for the church which was to be built on SW 14-54-12-W4th, four miles southeast of the old church. Building materials were hauled in but the construction of the church never materialized because it was felt that a cultural centre for the youth would be more beneficial. In 1915, Rev. Drapaka left the district and was replaced in 1916, by Rev. Gregorash who remained for only one year. When he left, the prospect of continuing the Presbyterian Church in the Lanuke district was abandoned.

All that remains of the efforts of the congregation is the Lanuke cemetery which is still an active endeavor.

LUZAN (TOPORIWTZI) UKRAINIAN GREEK-ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. ELIAS

by Joe and Sonia Galichowsky

The Luzan-Toporiwtzi Church was named after two villages in the western Ukraine, homeland of the new Canadian settlers. The church was originally registered as "Toporiwtzi". Because the area was widely known as Luzan, the church adopted the name Luzan-Toporiwtzi.

Before the church was built, several open-air services were held on the Luzan school grounds.

Land for the church was donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Ponich in 1910. The site chosen was immediately south of the cemetery which was established in 1904.

Among the settlers who participated enthusiastically in building the log church were the Basarabas, Goroniuks, Chibris, Harasyms, Duvernichuks, Kupchenkos, Orleckis, Poniches and many others.

Building logs came from the Rannock area (about seven miles east of Luzan), where they were cut and squared off in a local sawmill.

Construction was supervised by carpenters Eli Antoniuk and Demenky Kroytor.

The first church service was held as soon as the roof was completed. This was a time of celebration and a grand dinner was held outside to commemorate the occasion. The dream of a little church, built on a hill and seen for miles around, had finally become a reality. St. Elias was to be the chosen name for the church.

Elzear Moisen helped to finish the inside of the church and also installed the windows. When the woodwork was completed, the painting and designs were completed by a Mr. Lysakowski. His artistic abilities were especially reflected in the painting of the church icons, still very much a part of the church today. The first marriage performed in the little church was that of Phillip Mandruk and Raifta Meroniuk.

Luzan (Toporiwtzi) Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of St. Elias, 1961

Some of the priests who looked after the needs of the parishioners included Revs. John Chrustawka (prior to 1926); A. Chrustawka (1926-1945); E. Shwetz (1945-1953); S. Hredil (1953-1958); M. Kryschuk (1958-1961); A. Chrustawka (1961-1965); M. Melnychuk (1965-1970); M. Sawchenko (1970-1972); P. Zubrytsky (1972-).

Malin Romanian Greek-Orthodox Church of Holy Cross, 1927

MALIN ROMANIAN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS

by George W. Darda

Families such as the Nickiforuks, Cucherans, Basarabas, Dardas, Harasyms, Tomas, Shuhanys and others who settled in the Shepenge area in the early 1900s found need for a church and cemetery. A church was soon built. Raw lumber logs for the frame of the church were hewed by hand, and all the candle holders, benches, and other furnishings were also handmade.

Because the man who donated the land for the site of the church was M. (Malin) Kucheran, the church was named the Malin Romanian Greek-Orthodox Church of Holy Cross.

Malin Romanian Greek-Orthodox Church of Holy Cross (after restoration), 1985

The first priest to serve in the church was Rev. Cohan. At present, Rev. Panciuk is the officiating minister.

In 1980, president George W. Darda, and secretary, Metro G. Svekla, applied for a grant from the government. The congregation was fortunate to receive the renovation grant and the church is now a historic site.

MORECAMBE UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC PARISH OF ALL SAINTS

by Nestor Myskiw

As the settlers emigrated from Europe to the Morecambe area and district, it was decided that there was a need to organize a local parish. Some of the original founders of this parish included P. Chmilar, S. Myskiw, O. Kowalchuk, Phillip Chmilar, F. Ludwig, H. Hryniw, S. Saskiw, N. Saskiw, J. Yackimec, J. Kryviak, J. Trach and M. Kowalchuk.

Early church services were celebrated in many local homes. In 1935, Fr. A. Wynnyk held the first mass at the John Demkiw residence. Shortly after this time an organizational executive was elected consisting of Phillip Chmilar (chairperson), John Begus and Steve Myskiw (treasurer and secretary) who were to be in charge of the construction of the parish. Erected in 1936, the church was destroyed by fire on October 26, of the same year.

However, the Morecambe pioneers did not give up their efforts. One of them, Paul Chmilar, walked 700

Morecambe Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of All Saints, 1971

miles in 40 days to collect $225. for the erection of another church which was constructed at a cost of $700. by M. Kavich and O. Hawirko. Known as the Ruthenian Ukrainian Catholic Parish of all Saints, it was blessed by Fr. A. Wynnyk, who was assisted by Fr. S. Shewchuk. In 1939, Fr. M. Pashichnik built a dome for the church and completed an addition to the altar in 1940.

Parishioners such as Paul Chmilar, Steve Myskiw and Demko Kowalchuk deserve much recognition as they were the driving force behind church construction.

Fathers A. Wynnyk, M. Pashichnik, Hannas, Melnychuk, Malay, Hurko, Hanushewsky, Nackonechny, Gural and Lysak served in the parish over the years.

The church became inactive in the fall of 1976 after many members moved from the district. Remaining members, including Alex Saskiw, Matt Kutryk, Johnny Bateyko and Nestor Myskiw were assimilated into the Myrnam Ukrainian Catholic Parish at this time.

MORECAMBE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

by Victor Romaniuk

Being deeply religious, the pioneers of the Morecambe district could not forsake the traditions of their kinfolk. In 1913, the people of the area held an organizational meeting and decided to proceed with the building of a church. About 30 members contributed time and labour to the construction of this building. Named the Russo-Orthodox Church of Oshichlib, the church was registered through the actions of trustees Eli Tkachuk, Metro Topolinsky and Mike Vegera. Clear title was obtained in 1918.

Morecambe Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Holy Cross - 1986

Unfortunately, this church was destroyed by fire. In 1963, the congregation bought an old school which was remodelled into a church. The building which is located on a ten acre plot on NE 23-54-11-W4th, was named the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. John.

Some of the priests who served in the Morecambe Orthodox churches included the Rev. Fathers J. Chrustawka, A. Chrustawka, M. Kryschuk, H. Kryshtanowich, A. Teterenko, R. Denisiuk, V. Melnychuk, W. Yurkiwsky and P. Zubrytsky.

At the present time the church continues to be active with the few members that remain in the area.

MUSIDORA UKRAINIAN GREEK-ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. MARY

by John Kachmar

As the early settlers moved into this area, they felt a genuine need for a place of worship. Between 1916 and 1920, meetings were called to promote church membership, but as there was no structure, most services were held in the Safat Bikevich and Stefan Chanasyk residences.

Soon, however, a Reverend Kryzanowski of Mundare, and the Musidora church group, were successful in building a Catholic Church on John Kolisniak's farm. For some reason this undertaking did not satisfy the majority of the people and the church was sold. Church services were held again at the Wasyl Kolisniak residence with Rev. Kusey officiating.

Musidora Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of St. Mary, 1935

It wasn't until 1929, that the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of St. Mary was built by volunteer members who were supervised by a carpenter. The interior of the church, including the "ikonostas" was painted by a Mr. M. Dobrolidge.

Rev. Ivan Maiba was the first minister to serve in that church. A church executive was formed at this time and Mike P. Elkow was responsible for the secretarial and financial reports.

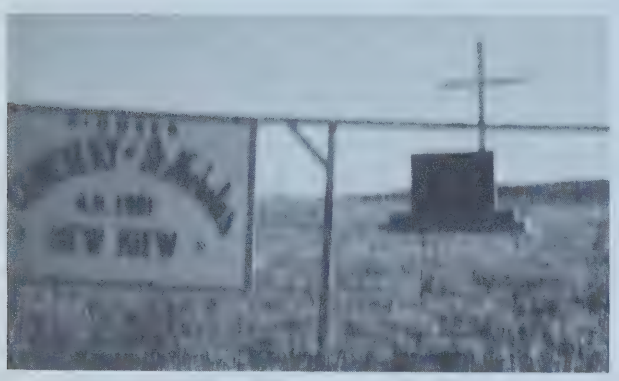
Throughout the years the Reverends Kusey, Maiba, Hrysina, Diachyna, Horbay, Symchych, Shwetz, Hykaviy, Chrustawka, Hnatiw, Kryschuk, Sawchenko and Stratychuk have served the church.

At the present time the church is still active; however, the congregation is much smaller.

NEW KIEW ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY

by George Yuskow

The first Ukrainian Catholic Mass was celebrated at the Simeon Kitz residence on the feast day of St. John the Baptist on July 7, 1903. Father P. Filias who officiated at the ceremony was the first missionary to travel the wilds of Northeast Alberta in an attempt to preserve for God and the church, the pious souls who came to seek freedom on the wild plains of Western Canada. Services were then held at the Nick Yakimetz residence and continued until 1910.



New Kiew St. Nicholas Cemetery, 1980

That same year, a parcel of land was chosen for the cemetery and the proposed church. The location was a highly elevated plateau, the northwest corner of SW 20-53-13-W4th (Helen Sawchuk's quarter). Had the church been built there, it could have been seen a distance of 25 miles. In February, 1906, Elias Sayko had the honour of hauling the first load of logs by oxen and sleigh to the proposed site but the construction of a church did not materialize. A number of families in the district chose to follow the rites of the Russian Orthodox clergy of the excommunicated Bishop Seraphim who was not recognized by Bishop Nicholas or Bishop Tikhm as the head of the Russian Orthodox Church mission in Canada. These people erected their own church while the remaining followers of the Catholic faith decided to choose a new site for their church.

Many burials were held in the St. Nicholas cemetery before any church was constructed in the district. At the present time the cemetery has been restored and a monument has been erected to recognize and honour the many pioneers who came to this land as God-fearing people. Unfortunately, they did not have a chance to see the building of a new country.

New Kiew St. Nicholas Cemetery. Monument to the early pioneers of that area, 1980

NEW KIEW UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF SAINT NICHOLAS

by George Yuskow

The construction of the New Kiew Ukrainian Greek Catholic Chapel was commenced in 1906, and was completed in 1909.

After the northwest corner of the community was torn away in the new sectarian movement, it was agreed to have the church more centrally located. A ten-acre plot in the south corner of the SW 28-53-13-W4th (Harry Sawchuk's quarter) was chosen. The building material that was supposed to have been used for the previous church was now hauled to this location. As no contractor was available, all labour was voluntary. Most of the articles for the church such as frames for the Holy pictures, crosses, altar, and table for shroud were made by Nick Yakimetz (Sr.).

In the New Kiew congregation of St. Nicholas, steps were taken to have the church and its property properly

New Kiew Greek Catholic Chapel of Saint Nicholas, 1908

New Kiew Greek Catholic Chapel of Saint Nicholas, 1930

incorporated. However, some people opposed this action. Tension was so great that in 1918, the majority of the members for incorporation abandoned the little church and made plans to erect a new building. The few remaining members could not carry on the activities of the chapel and finally the little church closed its door forever. Later, it was sold to a farmer.

NEW KIEW UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF HOLY ASCENSION

by George Yuskow

The New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Holy Ascension had its roots in the old pioneer chapel known as the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of St. Nicholas, which was built in 1906.

However, due to disagreement between the parishioners in the incorporation of the church, many dissatisfied members broke away from the St. Nicholas Parish, and on March 7, 1918, held an organizational meeting to construct a new church. Some of these members at the time were Stephen Cwihun, Nick Yakimetz, Tom Yaremko, Andrew Ferleyko and others who agreed to

New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Holy Ascension, 1930

Archbishop Ladyka on his first visitation to the New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Holy Ascension, 1932

donate $200. each and provide the necessary labour. A ten acre plot of land was purchased and construction of the parish church commenced on the southwest corner of NW 22-53-13-W4th.

The building committee at this time consisted of Steve Bushko, Tom Yaremko and Andrew Ferleyko (later replaced by Dmytro Marchak) as trustees. William Fedyna served as treasurer and Michael Samoil as secretary. The contract was awarded to Harry Osecki of Vegreville for the sum of $5,700. The beautiful Byzantine structure which was completed in 1919, was painted by Peter Lipinski of Edmonton.

Nicholas and Parascevia Yakimetz, 1943. Nicholas hand-carved this kuvot which is still in use at New Kiew Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish.

The first mass was celebrated by Fr. J. Tymochko who was succeeded by Fr. N. Kryzanowski and later by the Basilian Fathers of Mundare. In 1950, the Basilian Fathers were replaced by secular priests: Frs. V. Tar-

New Kiew Ascension Ukrainian Catholic Church Congregation in September, 1940

New Kiew Parishioners, 1957. First row (children seated), (L to R) - Joan Pauk, Patsy Samoil, Josie Kulak, Jeanette Semeniuk, Angy Killick, Marian Yakimetz, Vivian Samoil, Marian Semeniuk, Iris Pauk, Marian Samoil, Bobby Semeniuk, Terry Horon, Peter Killick - Jr., Kenny Samoil, Orest Stecyk, Kenny Stecyk, Orest Semeniuk, Johnny Kulak, Billy Gizowsky, Billy Stecyk, Steven Yakimetz; second row - Nancy Cymbaluk, Annie Samoil, Annie Steblyk, Sofia Kachmar, Jessie Killick, Anastasia Steblyk, Steve Bushko, Bill Steblyk, Paul Cymbaluk, Rev. F. Hanushewsky, Fred Semeniuk, Bill Hryciw, Mike Luhoway, Bill Samoil, Andrew Sayko, Marshall Samoil, Mike Yuskow, Peter Samoil, Bill Horon, Mike Cymbaluk; third row - Paul Sharun, Steve Pauk, Mildred Semeniuk, Mary Yakimetz, Annie Kulak, Elsie Kisilevich, Olga Hlus, Katie Cymbaluk, Ann Gizowski, Ann Fedyna, Jennie Yaremko, Sophie Stecyk, Alice Samoil, Mary Horon, Elizabeth Killick, Mary Bushko, Annie Cymbaluk, Annie Luhoway, Eva Samoil, Ann Pauk, Bill Semeniuk, John Pauk, James Semeniuk, John Killick; fourth row - Peter Killick, Harry Semeniuk, Nick Gizowsky, Bill Sawchuk, Alex Yakimetz, Mike Bushko, Nick Killick, Mary Kulak, Margaret Samoil, Elizabeth Pauk, Irene Luhoway, Elsie Cymbaluk, Betty Cymbaluk, Vivian Horon, Pat Sayko, Marian Hryciw, Lillian Semeniuk, Lillian Cymbaluk, Iris Semeniuk, Pearl Yakimetz, Emil Yakimetz, Walter Samoil, John Ferleyko, Harry Yaremko, Walter Semeniuk; fifth row - Joe Yaremko, Nick Cymbaluk, Walter Sawchuk, Mike Kisilevich, Nestor Hlus, Tony Kisilevich, George Kachmar, Peter Steblyk, Mike Horon, Marshall Horon, Raymond Sayko, Walter Cymbaluk, Michael Samoil, Marshall Cymbaluk, Harry Kulak, Orest Hryciw, John Fedyna, Peter Pauk, Nick Yuskow, Tommy Yaremko, Walter Kulak, John Semeniuk, and Walter Killick.

nawski, B. Hanushewsky and P. Lytwyn.

In 1940, a Ukrainian Catholic Youth League (U.C.Y.L.) was organized by Father Kurylo. It had raised money through concerts, picnics and dances.

The New Kiew parish was the first Ukrainian parish in Canada to adopt the Gregorian calendar.

At the present time the parish has only about 25 members. Many pioneer members have passed on and others have moved out of the district.

Executive members in 1984 were Peter M. Samoil, president; Walter Sawchuk, vice-president; Marshall Samoil, secretary; Eddie Cymbaliuk, treasurer, and directors John Pauk and Nick Hryciw.

In order to preserve a beautiful heritage, the parishioners will continue to carry on the work of their predecessors.

WARWICK RUSSO-GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

by Lillian Kitz-Basaraba

Inspired by a strong religious conviction, the pioneers were able to meet the many new challenges and adversities with vigor and endurance.

In the early 1900s, when the settlers arrived in the New Kiew-Warwick area, they experienced a need for spiritual guidance in order to fulfill their daily activities in the unknown wilderness of this new country. Perhaps their native homeland denied them the religious freedom they yearned. Or perhaps other religious ideologies inspired them to carry out the beliefs of their faith, for, in 1906, Wasyl Kaliwoszka donated a three-acre parcel of land in the southwest corner of NW 30-53-13-W4th to construct a Russo-Greek Orthodox Church. People such as Senko Geleta, Senko Kitz, Dmytro Hawirko, Petro Triska, Myhailo Yaremcio, Jacob Yuskow, Jacob Lazowski, Pavlo Tymchuk, Ivan Orfino, Wasyl Zuk, and Ivan Yaremkevich were the founding members who so diligently devoted their time and labour as well as materials, tools, and money in order to have a place of worship.

Warwick Russo-Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas, 1915. Back row (standing), (L to R) - Jacob Yuskow, Maxim Melnychuk, Metro Terlesky, Senko Geleta, Senko Kitz, Petro Triska, Jacob Lazowski, Bill Yuskow; middle row (seated) - Paul Tymchuk with son Peter, Mrs. Tarnawski with daughter, Mrs. Paul Tymchuk with baby, Mary Tymchuk, Pearl and Annie Yuskow, Annie and Helen Lazowski; front row (seated) - Steve Yuskow and Steve Lazowski.

In 1908, the building constructed of roughly hewed logs was placed on a rock foundation. Located on a hill, the majestic structure, topped with a metal-covered dome, could be seen for miles around. Inside, beautiful hand-crafted artifacts such as the altar, ikonostas, royal doors, pews, icons and the choir loft were sights to behold. Divine lithurgy was held once a month or on special holidays and the scent of incense and fresh flowers left an impressionable memory on many parishioners.

Among the clergy who assisted the settlers in their worship, baptism, marriage ceremonies and funeral services were Reverends Skibinsky, Fekula, Arseny, Zaichenko, Bozyk, Nikon, John J. Zazulak, John Chrustawka, Kokolsky, Ewachniuk, Samilo, Fedyna, Vdovychenko, Ambrose Chrustawka, Marinetz and Hochachka. Their dedicated service provided the pioneers with strength and courage.

Many members of this church deserve special recognition. Nicholas Bucyk, a church sexton devoted over 50 years of his life in assisting the priest, taking care of the church and tolling the bell for every church or funeral service that was held. Senko Kitz, Myhailo Yaremcio, Pavlo Tymchuk, Teodore Trylilo, Stephan Kitz and Victor Tymchuk were cantors who spent countless hours conducting the choir. In the 1920s, a church choir of about 13 members was organized under the direction of Mr. Ladubets (choir master) and was later continued by Stephan Kitz.

Church activities were vital to the people. Special holidays such as Christmas, Easter and the patron feast day of St. Nicholas (December 19) were especially memorable occasions because they always drew crowds who found time to worship and socialize.

In 1957, a decline in membership along with the deteriorating condition of the building forced the church to close its doors forever.

For several years the little church on the hill stood in solemn serenity, overlooking the graveyard nearby. In 1972, the few remaining members decided to have the church preserved in a museum setting. Today it stands as

Warwick Russo-Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas, 1972, prior to its restoration site at the Ukrainian Cultural and Heritage Village

a restored structure in the Ukrainian Cultural and Heritage Village, in memory of the pioneers and their unending belief and devotion.

All that remains on the original site is the cemetery and the belfry which now tolls in silence to remind us of the beautiful heritage left behind.

NEW KIEW ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

by Frank Adamoski

The New Kiew Roman Catholic Parish of Holy Trinity was established about 1908, when John Bachinski donated two acres of his land for a cemetery on NW 34-53-13-W4th. With no church in the area, his residence served as a place of worship for many years whenever a missionary was available for Mass.

At this time there was a mission at Krakow, served by Fr. Olszewski who visited New Kiew many times. Rain or snow, he would arrive on horseback, say Mass, stay overnight at John Bachinski's and return to Krakow the next day. He was later followed by Fr. Kulawy, who came to the district in 1911.

Desperate for a church, Wawrzenic Najdziak, and Karol Adamowski began construction of a log building in 1915, and completed the church in 1918. They called it the Parish of St. Peter and Paul, but it was known by many as the "Polish Church". It was under the direction of the R.C. parish of Mundare at the time.

Over the years many priests followed: Frs. Syllia, Olszewski, Kulawy, Konwinski, Raczaszyk, Aloysius Stashkewich, Szadaryk, Bozyk, Rosiecki, Murphy, Holick, Harold, Kaluzny, Przysiezniak, Burke, Keenan, Becs, McCarthy, Cordeau, Dobbins, Mitchell, McLallen, Murphy, Ayling, Olczewski, Rozmahel, Beaudette and Kragke.

By the year 1940, it was obvious the church was getting too small and too old so Fr. Przysiezniak suggested that a new church be built.

With volunteer help and Steve Semotiuk as contractor, a new church was completed in 1947, at a cost of $6,000. It was blessed by the Very Rev. Burke of Vegreville and was named the Holy Trinity R.C. Parish of New Kiew.

The church, now a mission, is controlled by St. Martin's Parish of Vegreville. Frank Adamowski has been its organist since 1938, replacing his brother Adolph who served nearly 16 years.

Frs. Ted Rozmahel and Garvais Kragke of Vegreville now serve the church congregation.

New Kiew Roman Catholic Parish of Holy Trinity, 1983

PLAIN LAKE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

(information supplied by M. Tomyn and L. Pehowich)

In the early 1900s, settlers in Plain Lake district were predominantly Ukrainian with a few Polish families who settled in the area.

The Plain Lake Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Holy Trinity was organized in 1904, when Fr. P. Filas,

Anton Sokolski funeral procession at the New Kiew Roman Catholic Parish of Holy Trinity, 1935

Plain Lake Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Holy Trinity, 1927

Plain Lake Ukrainian Catholic Parishioners - 1938. Top row (on steps), (L to R) - Hnat Boychuk (cantor), Joe Predyk, Steve Babych, William Horon, John Warawa; third row (standing) - John Sawchuk, William Zaleschuk (cantor), Joe Humeniuk, John Hayduk, William Yusak, Joseph Gushniowski, Maxim Lozoway, Walter Zurawel, Nick Humeniuk, John Lanuke, Olga Wasilciw, Olga Matwiiw, Rose Horon, Annie Hayduk, Helen Matwiiw, Katie Karaim, Lovie Matwiiw, Mrs. William Lozoway, John Lozoway, Mrs. John Yusak, Harry Guglick, Maxim Palichuk, Andrew Lotoski, William Lozoway, Harry Humeniuk, John Yusak, Steve Predyk, Mrs. Harry Humeniuk, Philip Wowdzia; second row (ladies behind front row) - Mrs. John Chmilar, Mary Chmilar, Pearl Wasilciw, Mrs. Paul Miskiw, Mary Miskiw, unknown, Mrs. Steve Makarowski, Mrs. Fred Stogran, Mrs. John Warawa, Mrs. William Yusak, Mrs. Harry Guglick, Mrs. Harry Wasilciw, Mrs. Joe Humeniuk; front row (seated) - Mrs. Nick Humeniuk, Mrs. William Horon, Mrs. Wasyl Matwiiw, Mrs. William Zaleschuk, Mrs. Steve Yakimyshyn, Mrs. Joe Kostyniuk, Father M. Pasachnyk, Mrs. John Hayduk with daughter Lillian, Mrs. William Zeniuk with daughter Nadia, Mrs. Mykyta Torchyniuk, Mrs. John Sawchuk, Mrs. Peter Karaim, Mrs. Daniel Wispinski, Mrs. Dmetro Stogran, Mrs. John Cwihun, Mrs. Maxim Palichuk, Mrs. Steve Babych, Mrs. Philip Wowdzia, Mrs. Andrew Lotoski, unknown.

O.S.B.M. blessed ten acres of land acquired for a cemetery and church property. The said parcel was located on NE 16-53-12-W4th.

Beginning in 1905, Fr. Fylypiw, O.S.B.M. held Mass at John Grycan's home for approximately three years. Later, Divine Liturgy was celebrated at John Predyk's home, where the priests often stayed.

In 1910, Fr. N. Kryzanowsky, L.S.B.M. was instrumental in encouraging the parishioners to build their first church, a $300. log building erected by William Hlushak of Innisfree. People such as Joseph Predyk, Jacob Haluschak, and Maxim Tomyn played a key role in organizing the building of the church.

Plain Lake Community Priest - Father Severian Yakimyshyn, son of Joe and Mary Yakimyshyn, with most of the Yakimyshyn family after celebrating first Mass at Plain Lake Catholic Church, 1956.

In 1926-1927, just before the economic depression, the parish erected a new three-domed church shaped in the form of a cross. The $10,000. edifice, of lumber construction, was built by Harry Osiecki of Vegreville. Artist, P. Lipinski painted and decorated the church interior in 1937.

The church had comfortable pews and a choir loft. According to historical records, key parishioners at this time included W. Horon, H. Humeniuk, J. Predyk, W. Yusak, M. Rogalski, J. Warawa, M. Tomyn, J. Grycan, J. Hayduk, W. Zaleschuk, N. Humeniuk, D. Hryciw, H. Wasilciw, J. Gushnowski, M. Palichuk, D. Wispinski, J. Saruk, J. Sawchuk, N. Sirman, M. Makarowski, H. Kitt, H. Gresiuk, H. Laniuk, J. Laniuk, P. Palichuk, J. Horon, K. Frankiw, P. Skoropadyk, P. Budnick, S. Babych, D. Stoski, M. Horon, H. Malowany, A. Wasilciw, W. Bileski, M. Lozoway, P. Kariam, A.

Plain Lake Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Holy Trinity, 1964

Bortnick, S. Krysak, S. Pichach, P. Wowdzia, B. Zeniuk, S. Samoil, S. Chmilar, J. Cherneski, H. Boychuk, A. Stepushyn, S. Borschyk, and others.

The new church was blessed by Bishop B. Ladyka, O.S.B.M., in 1932 and the old wooden (log) building served as a hall and a community centre, until 1938, when it was dismantled.

Priests who served the parish included Frs. A. Fylypiw, B. Ladyka, J. Tymochko, P. Hewko, M. Sianchuk, M. Wincentaylo, D. Dzgolick, V. Pidskalny, N. Kryzanowsky, S. Diakovich, D. Popowich, J. Richkun, B. Baranyk, M. Pasichnik, S. Kurylo, M. Daciuk, K. Kaminesky, Savaryn (now Bishop), Shewchuk, Soroka, Chmilar, Hewko, Kohut, Dribnenki, Paschak, Rev. B. Hanushevsky, Rev. M.P. Lytwyn, and Rev. J. Makuch.

Plain Lake Ukrainian Catholic Parishioners, 1984. Back row, (L to R) - Eli Frankiw, Steve Golinowski, Philip Frankiw, John Kostyniuk, Victor Lozoway, Joe Frankiw, Mike Palichuk, Susan Frankiw, Tony Sawchuk, Eddie Wowdzia, John Boychuk, Eddie Horon, Bill Laschowski, Bill Palichuk, Billy Lozoway, Ronnie Frankiw; third row - Robert Kostyniuk, Oksana Humeniuk, Nadie Frankiw, Rosy Frankiw, Mary Kostyniuk, Stella Lozoway, Annie Palichuk, Betty Wowdzia, Lena Laschowski, Hilda Horon, Mary Palichuk, Gladys Lozoway, Eugene Frankiw; second row - Nick Kariam, Annie Golinowski, Jessie Chmiliar, John Stepushyn, Father Makuch, John Frankiw, Mary Warawa, Bill Warawa, Mike Frankiw; first row - Dale Frankiw, Gerald Humeniuk, Kathy McCormick, Judy Wowdzia, Jason Frankiw, Tammy Frankiw, Shelley Humeniuk, Johnny Lisoway, and Lindsay Humeniuk.

The Plain Lake Catholic Hall of Taras Shevchenko was built in 1938. There was some discord among the parishioners about the project, but the hall was built, thanks to the dedication and tenacity of many devoted parishioners. Frs. Kryzanowsky, Truch and Pasichnik conducted the ceremony during the laying of the cornerstone. Today the hall complex houses a dance and meeting area, a dining room and a small library. In days past, the costume room served an important role.

To help pay for the hall, the parishioners staged seven plays, and one concert in 1939. Fr. Pasichnik played a key role in the cultural life of the hall at the time.

The writers recall that, during the late 1920s and the 1930s, the visiting priests stayed at J. Hayduks, and later at Kostyniuk's and S. Stepushyn's. During summer holidays catechism classes were held at the Hayduk home.

After 1950, priests from Two Hills (now from Myrnam) officiated at Mass.

Today, approximately 30 families constitute the small Plain Lake Church congregation.

SZYPENITZ UKRAINIAN GREEK-ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. MARY

by Victoria Kushniruk

In 1907, the first log church, representing the Russian Greek-Orthodox faith was built on NE 22-55-13-W4th. The cost of the building was minimal because the labor and materials were supplied by community pioneers. Trustees of the church were Olexa Ruptash, Petro Kereliuk and Wasyl Ursuliak. The first service was conducted by Rev. Skibinski.

Tragedy struck in 1909, when the church was destroyed in a fire. In 1911, a second church was erected on the same location. It was built of lumber which was hauled from Vegreville. Each member paid a fee of $5. to cover

Szypenitz Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of St. Mary, 1964

Szypenitz Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of St. Mary Members - 1964. Front row (seated), (L to R) - Olivia Rosychuk, Stefania Rosychuk, Sam Ruptash, Garry Rosychuk, Bill Towpich, Rev. Zubrytsky, Bill Lutzak, John Rosychuk; second row (standing) - Mrs. Wm. Mandryk, Annie Ruptash, Linda Ruptash, Sophie Ruptash, Joyce Towpich, Rose-Marie Pawliuk, Wasylina Ewasiuk, Helen Towpich, Jennie Hohol, Mrs. Zubrytsky, Femia Lutzak, Hilda Rosychuk; third row (standing) - Mary Pawliuk, Mary Mandrusiak, MaryAnn Pawliuk, Mary Hamaliuk, Diane Holynski, Annie Pawliuk, Elizabeth Verenka, Olga Eliuk, Ann Pawliuk, Mary Pawliuk, Anastasia Gorgichuk; back row (standing) - Alec Zelez, Nick Pawliuk, John Hamaliuk, Dan Gorgichuk, Harry Verenka, Bill Hohol, George Pawliuk, Nick Mandrusiak, and Metro Pawliuk.

the cost of church construction. Trustees of this Russian Greek-Orthodox church were Mihailo Grekul of Kaleland and Petro Eliuk of Szypenitz.

However, disputes arose over the faith of the church and because the problem couldn't be resolved, the Kaleland parishioners broke away from the Szypenitz congregation and built their own church registering it as the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church. The split caused dissension among the remaining members. In 1916, the second church burned down.

In 1919, a third church, built of brick, was located on SE 27-55-13-W4th, just north of Highway No. 45 which separates the church from the present cemetery. The cost of the building material and the erection of the church came from donations and voluntary labor. Trustees of this Russian Greek-Orthodox Church were George E. Pawliuk, Harry O. Luciak, Nick Wygera and Jack Yakemchuk. Upon the request of parishioners, the church joined the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Canada on September 11, 1941.

Every September 21, the church celebrates its special holiday known as "Drooha-Bohorodetza". Early settlers celebrated this holiday by having feasts in their homes, to which friends were invited.

Priests who served in the Szypenitz St. Mary's Church included the Revs. Skibinski, Kumsah, Dowhanky, Soroka, Pizza, A. Chrustawka, Kryshtanowich, Teterenko, Melnychuk and P. Zubrytzky.

Easter Sunday at Szypenitz Church, May 4, 1986. (L to R) - Joyce and Nick Rosychuk, Kathy and Mark Verenka, Janice Derewynka, Troy Soldan, Victoria Kushniruk, Jill Soldan.

HOBBY OF FAITH

by Vera Charchun

The fish, an ancient symbol of Christianity, has made its comeback to the Town of Two Hills through my deft hands. About four years ago, while cooking a fish head, I caught a glimpse of a unique fish bone. In its shape I saw something symbolic of the Bible and the story of Christ. As the head continued to boil, all the bones became more visible. It was then that I collected them and began my story.

Verna Charchun with her "Hobby of Faith," 1985

My hobby is creating Biblical model-type pictures from the bones of a jackfish head. Once I examined some fish-head bones from the head of a trout caught by Nestor Hryciw and Ernie Majeau. After a careful and tedious examination, I discovered one bone that resembled the statue of Virgin Mary.

In four years I made about 250 displays using the bones from jackfish heads. The displays tell the story of Christ from birth to his crucifixion. Because three bones look like crosses, I numbered one for Christ's crucifixion and two to represent the thieves who were crucified with Him.

Some of the displays were donated to churches, schools, and other institutions. People who have seen the displays are impressed with a unique hobby which shows my faith and religion.

During a recent vacation to Hawaii I came across an amazing image of Christ in a catfish head, which interested me intensely. In a future trip to Hawaii I hope to purchase some catfish heads. From these I will attempt to produce some creative art pertaining to Christianity.

Bones from a trout fish depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1985

Head of a catfish depicting the crucifixion of Christ, 1985

War Years: Lest We Forget

THE WAR YEARS - AN INTRODUCTION

by Mike Pawliuk

This chapter is dedicated to the men and women of the Two Hills area who have served their country during the time of war. The committee has endeavoured to obtain as many pictures of veterans as possible. As there was no known list of those who served, the committee relied on the information collected through the family histories and the response to newspaper advertisements. Apologies are extended to those whose names may not have been included.

Although the captions under each picture gives a very brief summary, every veteran has an interesting personal history of his or her war years to relate. However, due to space and time limitations, only a sampling of stories has been included.

One of the stories deals with a serviceman who paid the supreme sacrifice; one relates a story of a prisoner of war. Another tells of surviving enemy action and being recognized for devotion to duty and winning a military medal.

Whether servicemen from our area served overseas or in Canada, the community of Two Hills continues to be proud of them.

"O Canada, they stood on guard for thee."

To those who paid the supreme sacrifice, may we repeat the Act of Remembrance.

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM".

He Paid the Supreme Sacrifice

FLIGHT SERGEANT TOMYN STEVE (PILOT), RCAF
Born March 29, 1918 - Died April 17, 1943.

by Mary (nee Tomyn) Teresio

Among those who volunteered their services during World War II, were three Tomyn lads from Plain Lake - Steve and Peter, and their cousin Nick. Peter and Nick enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy as sick bay attendants and were stationed at several Canadian ports.

Steve Tomyn, son of Harry and Anna Tomyn, enlisted in the RCAF late in 1941. After his training was completed in Penhold and Macleod, Alberta; and Ladner B.C., he arrived in England at a training base in August, 1942.

As an RCAF pilot with the rank of Flight Sergeant, he completed three successful bombing missions. While flying a Wellington Bomber over Mannheim, Germany, in the early hours of April 17th, their aricraft was disabled by German anti-aircraft fire. On orders the crew bailed out without mishap. Sgt. Tomyn, being the pilot, was last to bail out and since there was not enough altitude, his parachute did not open. The brave airman's untimely death was witnessed by his fellow crewmen, who were later taken prisoners.

Sgt. Steve Tomyn R.C.A.F.

Steve Tomyn's Rheinburg War Cemetery cross later replaced by a headstone.

Sgt. Tomyn was buried temporarily in the KIRF Cemetery in the Saarburg district of Trier, South Germany. His grave was marked with a wooden cross. After the war ended his remains were moved to Rheinberg Cemetery - Plot 8, Row D, Grave No. 25, in West Germany. Here, his grave was marked with a metal cross, and later with a permanent concrete headstone inscribed with the appropriate name, rank and dates. Rheinburg is a small German town in the Ruhr area, about 30 miles from the Holland border.

There is no measure for the scarifice and suffering of those who lie in war graves, and of those who loved them. All that can be done is to remember them, and make their resting places as memorable as possible. That duty and tribute has been fulfilled by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in the beauty of the setting and design of grave yards and by the perpetual care devoted to their maintenance. They are all planted with many varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers. In the central avenue of the Rheinburg cemetery stand the Stone of Sacrifice and the Stone of Remembrance. All the headstones are alike and are arranged in plots and rows and easy to locate. The sombre and beautiful settings of these war cemeteries leave an unforgetable impression on those who visit the site.

A Prisoner of War

The following newspaper article describes the experiences of Alec Pawliuk whose family roots originate in the Ispas district.

One man's memories of
the Great Escape

Most people have seen the movie, The Great Escape.

But one Burlington man lived through the famous World War II saga.

Alec Pawliuk was a prisoner of war at Stalag Luft 3 where the real escape took place on March 25, 1944.

Ex-Flight Lieutenant Pawliuk, now vice-president of WABCO Ltd. in Stoney Creek, is a quiet man who has an excellent memory of the historic events which happened almost 35 years ago at Sagen, Germany, a town a few miles south of Berlin.

The film of the actual prison break is, says Pawliuk, at the same time accurate and inaccurate.

"I think they duplicated the physical layout of the prison camp very well.

"But one mistake they made in the movie was including Americans.

"There weren't any Americans in Stalag 3 when the Great Escape took place."

Stalag 3 held a very mixed group of nationalities including British, Poles, Australians and Canadians but Americans did not arrive until later in the war, remembers Pawliuk.

The 58-year-old Linwood Cr. resident joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 and, after a hurried 10 months training, found himself flying bombing missions as a navigator until he was shot down over Berlin in January of 1944.

Six out of seven crew members parachuted safely out of the four-engined Halifax aircraft before it crashed.

"I heard the Halifax was a good plane to bail out of," says Pawliuk.

"There were proportionately more survivors from downed Halifaxes than some of the heavier bombers like the jlancaster."

PRISON LIFE

Surprisingly, Pawliuk says, the 15 months he spent at Stalag 3 were not unbearable. In fact, he enjoyed them.

Once you got over the deprivations such as food scarcity and the lack of heating, it was probably one of the freeest times of my life."

According to Pawliuk, 100 men were assigned to each hut and prisoners, who called themselves Kreigies, only had to report for parade ground inspection twice a day.

"After that, your time was pretty much your own."

Alec Pawliuk smiles.

"I didn't expect peaches and ice cream and I wasn't disappointed when I didn't get them."

HOMOSEXUALITY

Pawliuk admits his opinion of prison life was not shared by everyone else in Stalag 3 and some men moped or feigned mental illness hoping to get repatriated.

"A lot of men became homosexuals which I think, under more normal conditions, wouldn't have happened."

Life at the camp was a case of people keeping busy and entertaining other people at the same time.

"For example, I was very interested in sports at the time, so I learned volleyball from the Poles and rugger from the English."

To fill in time, Pawliuk also took courses in advanced mathematics and learned Russian through correspondence.

An excellent library was created because prisoners received books through the Red Cross and then donated them to the camp.

Also a theatre was built from Red Cross packing crates and plays like "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "Pygmalion" were performed by men who were professional actors and producers in civilian life before they were captured by the Germans.

"The variety of people there was highly unusual," says Pawliuk.

"We had artists, lawyers, and even pick pockets who were very good at stealing things from the German guards."

Wallets were skillfully taken from unsuspecting guards, and used later to blackmail them into providing cigarettes and pencils for the prisoners.

"Pencils were a rare and valuable commodity at the time," muses Pawliuk.

"I guess a psychiatrist would have had a field day studying the behavior of people in camp."

Stalag 3 held about 2,000 men, some of whom were there for over two years. The camp was for officers only, says Pawliuk, which explains why it was a source of trouble to the Germans.

ESCAPEES
MURDERED

Pawliuk arrived at Stalag 3 about two months before the Great Escape was scheduled to happen — too late to be included in it.

"When anyone first arrived in camp, they weren't officially accepted until they had been checked out by our security organization.

"This was done to weed out any German plants."

He says he did not know about the planned escape until just before it occurred.

"I was instructed to behave as though nothing out of the ordinary was going to happen."

The escape took place from the hut next door to Pawliuk's where 100 men were supposed to have left the camp through a tunnel underneath a stove support.

Only 76 actually made it.

Pawliuk verified that of those 76 prisoners who took part in the attempt, 50 were murdered by German S.S. security personnel.

"The lucky ones were those men who were captured quickly, not too far from the camp, by regular (Luftwaffe) guards.

"They were simply returned and put in solitary confinement.

"But the men who got far enough away, were caught by the S.S.

It was an emotional moment for the rest of Stalag 3's POWs when they were officially informed a week later about the murders.

"We played The Last Post on the parade ground and the Germans cut off our Red Cross parcels for awhile."

After the Great Escape took place, Pawliuk joined the next escape group, the X Organization, and acted as a spotter in case any guards appeared when preparations were being made by the Kreigies.

"I joined X Organization," adds Pawliuk, "when a rumor started in the summer of 1944 that Hitler was going to move all officer prisoners to a location in Bavaria to hold them as hostages if the war went badly for Germany."

And Pawliuk could see the war was going badly for Germany during 1944. There were several secret radios in Stalag 3 which kept allied prisoners informed about what was happening "on the outside".

Pawliuk says the camp was close enough to Berlin that he could see the city burning at night during allied bombing raids.

"Once a squadron of American bombers flew overhead which was quite a morale boost for us."

"Then German fighter planes appeared and we watched the dog fight that followed."

FORCED MARCH

The escape group Pawliuk joined worked on a tunnel for about six months but never got a chance to use it because the whole camp was ordered to move in the middle of the night on Jan. 28, 1945.

Prisoners were forced to march for 18 hours straight because Russian armies were closing in from the east.

"The Germans took us all over the country trying to avoid the Russians who were coming from the east and the British who were attacking in the west."

At one point, during what turned out to be 30 days of continuous travelling, Pawliuk's group had to march through Hamburg, a German city continually bombed by the allies throughout the war.

TERRIFYING MOMENTS

Confronted by an angry civilian mob, the S.S. guards said they couldn't handle the situation if violence broke out.

"It was one of those terrifying moments," says Pawliuk.

"Our guards told us not to prvoke the civilians because they couldn't control them.

"I could see the hate in their eyes."

To add to the prisoners fear, Hamburg was attacked by RAF Mosquito aircraft while they were in the city.

LIBERATED BY THE BRITISH ARMY

Pawliuk says the prisoners finally persuaded their guards to stop for a much-needed rest on a large estate just outside Lubeck.

On May 2, 1945, a lone British scout car arrived at the estate and all the Germans threw up their hands to surrender.

"In one moment, it was all over," he said.

During the aftermath of celebrating that followed liberation, Pawliuk says it became clear that 15 months of imprisonment had ruined his tolerance for alcohol.

"We got drunk pretty quickly on the liquor the Tommies gave to us."

Pawliuk celebrated Victory in Europe (VE) Day in Brussels before he was finally shipped over to England.

After being "debriefed and deloused" in England, Pawliuk was returned to Canada in July, 1945, and discharged from the RCAF in September.

At a reunion of air force war prisoners at Regina in 1975, Pawliuk met with five of the original air crew from the plane he was shot down in.

He Wins the Flying Medal

FLYING OFFICER PAUL SOLDAN, DFM

by Paul Soldan

Paul Soldan volunteered to join the Royal Canadian Airforce as an aero-engine mechanic on November 27, 1941. After completing the course in this trade, he was shipped overseas on December 13, 1942, to work on the four-engine bombers of 419 Moose Squadron.

Later, Paul decided to volunteer for air-crew duty, and after completing a course in flight engineering, he was selected by F/L N. Streight to replace his crew's engineer who died in a flying accident.

F/L N. Steight and his crew were stationed with 425 Alouette Sqadron, which flew Halifax bomers. After one heroic bombing raid over Stuttgart, Paul received the Distinguished Flying Medal while his pilot was awarded the Flying Cross (see family history - Soldan, Paul and Betty).

After completing his tour of bombing operations on September 25, 1944, Paul made preparations for his leave in Canada. Arriving home on December 15, 1944, he enjoyed a three month respite before leaving again for England.

For his second tour of operations he was chosen by F/L A. Rokeby to serve on his crew as Flight Engineer. Paul and his Lancaster bomber crew mates completed their training just as the war ended. As a result, they were disbanded.

Paul then volunteered for service with the occupational forces and joined F/L Morrison's crew. After these duties were terminated, Paul left for Canada on June 21, 1946, and received his discharge on August 2, of the same year.

As Paul reflects on the change from a quiet life on a farm to the excitement of various experiences and travel, he is certain the camaraderie of life in the air force and the anxiety of going on bombing missions will never be forgotten.

F/O Paul Soldan D.F.M. is congratulated by Hon. J.C. Bowen, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.

Air Vice Marshal C.M. McEwen C.B., M.C., D.F.C.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING
No. 6 [R.C.A.F.] GROUP

16th April 1945.

Dear Flt. Sgt. Soldan:

I was gratified to receive information that His Majesty The King has been pleased to confer upon you the Distinguished Flying Medal.

I send you my heartiest congratulations on this award. Your fine record, displaying as it does, courageous service and devotion to duty, is worthy of the highest praise.

Good luck and best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

C M McEwen

Flight Sergeant P. Soldan D.F.M. (R.142650),
No. 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron,
Tholthorpe, Yorkshire.

CANADA

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR AIR

Mr. and Mrs. D. Soldan,
Two Hills,
Alberta.

OTTAWA
February 6, 1945

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Soldan:

I am writing to say that all ranks of the Royal Canadian Air Force join me in warmly congratulating you and the members of your family on the honour and distinction which have come to your son, Pilot Officer Paul Soldan DFM, through the award of the Distinguished Flying Medal, prior to his having been appointed to a commission, for great gallantry in the performance of his duty while serving with No. 425 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The citation on which this award was made reads as follows:

> "Flight Sergeant Soldan is an outstanding flight engineer. During his operational tour he has displayed fine technical skill and resource which have played a large part in the safe return of his aircraft on numerous occasions. In July, 1944, his aircraft was detailed for a mission to Stuttgart and after a successful attack had been accomplished one engine became unserviceable. His aircraft was then attacked by an enemy fighter and the necessary evasive action taken caused the petrol supply to run low. By careful calculations and great ingenuity in conserving the petrol supply, Flight Sergeant Soldan enabled his pilot to fly his aircraft safely to a base in this country."

The personnel of the Force are proud of your son's fine Service record.

With kindest personal regards

Yours sincerely,

Acting Minister of National Defence for Air

OFFICE OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA,
CANADA HOUSE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

3 March, 1945

Dear Mr. Soldan:

May I congratulate you very warmly indeed on the decoration which you have been awarded. We are all proud that such fine service as you have given has been thus recognized.

With all good wishes in which Mrs. Massey joins,

Yours sincerely,

Pilot Officer P. Soldan, D.F.M.,
C 90615, R.C.A.F. Headquarters,
O T T A W A, Canada.

Those who Served King and Country 1914-1918

Bucyk, Nicholas

- Enlisted Canadian Army - February, 1917.
- Served overseas with the 49th Battalion.
- Discharged July, 1919.

Wirachowsky, Barney (in Legion attire) 1967

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1915.
- Served in Canada.
- Discharged 1916.

Shyshlak, Damian

- Canadian Army.
- Served in 1st Depot Battalion A.R. Calgary in 1918.

Yuskow, Bill

- Bill saw action with the Canadian army in France.

Watt, Robert Thomas

- Enlisted Alberta Dragoons, 49th Regiment.
- Trained in Calgary and Quebec City.
- Saw action in France.
- Returned home wounded in 1918.

1939-1945

Andriowski, Peter

- R.C.A.F.

Bachinsky, Mike

- Enlisted 1941 - Canadian Army.
- Served in Canada and overseas.
- Discharged 1944.

Antoniuk, Orest

- Enlisted R.C.A.F. - February, 1943.
- Graduated as a pilot.
- Served in No. 10 Service Flying Training School in Dauphin, Manitoba.
- Discharged February, 1945.

Bidulock, Corporal Dan

- R.C.A.F. 1945

Arechuk, Isaac

- Enlisted in Canadian Army - June, 1942.
- Served in Canada, United Kingdom, Sicily, Italy and Continental Europe with the Canadian Army Medical Corp.
- Discharged February 4, 1946.

Bidulock, Flying Officer George

- R.C.A.F.

Arychuk, Dennis

- Canadian Army - 1941.

Bidulock, John

- Joined the non-permanent militia British Columbia Dragoons in 1936.
- Transferred to the Alberta Dragoons in 1938. Royal Guard at Alberta Legislative Building during visit of King George VI.
- Joined R.C.A.F.
- Served 3 years overseas with 405 Squadron as Flight Mechanic and as Flight Engineer.
- Mentioned in dispatches.
- Discharged in Vancouver - 1945.

Buk, Dmytro

- Enlisted March, 1940 - Canadian Army.
- Went overseas June, 1941.
- Died accidentally in England - 1942.
- Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, England.

Darda, George W.

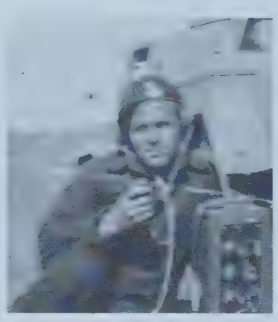
- Joined Canadian Army, 1940.
- Basic training in Camrose.
- Served with the 33 Light Anti-aircraft Machines Guns.
- Discharged 1943.

Choban, George (left)

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1942.
- Served in Canada.
- Discharged 1945.

Choban, Nick (right)

- Enlisted Canadian Army - January, 1942.
- Served in Canada.
- Discharged March, 1946.

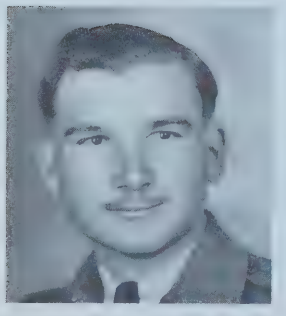


Darda, John W.

- Enlisted in the Canadian Army, 1939.
- Served with 31st Reconnaissance Battalion as wireless operator.
- Discharged 1941.

Dowhaniuk, Walter

- Enlisted Royal Canadian Navy - 1943.
- Served in Canada as wireless telegrapher.
- Discharged 1944.



Chomik, Harry

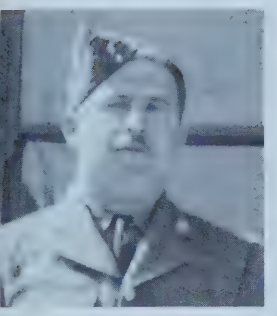
- Enlisted in the Canadian Army - December, 1942.
- Trained and served in Brandon, Manitoba; Wainwright, Alberta; and on the coast of B.C.
- Went overseas in February, 1944.
- Served in Continental Europe (Antwerp and Nymegen) and with the Occupational Forces in Germany.
- Returned to Canada in January, 1946.
- Discharged February, 1946.

Dronyk, Harry

- Enlisted Canadian Army - July, 1942.
- Served in Canada, Aleutian Islands, United Kingdom and Continental Europe.
- Discharged March, 1946.
- Deceased August, 1982.

Eglinski, Harry

- Enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery.
- Killed in action - 1943. (See family history).



Eglinski, John

- Enlisted in Canadian Army - 1940.

Eglinski, George

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1941.
- Went overseas with the Queen's Own Rifles.
- Served in England, Italy, Africa and Continental Europe.
- Trained also with U.S./Canada Forces in Fort Benning, U.S.A.
- Wounded in Holland.
- Discharged in 1946.

Elko, John F.

- Enlisted in R.C.A.F. - Summer, 1940.
- Reported for training - July, 1942.
- Served with Bombing and Reconnaissance Squadron No. 9 in Torbay, Newfoundland.
- Injured in an aircraft crash in Fall of 1943 and hospitalized.
- Discharged May 10, 1944.

Elkow, Mike J.

- Enlisted in the Canadian Army in Summer, 1942.
- Served with the Calgary Highlanders in Canada and 18 months in Jamaica.
- Discharged in Spring, 1945.

Elkow, Steve J.

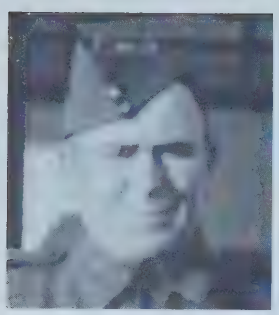
- Enlisted in March, 1944.
- Served with the Canadian Army Ordinance Corp. in Calgary.
- Discharged September, 1945.

English, Dean

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1941.
- Attached to 2nd Anti-aircraft Division.
- Served in France, Holland and Germany.
- Discharged in August, 1945 with rank of Sergeant.

English, George (left)

- Joined Alberta Dragoons - June, 1939 and Loyal Edmonton Regiment - September, 1939.
- Went overseas December, 1939.
- Stationed in Aldershot, England and Dumferline, Scotland.
- In 1943, saw action in Sicily and Italy.
- Wounded in Ortona - December 24, 1943.
- Back in action in Ortona in February, 1944.
- Saw action at the Hilter Line at Casino in May, 1944.
- Pulled back from the front in January, 1945.
- Arrived in Canada - February, 1945.
- Discharged July, 1945 with rank of Sergeant.



English, Garnet

- *Enlisted Loyal Edmonton Regiment - October, 1939.*
- *Went overseas in December, 1939.*
- *Stationed in Aldershot, England.*
- *Became Staff Sergeant in the Ordinance Corp.*
- *Came back to Canada - July, 1945.*
- *Discharged August, 1945.*

Forbes, John L.

- *Enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in October, 1939.*
- *Served on the West Coast of Canada as flight engineer.*
- *Went overseas - Spring, 1945.*
- *Discharged August, 1945.*
- *Rank - Flying Officer.*

Ewanishan, Walter (left)

- *Enlisted Royal Canadian Navy - August, 1942.*
- *Served on the High Seas on various ships including Stadacona, Cornwallis, Hochelaga, Avalon and Nonsuch.*
- *Discharged October, 1945.*
- *Rank Able Seaman (A.B.).*

Ewanishan, Sam (right)

- *Enlisted Royal Canadian Navy - August, 1942.*
- *Served on ships in the North Atlantic.*
- *Torpedoed on two occasions.*
- *Wounded once.*
- *Discharged 1945.*

Frankiw, Phillip

- *Enlisted Winnipeg Grenadiers, December, 1939.*
- *Trained in Camrose, Calgary and Prince Rupert.*
- *Took ill and spent 3 months in Victoria Military Hospital.*
- *Posted to Little Mountain District Depot in B.C.*
- *Discharged April, 1942.*

Grenier, Rene

- *Enlisted Royal Canadian Engineers - November, 1942.*

Frederick, Nicholas August

- *Enlisted Canadian Army - January, 1942.*
- *Attached to Heavy Anti-aircraft Battery of the R.C.A.*
- *Served in England and Europe.*
- *Wounded in Holland.*
- *Discharged in 1945.*

Harasewich, Metro

- *Enlisted Canadian Army - May, 1941.*
- *Trained in Camrose and Barriefield, Ontario.*
- *Served in Canada with Ordinance Corp.*
- *Joined R.C.A.F. in 1943.*
- *Spent time in military hospitals.*
- *Discharged in November, 1944 due to poor health.*

Harasewich, Steve

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1944.
- Trained in Chilliwack, B.C. and Wainwright, Alberta - with the 59th Field Squadron, R.C. Engineers.
- Spent 2 years in Germany with the occupation forces.
- Later saw action in Korea.
- Discharged April, 1955.

Hryniw, Sam

- Enlisted Canadian Army - April, 1944.
- Trained in Calgary; Shilo, Man.; and Barriefield, Ont.
- Discharged September, 1946.

Hohol, Albert

- Enlisted R.C.A.F. - July, 1943.
- Trained in aircrew.
- Suffered ear injury.
- Discharged May, 1944.

Hucal, William

- Served in Canadian Tank Corp.
- Saw action during Dieppe Raid.
- Discharged before end of hostilities.

Hollick, Edward

- Canadian Army 1941-42.

Kisilevich, Martin

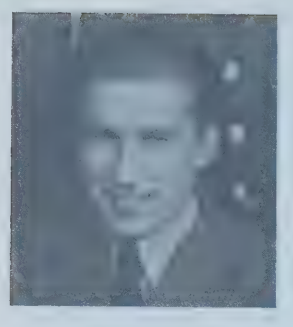
- Enlisted Canadian Army - January, 1943.
- Trained in Camrose.
- Served with the Medical Corp. at Camp Borden, Ontario - Military Hospital.
- Discharged July, 1946.
- Rank - Corporal.

Hryniuk, John

- Enlisted Canadian Army - November, 1942.
- Served in Canada and United Kingdom.
- Discharged March, 1946.

Kisilevich, Mike

- Enlisted Canadian Army - Summer, 1942.
- Served with the Calgary Highlanders in England and Continental Europe with the Occupational Forces.
- Returned to Canada - 1946.
- Discharged in the Fall of 1946.



Krevenchuk, Metro

- Enlisted R.C.A.F. - July, 1943.
- Trained in Edmonton, Portage La Prairie and Moss Bank, Saskatchewan.
- Graduated as Bomb Aimer.
- Went overseas in 1944.
- Killed in action over Cologne, Germany on December 24, 1944.
- Rank - W.O. 1.

Lebid, Bill (left)

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1940.
- Served with Loyal Edmonton Regiment in England.
- Discharged 1945.

Chrapko, Alex (right)

- Canadian Army.

Krewusik, Mike

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1941.
- Trained in Aldershot, England.
- Saw action in Sicily and mainland Italy in 1943.
- Twice wounded during Battle of Ortona.
- After recovery, served with Military Police responsible for mail delivery to front lines.
- Served in the same capacity in England after cease fire.
- Discharged in Calgary in late 1945.

Kuchik, Michael

- Enlisted in R.C.A. - January, 1943.
- Served in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany with Fifth Field Regiment, Second Division.
- Returned to Canada in November, 1945.
- Discharged June, 1946.

Lakusta, Harry

- Enlisted in Royal Canadian Army Engineers - September 9, 1939.
- Served in United Kingdom, Sicily, Italy and Continental Europe.
- Wounded in action 1944.
- Discharged in August, 1945.

Kuzio, Nazar

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1942.
- Trained and served in Brandon, Manitoba; Nanaimo and Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Discharged 1945.

Laschowski, William

- Enlisted Canadian Army - July, 1941.
- Served with the Edmonton Fusiliers.
- Training and service in Camrose, Wetaskiwin and Calgary, Alberta; Sussex, N.B.; Niagara Falls, Ont.; Port Alberni and Nanaimo, B.C.
- Was on guard duty in Calgary for 1 1/2 years.
- Discharged September, 1945.

Luciak, Victor

- Enlisted in Canadian Army in 1941.
- Stationed in London, Ont.
- Discharged 1945.

Marchak, Alec

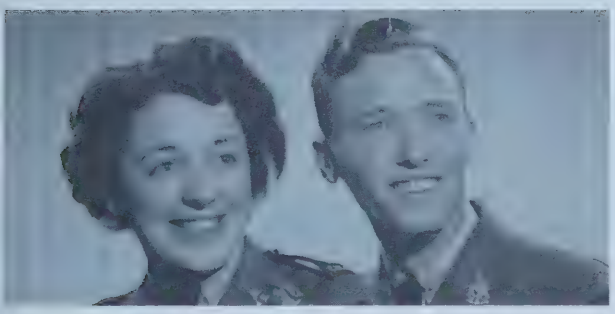
- Served with Royal Canadian Corp. of Signals for 3 years.

Mailloux, Norman

- Enlisted in R.C.A.F. in 1943. (See family history).

Myroniuk, Steve

- Served in the R.C.A. for 4 years. (See family history - Myroniuk, Mike & Kalyna).



Majeau, Jean (nee Taylor) and Ernie
(Married: 1945 in a military wedding)

Jean
- Enlisted in C.W.A.C. - January, 1942.
- Trained in Calgary and St. Anne de Belleview, Que.
- Served in Red Deer, Edmonton and Vancouver.
- Discharged June, 1945.
- Rank - Sergeant.

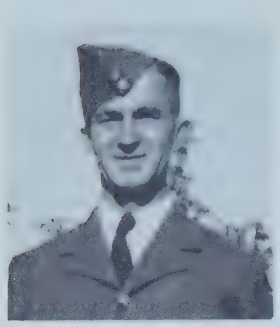
Ernie
- Enlisted Canadian Army, August, 1940.
- Trained in Edmonton and Kingston, Ont.
- Posted to Royal Canadian Ordinance Corp., Pacific Command in Vancouver.
- Discharged January, 1946.
- Rank - Staff Sergeant.

Myroniuk, Humphrey

- Six years in the Canadian Army. (See family history - Myroniuk, Mike & Kalyna).

Myroniuk, Andy

- Served 3 years in the army. (See family history - Myroniuk, Mike & Kalyna).



Myskiw, Nick

- Enlisted R.C.A.F. - July, 1942.
- Trained as radar technician in Sackville, N.B. and Clinton, Ont.
- Served with reconnaissance commands at Alliford Bay, Coal Harbour, Prince Rupert and Bella Bella, B.C.
- Discharged August, 1945.

Odynski, Wm. M. (Bill)

- Enlisted R.C.A.F. - Fall, 1942.
- Trained as aero-electrician in St. Thomas, Ont.
- Served in Peers, Penhold and Edmonton.
- Discharged July, 1946.

Olson, Ray

- Enlisted Canadian Army - March 5, 1940.
- Went overseas - 1941.
- Served in England, Continental Europe and Africa.
- Discharged October, 1946.

Olynyk, Steve

- Served in the Canadian Army.

(Photo taken in Chilliwack, B.C.).

Olynyk, Peter

- Enlisted Canadian Army - December, 1942.
- Served in Victoria, B.C.
- Went overseas about December, 1944.
- Served in England and Holland.
- Discharged in February, 1946.

Orlecki, Walter

- Enlisted Canadian Army March, 1942.
- Arrived in the United Kingdom in June, 1942.
- June, 1943 - left for Africa where he served with the military police.
- Later served in the Mediterranean Theatre of War.
- Wounded December 10, 1943 at the Battle of Ortona.
- Returned to United Kingdom in February, 1944 for medical treatment.
- Repatriated to Canada - May, 1944.
- Discharged September, 1944.

Pawliuk, Alec, Mike, Bill (left to right)

Alec:
- Enlisted R.C.A.F. - January, 1942.
- Trained in Edmonton, Toronto and London, Ontario.
- Received Observer (Navigator) Wings and Commission in October, 1942.
- Went overseas in December, 1942.
- Attached to No. 77 Squadron - No. 4 Group Bomber Command.
- Shot down over Berlin in January, 1944.
- Prisoner of war in Stalag Luft III (see one man's memories of the Great Escape).
- Discharged September, 1945.
- Rank - Flight Lieutenant.

Mike:
- Enlisted R.C.A.F. in August, 1942 but began training in November, 1942.
- Trained in Edmonton, Regina and Winnipeg.
- Went overseas in March, 1944.
- Attached No. 6 Bomber Command - 432 Squadron.
- Completed 31 bombing missions over Germany.
- Came back to Canada in May, 1945.
- Discharged August, 1945.
- Rank - F/O.

Bill (Wm. N.):
- Enlisted in R.C.A. in May, 1944.
- Trained in Cultas Lake, B.C. with Royal Canadian Engineers.
- Served as guard in P.O.W. camps in Wainwright and Medicine Hat.
- Discharged June, 1946.

Pona, John

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1942.
- Stationed in Chilliwack, B.C. with Canadian Army Engineers.
- Performed variety of duties.
- Discharged September, 1946.

Robinson, Rene

- Enlisted Canadian Army - December, 1942.
- Trained in Camrose and Calgary.
- Went to England in July, 1943 with the Seaforth Highlanders.
- Saw action in Africa and Italy.
- Was in Amsterdam for its liberation.
- Discharged November, 1945, in Calgary.

Robinson, Lucia (nee Brosseau)

- July, 1942 - trained as wireless operator in Toronto.
- Served as W.O. in Air Observers schools in Quebec until 1945.
- In March, 1945 - signed up as wireless operator on the M.S. Tarn, Norwegian Merchant Navy.
- Sailed to various ports in Africa including a trip up the Congo River.
- Returned to Brosseau, Alberta after V J Day.

Romaniuk, Michael

- Enlisted in the Canadian Army - 1944. (See family history - Romaniuk, Michael & Elizabeth).

Russnak, Mike

- Enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in April, 1942.
- Trained in Edmonton and St. Thomas, Ontario, as an Aero Engine Mechanic.
- Went overseas in March, 1943.
- Served with 427 Bomber Squadron, in the No. 6 Bomber Command Group in Yorkshire, England.
- Discharged October, 1945.

Rybak, Mike

- Enlisted June, 1942.
- Discharged March, 1943.

Sawchuk, Harry

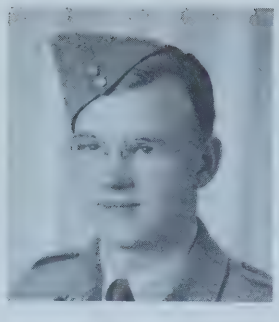
- Enlisted in the Canadian Army - July, 1942.
- Served with the 25th Light Anti-aircraft as a gunfitter in Petawawa, Ont.; Vancouver, B.C.; Calgary and Camrose, Alta.
- Discharged July, 1946.

Semeniuk, Harry

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1941.
- Served with the Irish Fusiliers in Canada, Europe and Jamaica.
- A member of the army band - he travelled extensively.
- Discharged 1945.

Shchurek, Peter

- *Enlisted in the P.P.C.L.I.*
- *Wounded in action in Italy.*
- *Discharged 1945.*
- *Deceased 1968.*



Skakun, John

- *Enlisted Canadian Army.*
- *Trained in Camrose and Calgary.*
- *Served in Canada.*
- *Discharged 1945.*

Shymko, Frank (military photo not available)

- *Enlisted Canadian Army - July, 1942.*
- *Trained in Camrose and Camp Borden, Ontario.*
- *Served with Canadian Army Medical Corp. in Toronto and Ottawa.*
- *Discharged February, 1946.*

Simpson, Henry

- *Canadian Army.*

Shmilar, Bill

- *Enlisted R.C.A. - August, 1940.*
- *Discharged 1945.*

Simpson, Glen

- *R.C.A.F.*

Skakun, George

- *Canadian Army - 1940-45.*

Simpson, Herbert

- *R.C.A.F.*

Simpson, Bill

- R.C.A.F.

Skoropad, Bill

- Enlisted R.C.A.F. - 1941.
- Served as bombing instructor at Mountain View, Ontario, and then Anti-submarine coastal patrol along West Coast.
- Discharged 1945.
- Rank - Sergeant.

Sirman, Harry (left)

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1942.
- Discharged 1946.

Sirman, Dmetro (right)

- Enlisted Canadian Army - 1944.
- Discharged 1946.

Slevinski, Mike

- Enlisted in the Army, with the Edmonton Regiment C.A.S.F. in March, 1940.
- Trained in Edmonton and in Currie Barracks - Calgary.
- Posted to England in June, 1940.
- Discharged September, 1942.

Soldan, Paul

- See story "Wins Flying Medal".

Skoropad, Mike

- Enlisted R.C.A.F. - 1942.
- Served as Gun Armour in various places in Canada including Anti-submarine Service at Alliford Bay - Queen Charlotte Islands.
- Discharged 1945.

Stoski, Peter

- Enlisted Canadian Army in 1940.
- First served in Canada.
- Went overseas in 1944.
- Served in Europe with the occupation forces for 18 months.
- Discharged in 1946.
- Deceased in 1962.

Tkachuk, Steve

- *Enlisted Canadian Army - May, 1941.*
- *Served in Canada.*
- *Discharged April, 1945.*

Tymchuk, Charles

- *Enlisted R.C.A.F. - 1942.*
- *Served as instructor in various R.C.A.F. training stations.*
- *Discharged 1945.*

Tomyn, Peter, Steve, Nick (cousin) (L to R)

Peter:
- *Enlisted Royal Canadian Navy - 1940.*
- *Trained in Toronto and Halifax - 1940-41.*
- *Served in Newfoundland - 1942-44 as Sick Bay Attendant.*
- *Discharged May, 1944.*

Steve:
(see story "He Paid the Supreme Sacrifice"

Nick:
- *Royal Canadian Navy.*

Vegera, Eugene

- *Enlisted Canadian Army - 1940.*
- *Trained in Camrose with Loyal Edmonton Regiment.*
- *Discharged 1941.*
- *Rank - Lance Corporal.*

Weir, Barney J.

- *Enlisted with Edmonton Fusiliers - March, 1941.*
- *Trained - Prince of Wales Armories, Edmonton.*
- *Overseas 1942 with Loyal Edmonton Regiment.*
- *Saw action in Italy and taken P.O.W. during Battle of Ortona in 1943.*
- *A P.O.W. for 16 months.*
- *Discharged September, 1945.*

Topolinski, Alexander (Alex)

- *Enlisted Canadian Army - November, 1939.*
- *Went overseas with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in December, 1939.*
- *Trained in Aldershot, England.*
- *Saw action in Sicily (1943).*
- *Captured by Germans near Ortona, Italy, while on night patrol.*
- *P.O.W. in Stalag 7A near Munich, Germany.*
- *Liberated by American 5th Army in Gettering, Germany, in Spring of 1945.*
- *Discharged August, 1945.*

Yusep, Nick

- *Enlisted Canadian Army - August, 1942.*
- *Served in Canada, United Kingdom, Continental Europe with 5th Field Regiment - 2nd Canadian Division.*
- *Discharged February, 1946.*

Yusep, Mary (nee Morse)

- Enlisted in England - September, 1939, in the Auxiliary Territorial Service with the 5th Anti-aircraft Division Signal Corp.
- Served 6 years - Rank: Sergeant.
- Married Nick Yusep - February, 1945.
- Came to Canada - September, 1946 as a war bride.

Soldiers of Plain Lake area, (L to R) - Nick Wasylciw, John Matwei, Harry Sawchuk, Henry Kulmatycki, Anton Palichuk, Gerald Olchawka.

Nadia Svarich and her Band

First C.W.A.C. Band organized by former Two Hills teacher, Nadia Svarich, 1943.

The following also were known to have served in the armed forces. Their pictures were not received by the committee. We apologize for the inadvertent omission of others.

Andriowski, Alex
Bilesky, Mike
Boida, Eli
Boida, Fred
Boida, John
Chamberlain, Bill
Chomik, Bill
Delawski, Stefan
Deputat, Eugene
Deputat, Emil
Dronyk, Eva
Dronyk, Jenny
Dronyk, Kate
Elkow, Nick
Emes, George Sr.
English, Samuel
Ferbey, Mike
Fuyarchuk, Peter
Gresiuk, Fred
Gresiuk, Nick
Hannochko, Alex
Hucal, Stanley
Krawchuk, John
Kshyk, Bill
Kupchenko, George
Lazinchuk, Joseph
Mandrusiak, Alex
Myroniuk, Mike
Nickiforuk, Bill
Nickiforuk, George
Noga, Joe
Olinyk, Alex
Orleski, John
Paulichuk, Nick
Petecki, Peter
Samoil, Harry
Samoil, Walter
Sawchuk, Alex
Shukalek, Metro
Skakun, Harry
Skakun, Mike
Vanne, Joe
Verenka, Nick

Home Coming

You soldiers of our country,
Hark, listen while I say
A welcome true awaits you
In your homeland to-day.
We thank our Heavenly Father,
For His mercy, love and care;
How he guided all your footsteps,
And heard your mother's prayer.

When our country was in danger
And you were called to go,
You had to face an enemy
Who was a ruthless foe.
He bombed the towns and cities,
Wrecked many a peaceful home,
Forced mothers and their children
This cruel old world to roam.

The submarines and rockets,
And mines strewn in the way,
Made allied hope of victory
Grow darker day by day.
But you went forth well knowing,
That Right would win the day,
As David with his sling-shot
Went forth the giant to slay.

Your efforts were rewarded;
Hostilities have ceased;
You did your bit to vanquish
Those military beasts;
Hitler, and Mussolini,
And Hirohito, too,
Will bear the eternal punishment
That to such men are due.

And now those warring nations
Indemnities must pay,
For wrongs which they committed
In their inhuman way;
Millions now are homeless;
Millions of lives were lost;
How many generations
Will it take to pay the cost?

If none had dared to venture
To halt that murderous band,
Those same things would have happened
In our Canadian land.
And so we pay a tribute
In just a humble way,
To our rulers and our armies
Who nobly saved the day.

The army and the airforce,
The navy, wrens and cwacs,
All did their duty nobly
To suppress those cruel attacks;
And those who left their loved ones,
Their children, home and wife,
And went to serve their country
To preserve our way of life.

Words fail to give expression
To the gratitude we owe,
The youth of our fair country
Who saved us from such foe.
Our hearts are filled with sorrow
For those we'll see no more,
Whose bodies now are resting
Upon some foreign shore.

This simple little gesture
I'd have you bear in mind;
We owe a debt of gratitude
To those they left behind.
To those who may be present
And hear my voice to-day,
A warning I would offer
As you go on your way.

I have in mind the wounded
Who have been maimed for life,
And handicapped forever
To provide for home and wife.
When they went forth to battle
We made financial gain,
Far from the scene of conflict
From danger's zone or pain.

May we contribute freely
To help them get a start,
In this rich land of sunshine
May we not shirk our part.
Recall the Nazi slogan
That Might is always Right;
The wounded might have stayed at home
And we been sent to fight.

May the flags that stand for freedom
Be the symbol of mankind,
With the Union-Jack and Stars and Stripes
More closely still entwined.
May kings and all the rulers
Who form the nation's plight,
Seek wisdom, grace and guidance
To direct in paths of right.

To those who donned the uniform
The khaki or the blue,
May we give the hand of welcome
And prove loyal, kind and true.
So allied lads and lassies
At home or on foreign shore,
Accept our heartfelt gratitude;
Welcome! Welcome home once more.

THE HOME

And where we love is home,
Home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.
The chain may lengthen, but it never parts.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

COURAGEOUS DEFENDER

No one can bar the road to truth, and to advance its cause I'm ready to accept even death.

—Alexander Solzhenitsyn

HEROES

They dared beyond their strength, hazarded beyond their judgment, and in extremities were of excellent hope.

—Thucydides

opinions to themselves, or suffer the consequences. On no other basis can this country "carry on" in this war.

June 1917

If Henri Bourassa was a man of low mentality there might be some excuse. One always freely forgives a fool. But, Bourassa is no fool. He is just a wrong-headed man capable of a great deal of mischief, and in the public interest he and his journal should be suppressed.

November 1917

CONSCRIPTION VOTE

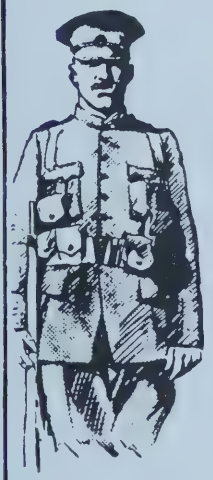
Before the next issue of *Saturday Night* appears in print the people of Canada will have voted in the most momentous election that has ever taken place in the history of this country.... The returns on Monday night will show whether the majority of her people are willing to continue in the path of sacrifice and patriotism, or whether they wish to lie down, and, in the language of the prize ring, "Take the count." ... A Laurier triumph on Monday will be hailed, not merely in the Central Empires, but in all Entente countries, as a German victory.

December 1917

Pay Will Be The Same

Men selected under the Military Service Act will receive the same pay as those now on active service receive. Pay will start from the time a man reports for duty. Money from the Patriotic Fund and Separation Allowance will also be available for selected men.

Canadian soldiers are well paid. The fact that wages in Canada are generally higher than those paid in Europe is recognized in the system of remuneration for men on active service. Clothing and all equipment in addition to food is also supplied to the Canadian soldier, leaving him with no expense except personal incidentals.



The rate of pay for men in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, other than commissioned officers, is as follows:

	Pay	Field Allowance
Warrant Officers	$2.00	30 cts.
Regimental Sergeant-Major, if not a Warrant Officer	1.85	20 "
Quartermaster-Sergeants	1.80	20 "
Orderly Room Clerks	1.50	20 "
Orderly Room Sergeants	1.50	20 "
Pay Sergeants	1.50	20 "
Squad., Batt., or Co. Sergt.-Major	1.60	20 "
Colour-Sergeant or Staff-Sergeant	1.60	20 "
Squad., Batt., or Co. Q.M.S.	1.50	20 "
Sergeants	1.35	15 "
Lance-Sergeants	1.15	15 "
Corporals	1.10	10 "
Lance-Corporals	1.05	10 "
Bombardiers, or Second Corporals	1.05	10 "
Trumpeters, Buglers, and Drummers	1.00	10 "
Privates, Gunners, Drivers	1.00	10 "
Sappers, Batmen, etc.	1.00	10 "

As in the case of those already gone overseas, Separation Allowances will be available for those dependent for livelihood upon selected men. The Separation Allowance is $20.00 per month for the rank and file, $25.00 for sergeants and staff-sergeants and $30.00 for warrant officers. The experience is that many men can afford to assign half their pay to dependents, in addition.

A considerable number of men who have enlisted in the Canadian forces have found themselves better off under the army rate of pay, which is granted in addition to board, lodging, clothing, equipment, transportation, etc., than they were while in civilian positions. Their wants are provided for, and they receive a steady addition to the bank account each month.

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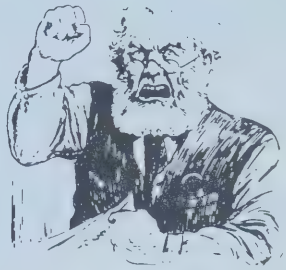

Slander!

That man is a slanderer
who says that

The Farmers of Ontario

will vote with

Bourassa Pro-Germans
Suppressors of Free Speech
and
Slackers

Never!

They Will Support Union Government

The Proud Homes of Canada

OUT from the homes of Canada have gone brave and fearless men ready and anxious to do battle for our liberty, indeed for the liberty of the world

Your son has gone realizing full well all the sacrifices he would be called upon to make, and prepared, if need be, to make the supreme sacrifice of his life to assure safety to you and to me.

HER SONS ARE CANADA'S GLORY

These are the men who have suffered, who have fought, who have brought Victory at Langemarck, Courcelette, Ypres and Vimy Ridge

These are the men who have brought honor to Canada.

You are proud to be the father, the mother, the wife, the daughter, the sister, of him who wrought so much for Canada, so much for the liberties of the world

How Would They Have You Vote ?

If your boy were here, would he say withhold the reinforcements my late comrades in arms so sorely need ! Let their numbers dwindle There is no hurry—have a Referendum

What do you think he would say

SUPPORT UNION GOVERNMENT

Get the reinforcements over to France and Flanders without delay ! Elect on Dec. 17th those patriotic men who have put aside party and party differences and have united for the purpose of prosecuting this war to the conclusion of a victorious peace This would be his answer

Mothers, Wives, Daughters and Sisters Will Vote December 17th

Every woman may vote who is a British subject 21 years of age resident in Canada one year and in the constituency 30 days who is the mother, wife, sister, daughter, sister or half sister of any person made or legally living or dead who is serving or has served without Canada in any of the Military forces, or within or without Canada in any of the Naval forces of Canada or of Great Britain or the Present War or who has been honorably discharged from such services, and the date of whose enlistment was prior to Sept 30 1917

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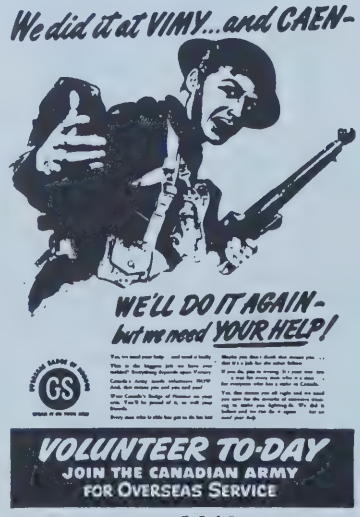

BOOKS FOR PRISONERS

Anyone may send books to prisoners of war; but not any books. . . . The Nazi censors . . . make sure of that. They're a pernickety lot, these censors. Any book by a Jew, or in praise of England or America, or in dispraise of Germany, infuriates them, and when one remembers the long list of famous books that the Hitlerites have publicly burned, the task of selecting any that prisoners would be allowed to read is surely difficult. A year ago the Macmillan Company of Canada made up a rather interesting list which awakened attention not only in this country but throughout the United States. Now a second list has been prepared; the two together covering some hundreds of titles. Friends of prisoners may obtain these lists from the company . . . or from any large bookstore. No postage is required on book-parcels for prisoners, but the weight-limit is eleven pounds.

July 1944

Announcement of change in Spirits Ration

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2nd, 1944

COMMENCING October 2nd, 1944, and until further notice, every individual permit holder will be permitted to purchase monthly one bottle of spirits (25 or 26 ounces) or two half bottles as available.

As a result of the restrictions imposed by the Dominion Government under the Wartime Alcoholic Beverages Order P.C.11374, it was necessary to reduce the monthly ration of spirits to 13 ounces to assure adequate supplies of spirits until the end of the year. In increasing the ration it should be explained to the public that unless the restrictions imposed by the Dominion Government are removed a similar restriction will be necessary again next year, although the Board, except for the Dominion Restriction, would be able to make available for distribution stocks of spirits in excess of the present ration.

In any event, however, the ration becoming effective on October 2nd can be maintained throughout the winter months, so it is hoped that the public will co-operate by not buying in excess of actual requirements.

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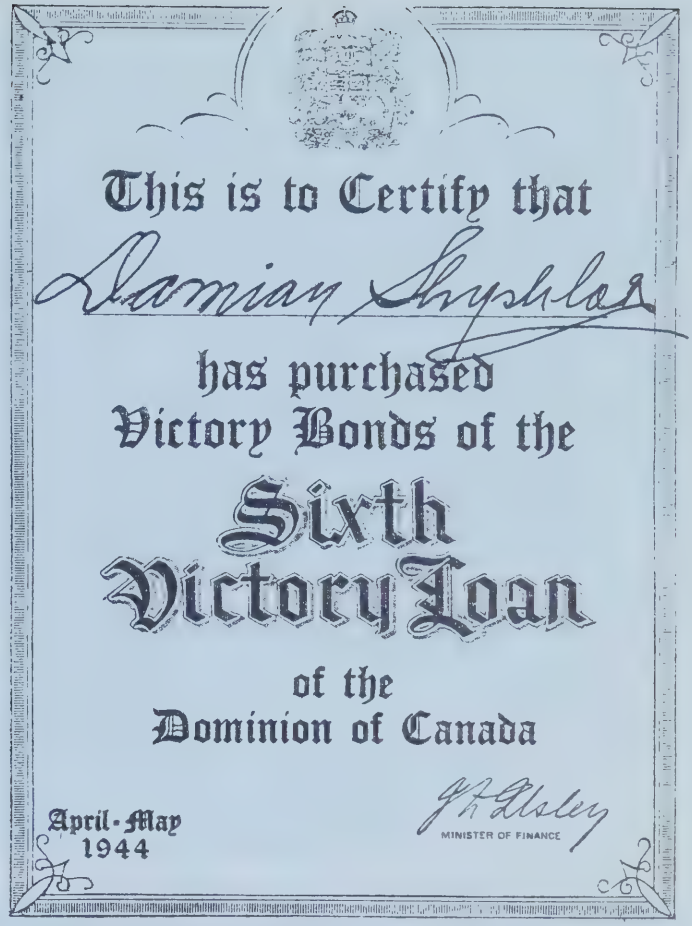


KICK THEM OUT

. . . it is not surprising to find the *Globe and Mail,* which shares the *Telegram's* passion for keeping everybody out on the pretext that we want to reserve room for the British, urging that persons of Japanese race who were born in Canada, who have lived here all their lives, who are Canadian citizens, who have never done anything to indicate the slightest disloyalty to this country, should be expelled from Canada on the sole ground of their ancestry. . . . The expulsion of persons who are legally entitled to citizenship in the expelling country, on the ground of race, is the outstanding and characteristic feature of the whole Nazi ideology. If we begin by doing it to Canadian Japanese, we shall most certainly go on doing it to Canadian Yugoslavs and Canadian Jews and Canadian Negroes, and we might even ultimately find ourselves doing it to Canadian Englishmen and Scotsmen.

December 1943

Victory Day - 1945. N. Myskiw addressing the huge crowd at Two Hills to celebrate the end of the war

PIONEERS
IN THE MILITARY OF OTHER COUNTRIES

Grabas, John
Polish Army, circa 1920

Kostek, Alex
Austrian Army, 1921

Keryluk, Teofil
Austrian Army, 1895

Yatzko, Nick
Romanian Army, 1924

Victory Parade through main street, Two Hills, 1945. Military in foreground row, (L to R) - Mike Mandiuk, George Choban, Walter Dowhaniuk; centre - Eva Dronyk; back row - Hank Slevinski, Andy Myroniuk, Nick Tomyn, Nick Myskiw.

Getting ready for First Remembrance Day Parade, 1947. Front row, (L to R) - George Morneau, Peter Tomyn, Walter Dowhaniuk, Mike Krewusik, Nick Verenka, John Elko, John Forbes.

Organizations, Groups and Societies

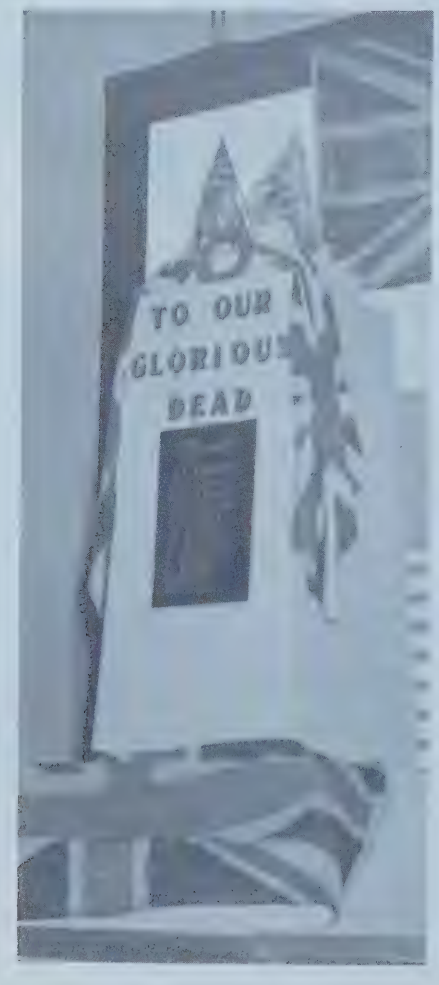
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TWO HILLS, BRANCH NO. 237

by Mike Pawliuk

Shortly after World War II ended in 1945, veterans residing in Two Hills began organizing a branch of the Canadian Legion. After receiving its charter in 1947, the Legion was known as the "Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League." Later the name was changed to the "Royal Canadian Legion."

The first Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Two Hills were held on November 11, 1947.

During the formative years, the Legion Branch was very active, both as a fraternal organization and a service club. Smokers, dances, Santa Claus visits to children of ex-service families, and spring picnics were annual events. Helping needy veterans, needy families, families whose homes were destroyed by fire, and other welfare activities were objectives of the branch. The Legion built the cloakroom and benches in the Centennial Hall, equipped one room in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital and donated a shuffled board to the Senior Citizen's Club.



First Cenotaph-handmade by Nick Frederick and Alberta English

Membership to the Two Hills Branch was never large because many veterans were reluctant to join. However, the Two Hills Branch has always had good support from the community at large, and Remembrance Day Services are still being very well attended.

For several years, the main purpose of the Branch has been to perpetuate Remembrance Day. With a handful of members, the Royal Canadian Legion was able to sell more wreaths and poppies than many much larger branches. With the help of teachers, it has been able to instill in the students the purpose of Remembrance Day through essay and poster competitions.

Much help has been received by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion who are really the backbone of many Legion activities in Two Hills.

In the past few years, several Legion members have passed away, namely, Comrades B. Wirachowsky, Garnett English, J.L. Forbes, Sam Hryniw, Walter Ewanishan, Mike Elkow and honourary member Comrade D. Geleta.

The following are among those who served as Legion presidents: N. Myskiw, J.T. Elkow, A. Hohol, E. Sadoway, W.A. Ewanishan, E. Majeau, J.L. Forbes, and M. Pawliuk. The following are among those who served as secretary-treasurer: N.A. Frederick, P. Tomyn, M. Pawliuk, V. Tkatchuk, G. Martin, W.A. Ewanishan, E. Majeau, Mrs. J. Majeau and T. Oscar.

The spirit of the Royal Legion continues in Two Hills.

First Remembrance Day Service held at Two Hills Lux Theatre, 1947. Front row, (L to R) - Corp. Surby, Paul Soldan, Dr. N. Winnitoy; back row - Peter Petecki and Mike Elkow.

Canadian Legion

British Empire Service League

In pursuance of the Authority and Powers granted by Letters Patent under the Companies' Act of Canada, the Canadian Legion, through its Dominion Executive Council, doth hereby constitute and appoint Dr. A. McPhedran, Messrs. M. Mushing, J. Elkow, S. Sukky, J. Boida, G. Rigelow, A. Frederick, H. Brown, A. Wannodeko, J. Forks, S. English, A. P. Young, J. Wrenker,

together with other duly qualified persons with them associated at Two Hills, Alberta,

to be a Branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League

and to be known as **Two Hills (Alberta No. 237) Branch**

under the jurisdiction of the Alberta Command of the Canadian Legion, and subject to the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the Canadian Legion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Dominion Executive Council have hereunto set the Corporate Seal of the Legion attested by the hands of the President and Secretary at Ottawa this ninth day of October, 1947.

F. C. Amos — General Secretary

C. B. Price — President

Legion charter received October, 1947

Mike Krewusik presents a cheque for $1000. to the Two Hills Legion, 1983. (L to R) - W. Ewanishan, Immediate Past President; Mike Krewusik, Life Member; and T. Oscar, Branch Secretary-Treasurer.

Color party and R.C.M.P. at the Cenotaph, November 11, 1984

THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH NO. 237

by Betty Soldan, past-treasurer and Kay Hnydyk, president

On October 12, 1950, a special meeting to organize the Ladies Auxiliary of the Two Hills Canadian Legion was held in the Fire Hall.

Provincial President, Mrs. Towers of Canmore and Provincial Secretary, Mrs. Dexter of Calgary, were present to outline the duties and purpose of the organization.

At this initial meeting resolutions were adopted and a charter requested for the Two Hills Ladies Auxiliary.

The 23 charter members were Betty Soldan, Mary Tomyn, Mary Noga, Sophie Hunka, Sophie Hannochko, Tillie Tanne, Pearl Dowhaniuk, Alberta English, Gertrude English, Rose Dowhaniuk, Kay Myskiw, Kay Elko, Pearl Odynski, Anne Hnydyk, Mary Buk, Tillie Shavchook, Midge Surby, Elsie Ponich, Mary Sheptyski, Rose Wilinski, Mary Ropchan, Nora Cope, and Anne Chrapko. Today the only charter members remaining in the Two Hills Auxiliary are Betty Soldan and Tillie Shavchook.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, 1967. Front row, (L to R) - T. Krewusik, K. Myskiw, L. Geleta, M. Dent, M. Hryciw, D. Orlecki, K. Elko, I. Charland; middle row - M. Watt, N. Forbes, P. Krucik, M. Hryciw, C. Tymko, K. Hnydyk, S. Wolski; back row - R. Sorochan, M. Gorsline, M. Tomyn, E. Pawliuk, T. Shavchook, A. Hnydyk, E. Zayak.

Meetings were held monthly in private homes, and later in the Fire Hall, or Hotel Banquet Room. Presently they are conducted in the high school.

Early projects included poppy sales, Remembrance Day functions, St. Patricks Day Tea and Bake Sale, and donations to the Red Cross and polio fund drives.

Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies have been sent from the Auxiliary to Government House since 1958.

Present projects of the Auxiliary include the poppy campaign, Red Cross canvass, Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, and Flowers for the Cenotaph. Baskets of fruit for Easter and Thanksgiving are also made and distributed by the members to the patients in the Hospital, Nursing Home and also to those confined in their own homes. On St. Patrick's Day there is a bake sale in one of the local grocery stores. Every third year the Veteran's Home in Edmonton, is visited.

Donations are also made to the Salvation Army Bursary Fund, Northern Alberta Children's Hospital Fund, and to various local organizations and town projects. The Auxiliary also assists the local Branch of the Canadian Legion in all its activities.

Every year, award pins are presented to the Local Grade VII and VIII Honour Students. In 1983 awards were presented to the two local students who were winners of the Legion Essay Contest.

Presently there are 23 members in the Auxiliary, as well as two life members - Mrs. Margaret Watt of Edmonton and Mrs. Tillie Shavchook of Vegreville.

Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, 1983. Front row, (L to R) - J. Majeau, B. Soldan, N. Forbes, H. Craig, M. Gorsline, P. Krucik, E. Albrecht; middle row - K. Hnydyk, E. Pawliuk, K. Lypka, M. Hryciw, C. Tymko, O. Babych, C. Stelmack, S. Frankiw; back row - J. Andriowski, S. Wolski, A. Oscar, P. Stoski, P. Florko, E. Semeniuk. Missing: Helen Huppie, M. Nordgren.

TWO HILLS LIONS CLUB (1961-1986)

by Peter Orlecki

On April 18, 1961, under the sponsorship of the Vegreville Lions Club, a group of 14 community minded citizens agreed to form the Two Hills Lions Club. On May 31, 1961, the charter was presented with the following members being registered: E.N. Rochat, H.L.A. MacKinnon, G. Gorsline, J. Melnychuk, J. Kshyk, A. Onusko, E. Bureyko, F. Linklater, E.P. Belsek, B. Yaholnitsky, J.J. Pundick, R. Romaniuk, S. Sorochan and G. Young. At the first regular meeting held in June of 1961, Peter Orlecki and Steve Choban became members, bringing the total membership to 16.

The club has been continuously involved and committed to aiding the community by providing facilities and financial assistance. In 1962, the organization constructed the Lions Kiddie Park, the first visible project of the club. During the years to follow many projects were undertaken. A memorable one was the Christmas parade. The club spearheaded the Centennial Arena construction by providing $23,000. outright and canvassing for an additional $7,500. to aid in the building fund. They sponsored the minor hockey system in Two Hills by supplying uniforms, equipment, and coaching staff for several years.

Spouses of the Lions ably assisted in working at concession booths during this time. Many bingos and raffles were held to assist local organizations to meet their commitments.

In 1966, the Lions coordinated and sponsored a Miss Northeastern Alberta candidate in the Miss Canada

Pageant. The candidate at this time was Gail Scraba. In 1967 it was Shirley Elkow and in 1968 Shirley Kaziechko represented our area in the province.

The club continues to assist the community by providing projects and funding for many causes. Various donations such as warming and cooking ovens and a clubroom fridge for the Centennial Hall have been made. Assistance in providing Centennial Arena dressing rooms, seating, and the Zamboni ice machine have also been undertaken. A room has been furnished in the hospital. As well, financing has been provided for glucose testing equipment to aid in the detection of diabetes.

In 1980-81, the club undertook to provide the community with the D.M. Geleta Memorial Park facilities.

Currently, operating on a budget of $50,000. to $60,000, the club has made a generous $3,000. donation to the history book project and has committed in excess of $6,000. to the new library renovations. In addition, cash donations are made regularly to many worthwhile organizations such as minor hockey association, figure skating clubs, Cubs, Leader dogs for the blind and victims of fire loss.

In an effort to provide the community with memorable Canada Day activities, the club in conjunction with Two Hills Family and Community Services, organized the Two Hills Canada Day Society. As a means to recognize Lions who provided outstanding leadership and service to the community, the club instituted the "Lion of the Year" award in 1980-81. These outstanding individuals, whose names are inscribed in the Lions International Honour Roll are: Gary Gorsline, Ernie Bureyko, Andy Gorgichuk, Peter Orlecki and William Pundick.

Lions Rodeo Parade, 1984. Centre - Nestor Hryciw and Peter Orlecki flanked by Block Bros. cowboys.

Many community minded Lions have served in various offices to maintain and strengthen the club to the stature it holds today. While it is not possible to list them here, the following have provided executive services in capacities of President: George Young, 1961-62; John J. Pundick, 1962-63; Andrew Onusko, 1963-64; Henry Haag, 1964-65; Gary Gorsline, 1965-66; Peter Orlecki, 1966-67; Steve Sorochan, 1967-68; Frank Linklater, 1968-69; Peter Popowich, 1969-70; John Solodzuk, 1970-71; Orest Choban, 1971-72; Mike Zelez, 1972-73; Andy Gorgichuk, 1973-74; Ernie Majeau, 1974-75; Emil Stefiuk, 1975-76; Clifford Berry, 1976-77; Marcel Craig, 1977-78; Peter Halko, 1978-79; George Kachmar, 1979-80; Earl Wright, 1980-81; Metro Lypka, 1981-82; Nestor Hryciw, 1982-83; Gary Popowich, 1983-84; Allister MacMillan, 1984-85; Dave Gray, 1985-86.

Club secretaries included Joe Melnychuk, Gary Gorsline, Peter Popowich, William Pundick and Peter Orlecki.

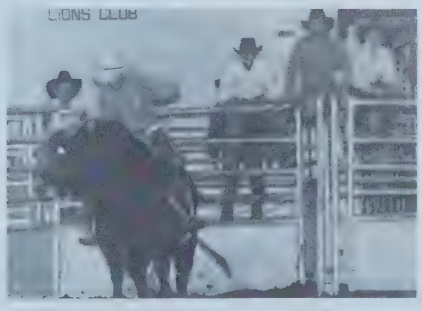
Walter Kitt, Ernie Bureyko, Andy Gorgichuk, Elmer Stelmack, Norm Schiewe, Matt Charchun and Earl Wright have served as treasurers.

In April 1974, the Club members undertook a project to provide the senior citizens of the community with self contained living accommodations. In conjunction with Alberta Housing, the building of 12 units was officially completed and opened in 1977. In 1982, an additional 16 units were constructed under phase two. The Lions Eventide Homes are operated by a management board consisting of seven Lions members, under the chairmanship of Ernie Majeau; the manager is Matt Charchun.

Each year, for the past 15 years, during the third weekend in August, the club hosts the Two Hills Lions Rodeo. The co-ordinator of this undertaking is Peter Orlecki. The festivities have included parades, dances, rodeo queen competitions and the rodeo performances.

Thirty-six members who are working to serve the community presently constitute the Lions Club and have made Two Hills a better place in which to live.

Thanks to the efforts of devoted members of the club, Two Hills continues to thrive as a vibrant community.



The cowboys ride ..... Lions Rodeo, 1984

LIONESS CLUB OF TWO HILLS

The Lioness Club of Two Hills was organized on June 9, 1981, with a total of 16 members. The club became official on October 17, 1981, when 25 charter members were enrolled. Three years later club membership stood at 29.

The Lioness, being a service club, donates funds and equipment to blind, deaf, and handicapped individuals as well as to the different institutions in the community.

A trip to Disneyland was funded for three children from the Ross Cairns School for the disabled in 1982. A wheelchair was purchased for the Two Hills Hillside Lodge, and furniture was provided for the children's ward in the hospital. Assistance was provided in many other projects, as well.

The club initiates fund-raising ventures, such as the Terry Fox Walk-a-thon, which was launched on September 1, 1981. The "In Lieu of Christmas Cards" donation project provided the club with a "Disabled Fund" for other community activities.

Club members also canvass for the Heart Fund, Red Cross, and Cancer Society.

The Lioness Club also sponsors the Block Parent Program in the community. In 1984, there were 115 block parents in the commendable venture.

The Lioness Club was also involved in organizing the first annual Canada Day celebrations, and will continue to participate in this annual event.

TWO HILLS ORDER OF THE ROYAL PURPLE LODGE NO. 183

by Doris Zaharichuk

The Two Hills Order of Royal Purple Lodge No. 183, an Auxiliary of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, was instituted on May 12, 1954, with Ann Strynadka as our first Honoured Royal Lady. Forty-two charter members were inducted by the Vegreville Lodge's Lady Ann Parayko. She was assisted by 24 Vegreville members in drills and floor work.

At the time of installation, the Two Hills Lodge belonged to District 8, consisting of Vegreville, Vermilion, Lloydminster and Manville. Later it was transferred to District 8A which included Two Hills, Myrnam, Derwent, St. Paul and Elk Point. The district is now in No. 17.

Over the years, membership has fluctuated and presently stands at 24 of whom eight are charter members. Life members are Ladies Helen Volk, Helen Hryciw, Mary Buk, Natalie Buk and Doris Zaharichuk; remaining charter members are Elsie Pawliuk, Alice Miskiw, and Katherin Uhrynchuk. One of the life members, Lady Ann Svekla, passed away in March, 1982.

Three past District Deputies of our district are Helen Volk, Sophie Hunka, and Doris Zaharichuk.

When instituted in the Elk's Hall in Two Hills, catering, teas, and different money making projects were introduced. Dishes and kitchen supplies were purchased but when the Centennial Hall was built in 1967, the utensils were donated to the Town for use in the new hall.

The lodge now serves at weddings as a money making project. A yearly doll raffle and bake sale in February, besides some smaller bake sales during the year, are also important activities of the Association.

Being a charitable organization, the Royal Purple has assisted some less fortunate people such as fire victims in the area. Donations have been made to the Purple Cross fund and Deaf Detection project, as well as to the High School Awards Night. Canvassing for the C.N.I.B. and the Red Cross is also one of the activities of the Two Hills Order of the Royal Purple Lodge.

O.O.R.P. No. 183 - Chartered Members, 1969. Front row, (L to R) - Anne Svekla, Mary Buk, Helen Volk, Helen Hryciw, Tillie Shavchook; back row - Alice Miskiw, Katherine Uhrynchuk, Doris Zaharchuk, Anne Iftody, Nataly Buk, Elsie Pawliuk.

O.O.R.P. Life Members, 1979. Front row, (L to R) - Helen Volk, Helen Hryciw; back row - Mary Buk, Anne Svekla, Tillie Shavchook.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF CANADA TWO HILLS LODGE NO. 377

by Mike Pawliuk

As the charter indicates, the Two Hills Elks Lodge was organized in the fall of 1953, with an initial membership of 58. With membership increasing rapidly, it was soon realized that it would be possible for the Elks to support a home of their own and so the Recreation Hall was purchased from Sam Ewanishan for the sum of $8,000. An original bank loan was paid off by money raised through the sale of bonds, raffles, and by outright

donations.

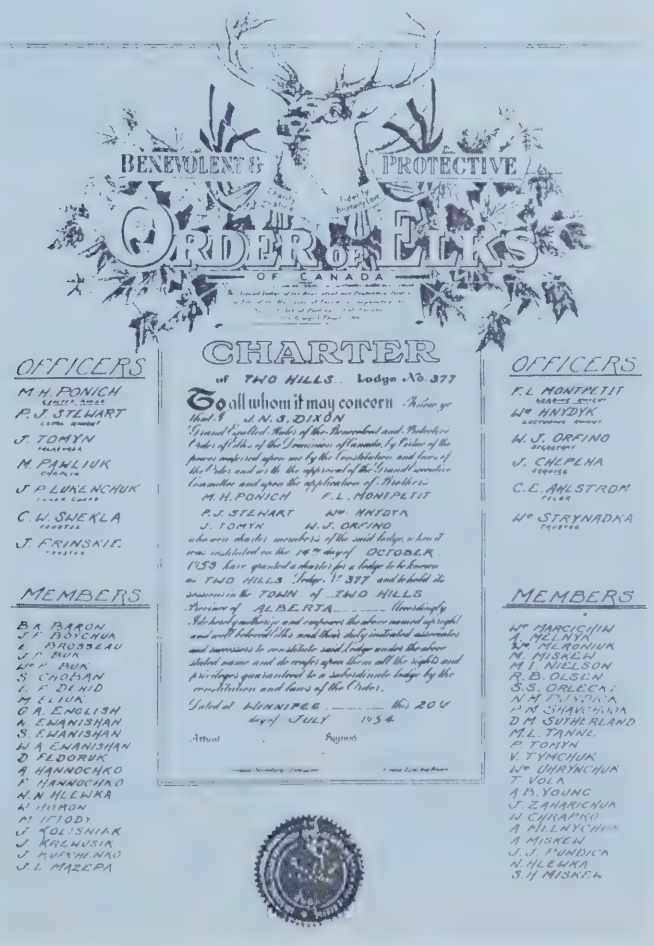
Because the Elks Hall did not have proper facilities to accommodate weddings and banquets, the basement was remodelled to include a kitchen, banquet room and bar. Sturdy banquet tables and benches were built and, with the aid of the Royal Purple, kitchen equipment, dishes, and chairs were purchased. The upstairs of the hall was also remodelled to provide for a cloakroom and adequate washroom facilities.

From 1953 to 1967 the B.P.O.E. was very active and membership grew to over 90. Money was raised through raffles and bingos to help charitable and other community organizations and projects at this time. Fraternal visits to and from other Lodges were frequent and rewarding. A chartered flight to Fort McMurray to install its Lodge was a highlight of activities in 1965. Some 70 Elks from Two Hills, Myrnam, Vegreville and Hairy Hill made the trip to the then small but growing community and enjoyed the two-day stay and hospitality of the Fort McMurray Lodge. The trip was organized by District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers, Bro. M. Pawliuk of District 10B, and Bro. Roger McMillan of District 10A.

Without doubt, the Elks Hall was a project that unified and gave a sense of purpose to the Two Hills Lodge. However, a growing community such as Two Hills in the 1960s required a more substantial community centre than the Elks Hall could provide. The Town of Two Hills undertook to build such a centre, the present Centennial Hall. With no more need for a smaller recreational centre, and with the knowledge that the Town required financial aid to equip the new facility, the Two Hills Elks voted to donate all their hall equipment, dishes, tables, and chairs to the Centennial Hall. In return, the Lodge would hold their meetings in the new building. The Elks Hall was then sold to the Town for a token $1.

Although the Two Hills Elks carried on their activities for several more years, it became obvious that a new project should be undertaken to maintain the enthusiasm in the Lodge. However, such a project did not materialize. With some of the staunch members leaving the district and other new ones dropping out, the membership and the will to survive dwindled noticeably. In the late 1970s the charter was rescinded and the Two Hills B.P.O.E. Lodge No. 377 ceased to exist.

Among those who served as exalted rulers were: M.H. Ponich, F.L. Montpetit, P. Tymchuk, J. Chepeha, M. Iftody, J. Kozamk, M. Pawliuk, Dr. J. Lukenchuk, N. Myskiw, R. Steinhauer, C. Lutic, and P. Marcichiw. N. Myskiw and M. Pawliuk each served one year as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of District 10B. The above is not a comprehensive list as records are not available for a complete roster of executive members.



TWO HILLS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

by Mrs. Joe Elkow

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League (U.C.W.L.) in Two Hills was organized on July 6, 1949, under the direction of Father Melnychuk, parish priest of Two Hills. At this time there were 15 charter members. The first executive included President, Helen Hryciw; Secretary, Anne Yuzda; and Treasurer, Kay Hnydyk. At that time the League was affiliated with the U.C.W.L. of Canada. When the U.C.W.L. was first organized, the church was a one-room building which was originally a school. The first meetings were held in homes of members.

To raise money the ladies had to work very hard. They held bingos, card parties, dinners, and catered to weddings and other functions. Dinners were served at 75¢ a plate for adults. Weddings were catered at $1.75 a plate, and $2. with lunch. Bingo cards were sold at ten cents each. The first prize for bingos was a turkey donated by Martha Hryciw; second prize was two ducks donated by Anne Gresiuk, and third prize was two chickens donated by Tillie Krewusik and Helen Hryciw. Some ladies attended the retreat in St. Albert which helped them to understand how to work with people and stay together. A lot of hard effort was exerted by Helen Hryciw who was president for 18 years and by Anne Chrunik, president for nine years.

As the years went by the membership of the U.C.W.L. increased and each year the league paid membership dues to the Provincial U.C.W.L. organization.

The League sends delegates to congresses and conventions annually. It sponsors financial and volunteer help for causes of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Ladies work hard to keep the church clean. Flowers are planted each year to beautify the church grounds. The women also provide monetary awards for the highest academic standing in the Ukrainian language studies at the University of Alberta as well as in the Two Hills High School. Donations are made to various clubs and organizations such as the Ukrainian dancers, community hall, arena, hospital, and park projects. Volunteers also canvass for the Red Cross, Cancer Society and other worthy causes. The League visits patients in the hospital and nursing home as well.

Monthly meetings are now held to discuss further activities. To raise necessary funds they also hold bake sales once or twice a year, cater to funeral dinners and provide pyrohy suppers. They have a blessed meal during Easter, and a pot luck Thanksgiving supper.

In 1984, the executive included: President, Anne Shybunka; First Vice-President, Jennie Hryciw; Second Vice-President, Annie Saskiw; Secretary, Eva Semeniuk; Treasurer, Emily Skoropad, and league advisor Father Lytwyn. Presently, the League has 44 members.

Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Two Hills, 1962. Top row, (L to R) - Lillian Dmytrash, Kay Hnydyk, Bessie Babyn, Anne Cymbaliuk, Alice Miskiw, Kay Myskiw, Verna Charchun, Pearl Hnydyk, Myrtle Hryciw, Stella Karokachuk, Diane Humeniuk; middle row - Nancy Tomyn, Eva Kitt, Mary Spak, Sophie Kis, Joyce Kulak, Vicky Miskiw, Anne Boychuk, Mary Adamowski, Sophie Wolski, Anna Tomyn, Martha Kostek, Maria Marchak; front row - Anne Hnydyk, Pearl Kitt, Tetania Ewanishan, Anna Hanushewsky, Rev. B. Hanushewsky, Helen Hryciw, Katherine Uhrynchuk, Mary Ewanishan, Olga Kurylo, Pearl Miskiw.

Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Two Hills, 1978. Top row, (L to R) - Mary Spak, Maria Novak, Ina Kachmar, Sadie Romaniuk, Olga Hryniw, Anne Boychuk, Nancy Kitt, Anne Grasiuk, Nancy Cymbaliuk, Katie Chudyk; middle row - Anne Bateyko, Palahia Chmilar, Stella Grabas, Pearl Kitt, Katherine Uhrynchuk, Kay Hnydyk, Doris Hryciw, Cecile Elkow, Katie Tarkowski, Annie Kostelny, Sophie Wolski, Tillie Cymbaliuk; front row - Nancy Tomyn, Emily Skoropadyk, Anne Shybunka, Anne Chrunik, Rev. P. Lytwyn, Vera Lytwyn, Helen Hryciw, Nancy Petasky, Katie Marko, Maria Spachinski.

TWO HILLS UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION LESIA UKRAINKA BRANCH

by Pauline Mulka

The Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association, Lesia Ukrainka Branch, was organized in the fall of 1942. Prior to this time, the Ukrainian women of Two Hills were members of the Sports Club whose objective was to assist with sports and community activities.

At the request of several club members, Mrs. Symchych, wife of Reverend Symchych, Urkainian Orthodox priest at Willingdon, was invited to the October 15, 1942, meeting convened at Mrs. Pearl Dowhaniuk's home, to explain the program and aims of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada. As a result, the Lesia Ukrainka Branch was organized.

Thirty-two ladies joined the Association at this time.

Ukrainian Women's Association, Lesia Ukrainka Branch, Two Hills, 1942. Seated, (L to R) - R. Poohkay, J. Young, K. Myskiw, P. Gerbrandt, S. Hrynyk, E. Ponich, R. Kolisniak, M. Solowan; standing - K. Petasky, R. Bachinsky, R. Dowhaniuk, M. Yuskow, A. Hannochko (Melnyk), M. Boyko (Fuyarchuk), N. Chyzowski, P. Tomyn, M. Solodzuk, T. Leschyshyn; back row - A. Iftody, P. Dowhaniuk, P. Odynski (Kalancha), K. Palamaruk, P. Mulka, T. Shavchook, M. Luciak, O. Hannochko, A. Chrapko. Missing: V. Gorgichuk (Eliuk), A. Slevinski, J. Andriowski, K. Chrustawka, K. Mandiuk.

The first executive included Sophie Hyrnyk, president; Elsie Ponich, vice-president; Pearl Gerbrandt, secretary; and Rose Kolisniak, treasurer. At first the Association's monthly meetings were held at members' homes, and later in the town fire hall. Still later the Ukrainian Orthodox church basement served as a meeting place.

During World War II, the Association directed its efforts towards war projects. It sold war bonds and certificates, assisted with applications and distribution of ration books, donated to the Milk for Britian Fund, the Queen's Fund and the Ukrainian Canadian Relief Fund. Members knitted, sewed, and participated financially in all Red Cross undertakings. Care parcels were mailed to overseas army and airforce boys, for which notes of thanks were received from: T. Demco, F. English, J. English, N. Ferbey, H. Lakusta, O. Meroniuk, L. Morrow, M. Rusnak, R. Samoil, P. Soldan and R. Solowan. The Lesia Ukrainka Branch members also took active part in Civil Defence programs. Olga Chonko was the Association's provinicial representative and Anne Iftody represented the town and district at this time.

From its very beginning, the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association was approached by charitable organizations to canvass for funds for Polio research March of Dimes, mental health projects, Institute for the Blind courses, as well as for the Heart Fund, Red Cross and cancer research. Members also organized and undertook registration for TB X-rays and assisted with blood donor clinics.

The Lesia Ukrainka Branch worked harmoniously with the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church executive members. Prior to 1948, church services were held in the J. Kolisniak - P. Hrynyk hall.

The Association's aim is to preserve the Ukrainian language, religion and traditions. Sunday school and Ukrainian classes were organized and supervised by the club to help meet these goals. Ukrainian school classes, organized in 1947, were held three times a week, with 55 children attending. The first teachers were, Dmytro Podealuk and Helen (Boyko) Petasky.

Sunday School children participated in Christmas and Mother's Day concerts and carolled at Christmastime. Arrangements were also made for visits to Bishop Andrew in Edmonton, tours to the Game Farm, planetarium and Ukrainian drama productions in Edmonton. At the close of each Sunday school year, picnics were held. In 1964, the Association hosted the first Regional Sunday School Conference.

In 1966, a scholarship and plaque was awarded to a student in the Two Hills High School for the highest standing in the Ukrainian language.

The Association also took keen interest in its Ukrainian youth and helped to organize the Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association (CYMK) in Two Hills.

The Provincial executive headquarters of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada was stationed in Two Hills from 1954 to 1956, with Olga Hannochko as president. The Lesia Ukrainka Branch hosted regional conferences of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada and the Dominion and Provincial presidents.

When the Two Hills Hospital was completed in 1947, the members furnished several rooms, and made (and continue to make) generous donations towards the purchase of necessary medical and patient-comfort equipment. Every Christmas, members take gifts to the hospital and nursing home patients. At Easter, blessed food is taken to the nursing home. Many books have been donated to the Alice Melnyk Public Library as well.

To make the foregoing activities possible, the hard-working and generous members catered to banquets, prepared and served Thanksgiving and 'khram' dinners as well as Epiphany suppers. Each year, on Ascension Day, a bake sale and tea is held. Members also convene and help serve pyrohy supper at the annual church bazaars.

In 1952, the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association celebrated its tenth anniversary. At the celebration, the nine and ten-year charter members were honoured. At the twenty-fifth anniversary in 1967, the Association honoured resident 25-year charter members Rosiland Bachinsky, Anne Iftody, Kate Palamaruk, Tillie Shavchook and Mary Solodzuk.

In 1982, the Lesia Ukrainka Branch celebrated its fortieth anniversary. The celebration commenced with Divine Liturgy in the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church followed by a banquet and program in the Centennial Hall. During the program, visiting charter

Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association, 1982 members

members, Pearl Dowhaniuk, Sophie Hrynyk, Pearl Odynski-Kalancha, Kay Myskiw and Tillie Shavchook, were welcomed and honoured. Rosiland Bachinsky, Anne Iftody and Kate Palamaruk were given recognition for their continuous forty-year membership. Resident charter members Mary Boyko-Fuyarchuk, and Mary Solodzuk, who did not have continuous forty-year membership were also acknowledged. The program concluded with the cutting of the anniversary cake.

Over the years the presidents of the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association, who provided guidance and leadership included the following: Sophie Hrynyk, 1942-43; Joanna Young, 1944-46, 1951-52; Pearl Odynski 1947-49, 1958; Elsie Ponich 1950; Rose Kolisniak 1953-1955; Olga Chonko 1956-57; Olga Melnychuk, 1959-60; Mary Cherniwchan 1961-63,1979-80; Anne Iftody 1964-66; Helen Marianych 1967-77; Elizabeth Chomik, 1978-79; Elsie Rybak 1981-85.

Present executive members of the Association are Elsie Rybak, president; Mary Cherniwchan, past president; Anne Iftody, first vice-president; Anne Melnychuk, second vice-president; Pauline Mulka, third vice-president; Kate Mandrusiak, recording secretary; Olga Kachmar, corresponding secretary; and Mary Mandrusiak, treasurer.

The success of the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association, Lesia Ukrainka Branch can be attributed to the dedication, sincerity and harmony of its members. Through their co-operation, generosity and tremendous effort they made many worthwhile contributions to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the community. The Association has left a valuable legacy to Two Hills and district.

TWO HILLS UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

by Victoria Kushniruk

On October 2, 1958, the ladies of the United Church congregation organized under the name of the Two Hills United Church Women's Association.

United Church Women, Two Hills - 1967. Back row - Lillian Boychuk, Mary Alexandra MacDonald, Alberta English, Elsie Pawliuk, Alice Melnyk, Margaret Linklater, Mrs. Martha Albrecht, Margaret Watt; front row - Anne Korol, Naudia Forbes, Esther Fairbairn, Elaine Bureyko, Margaret Gorsline, Victoria Kushniruk.

The elected officers included A. Melnyk, president; M. Ropchan, vice-president; B. McQuade, secretary-treasurer and M. Linklater, card and visiting convenor. Meetings were held on the first Wednesday of every month at the homes of members. However, the November 1961 meeting was held in the newly-built Christian Education Center.

The Women's Association involved itself with money making projects such as teas, bake sales and catering (serving at weddings and banquets). Proceeds from these projects went to equip the kitchen (cupboards, dishes, stove). Ceiling tiles and an organ were also purchased and installed. The projects also aided the general fund of the church and sponsored Sunday School.

On January 1, 1962, the name "Women's Association" was changed to "United Church Women".

At present the U.C.W. is a small group of ladies, supported by members of the congregation. They practise Christian fellowship with dedicated service and hold meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. The U.C.W. carries out the many and varied projects necessary for the support of church and Presbytery.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO THE TWO HILLS GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

by Emily Lypka

Responding to an invitation from Director of Nursing, Brenda Dronyk, 32 ladies in the area met in the Nurses' Lounge in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital on November 4, 1968, for the purpose of considering the organization of a local branch of the Alberta Hospital Auxiliaries Association.

Two members of the Provincial Association—Provincial Treasurer, Mrs. J.M. Singer, and Vice-President, Kay McKenzie - assisted in forming the Two Hills Hospital Auxiliary.

The first executive consisted of President Glenys Hagerman, Vice-President Olga Chonko, Secretary Betty MacLauchlan and Treasurer Margaret Nicholson. In 1969, the 28 members became affiliated with the Provincial Hospital Auxiliaries Association, and the constitution and the governing bylaws were approved by the Two Hills Municipal Hospital Board.

Olga Chonko was elected as president and Pauline Mulka as secretary in 1969. A canteen cart service instituted at this time, promoted friendly visits with patients.

A year later, a mobile canteen cart was presented to the Two Hills Municipal Hospital for auxiliary use by the first Two Hills Boy Scout Troop.

The auxiliary extended its service to the newly constructed Two Hills Eagleview Nursing Home in 1970 and the annual project of presenting the New Year's baby with a collection of gifts was initiated in the same year.

During 1971, the auxiliary made greater efforts to promote good public relations with respect to the hospital. Canada Hospital Day was observed on May 12, 1971, with a bake sale and bingo which became an annual event.

Women's Auxiliary to the Two Hills General Hospital - executive, 1979. (L to R) - Nancy Strilesky, Emily Lypka, Mary Cherniwchan, Elsie Dadensky, and Mary Rybak.

However, the major 1971 auxiliary project was an attempt to raise $1,200. for a three-piece motorized hi-low-bed-unit which was presented to the hospital in 1972.

Ladies of the Auxiliary took active role in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital and area disaster plan exercise, which involved 25 high school students admitted and attended to, at the active treatment hospital.

The Two Hills Auxiliary which is part of the North-East Hospital Regional District, accepted the 1971-1972 executive with Olga Chonko and Pauline Mulka acting as president and secretary-treasurer.

In 1972, Auxiliary members assisted mobile T.B. clinics, and acted as hostesses during the seven-week "Family Workshop Series" which was sponsored by the Two Hills Public Health Nurse. Two years later the Auxilians presented the hospital with a ($5,500.) complete module resuscitation unit.

The Auxiliary continues to organize the Red Cross campaign, decorates Christmas trees, makes up tray favours for the patients in the Nursing Home and the active treatment hospital, and buys bedding flowers to beautify the hospital grounds.

On April 18, 1984, the ladies of the Auxiliary hosted the luncheon at the Centennial Hall following the turning of the sod for the new Health Care Centre.

Presently the Auxiliary consists of 22 members, who continue their volunteer work, and carry out their annual activities of fund-raising for the purchase of hospital equipment.

Women's Auxiliary to the Two Hills General Hospital, 1985. Front row, (L to R) - Sanny Sakaluk, Anne Shybunka, Emily Lypka, Kay Lypka, Katie Palamaruk; back row - Pauline Mulka, Rose Galichowski, Elaine Blad, Kate Mandrusiak, Elsie Rybak, Olga Hryniw, Christine Tymko, Mary Grekul, Mary Kabage, Anne Boychuk, Anne Frankiw. Missing: Mary Cherniwchan, Brenda Tatarin, Helen Craig, Rose Nikiforuk.

TWO HILLS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH

by Joyce Chrunik

The Two Hills Ukrainian Catholic Youth Organization was organized by Joyce Chrunik in 1973.

The purpose of the U.C.Y. Organization, as stated in its constitution, is as follows: "Within the sphere of our Ukrainian Catholic Church, to educate the Ukrainian Catholic youth spiritually, and to prepare them for the Canadian society in which they live." Activities of the organization were to be spiritual, cultural, and social.

When members were young, they were involved in performances such as Mother's Day concerts. These consisted of singing, instrument playing, dancing, recitations and drama productions. All concerts concluded with a lunch prepared and served by the mothers.

As members grew older, the organization began to function according to the constitution which required the members to be 14 years or older. Activities became more numerous and varied. Meetings were held regularly monthly with special sessions when required. Membership consisted of approximately 20 individuals from Two Hills at first; later participants from the New Kiew district were accepted.

The organization undertook to raise funds by sponsoring bingos and other activities. In addition, Two Hills Ukrainian Catholic Parish donated $100. In later years donations were received from the New Kiew Parish and from carolling.

When Father Lytwyn participated in some of the U.C.Y. meetings, members studied the Ukraine, divine liturgy, and Byzantine rite. They also learned about the famous Ukrainian poet, Taras Shevchenko. Discussions on topics of concern as presented by members also took place. Several articles on club activities and spiritual and cultural messages were prepared and printed in the Two Hills County Journal, as well.

At Christmas, the U.C.Y. members decorated the church Christmas tree, bought poinsettias for the church, and carolled for church members, the hospital, the Nursing Home, and for people who requested their carolling.

At Easter the U.C.Y. activities included buying Easter lilies for the church, sponsoring ham bingos, studying the history of the Easter food basket, cross-stitching, decorating pysanky, and baking babky and pasky. For several years the Two Hills U.C.Y. sponsored an Easter egg writing contest in which local, as well as other U.C.Y. organizations participated.

For Mother's Day, the members attended mass and then honoured all mothers with a pancake breakfast or an afternoon tea. All mothers in attendance received corsages.

Two Hills U.C.Y. opened many doors to new friendships with U.C.Y. members in Edmonton, Vegreville, Mundare, and Lamont-Skaro. Because of its determinded and persistent activities the Two Hills U.C.Y. received special recognition in Edmonton. The organization participated in President's Conferences, Eparchial Conventions, and Communion breakfasts. Attendance at other U.C.Y. functions included the:

Myrnam baseball tournament (for which we printed U.C.Y. T-shirts), Vegreville volleyball tournament, Lamont-Skaro curling bonspiel, St. Vladimir's annual supper and dance, St. Josephat's annual curling bonspiel, Beverly annual bowling tournament, and St. Basil's workshops.

In September, 1976, Two Hills U.C.Y. sponsored its first annual softball tournament which continued for five years. This became the highlight event for all U.C.Y. organizations, especially from Edmonton members who looked forward to the country competitions. The two-day affair began with an all-day softball tournament on a Saturday in Two Hills and culminated with a hot dog or pancake lunch in the Ukrainian Catholic Church basement hall. A wiener roast and dance at New Kiew hall, followed. On Sunday morning all participants attended Mass at New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Church. A dinner prepared by the New Kiew mothers, at which the presentation of trophies was made, concluded the weekend.

Other special events that the Two Hills U.C.Y. attended were the Ordination of Bishop Demetrius Greschuk and the banquet in his honour, and a Two Hills U.C.W.L. sponsored Mass and dinner in honour of the 75th Jubilee of the Inauguration of Sisters in Canada. Two Hills U.C.Y. also contributed $41. to the Crippled Children's Fund and shared with the Two Hills U.C.W.L., a trip to the Provincial Museum in Edmonton where Ukrainian crafts were displayed and a program was prepared.

The Two Hills U.C.Y., with assistance from Sister Laura of Mundare, introduced a Canadian Catechism program in February, 1977. Necessary books and materials were supplied by the Two Hills U.C.Y. Several members and interested mothers instructed in the program in which Ukrainian Catholic, Roman Catholic, and Ukrainian Orthodox children participated.

A great honour was bestowed upon the Two Hills U.C.Y. in 1977, at the Winnipeg National Congress: the Two Hills U.C.Y. was presented with a trophy for being the most active U.C.Y. organization in Canada. At this session, Joyce Chrunik was elected National U.C.Y. President for the 1977-1980 term.

Two Hills U.C.Y. with trophy for most active U.C.Y. organization in Canada, 1974-77. Standing, (L to R) - Robert Shybunka, George Chrunik, Ken Kachmar, Teresa Hryciw, Terry Kachmar, Larry Cymbaliuk, Darrell Stelmack; seated - Patricia Hryciw, Marilyn Sorochan, Lydia Lytwyn, Joanne Cymbaliuk, Joyce Chrunik, Janice Pshyk, Christine Lytwyn, Audrey Cymbaliuk, Patricia Shybunka.

TWO HILLS UKRAINIAN DANCERS

by Elsie Choban

Ukrainian dancing dates back to 1914, when it was first organized at St. Josephat's Catholic Church in Edmonton. The first Ukrainian National Dance group was organized by Wasyl Avramenko when he arrived from Kiev, in 1925. In May, 1927, he opened a school in Edmonton. The dancers' early performances were at Victoria Park, Vegreville, Edmonton, Mundare, Smoky Lake, Lamont, Zawale, Bruderheim, Redwater, Egremont, Bellis, Leduc and Calgary. Dancing became more and more popular during the next few years, but waned somewhat during World War 11.

Following World War II, Ukrainian dancing groups in Canadian cities started performing again and continued to flourish during the 1950s. At this time the dance organization started to break away from Avramenko's limited groups and started to develop their own unique indentity. In the latter part of 1959, Chester Kuc formed the Ukrainian Shumka dancers. Shumka burst forth at this time as the only dance club independent of existing organizations.

In 1969, Chester Kuc became affiliated with the Ukrainian National Federation where he formed the Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Cheremosh. Today Shumka and Cheremosh are Alberta's largest dance groups. Approximately 150 groups with 10,000 dancers are now members. In Alberta, alone, there are 105 groups. The dancers perform for enjoyment, promotion of cultural heritage, physical fitness and for travel opportunities.

Ukrainian dancing started in Two Hills in the early 1960s under the capable leadership of Andrew Warwaruk. This first local club was organized by the Two Hills Ukrainain Orthodox Church members who taught Sunday School, featuring yearly concerts to honour mothers on Mother's Day. This yearly concert included recitations, singing and dancing. In May, 1969, the group was named the "Two Hills Orthodox Ukrainian Dancers". In the latter part of the year many other parents of different denominations wanted their children to dance. An open meeting was held and it was decided that all denominations were allowed to enrol. Thus the name of the dancing group was changed to the "Two Hills Ukrainian Dancers."

Dennis Elkow, who dances with the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, was the first instructor. The first practices were in the Centennial Hall and later activities were held in Two Hills High School gym and stage. Presently the cost of the instructional program is $30. per hour and 35¢ per mile for the senior instructor, and $10. for the junior instructors.

Instructors for the dancing program included the following: Dennis and Helen Elkow, Annette Bidniak, Paul Kowal, Shirley Doskoch, Kenneth Kachmar, George Chrunik, Joanne Ternovoy, and Maria Chrunik. Junior instructors were: Charlene Lutic, Cindy Choban, Jamie Dehid, Debbie Kachmar, Vicki Kozmak, Cindy Kulak, and Michelle Moroz.

The first executive of Two Hills Ukrainian Dancing group, formed in 1969 included Wm. Fushtey, president; and secretary-treasurer George Pawliuk. Over the years

the group travelled and performed in the Ukrainian National Festival in Dauphin, Manitoba; Expo '74 Spokane, Washington; Heritage Days and Summer Games Lethbridge; Elk Island Park; and Dominion Day celebrations at the Legislature Buildings in Edmonton.

The 1986 executive consists of Elsie Choban, president; Leona Ewanchuk, secretary; and MaryAnn Pawliuk, treasurer.

Two Hills Ukrainian Dancers, 1984-85. Back row, (L to R) - Lorna Zaparniuk, Michelle Moroz, Mark Ewanchuk, Cindy Kulak, Jamie Dehid, Kimberly Rosychuk, Edwin Ewanchuk, Vicki Kozmak, Cindy Choban, Wanda Yakimchuk, Debbie Kachmar, Grischa Lutzak, Xina Chrapko, Kelly Gorsline; second row - Leanne Marchenko, Melissia Snihur, Jennifer Babiuk, Tanya Pawliuk, Tracey Jewett, Shauna Gorsline, Wanda Hasiuk, Monica Rosychuk, Tammy Boychuk, Shelley Boychuk, Melissia Bidulock, Bonnie Rusnak, Crystal Dowhaluk, Neal Lapaschuk, Terry Kitz, Cory Pawliuk, Kevin Babiuk, Kevin Zaparniuk, Clinton Taranko, Ryan Popowich, Neil Hasiuk, Kelly Soprovich, Anne-Marie Hall, Gayle Tarkowski, Cally Soltys, Candace Taranko, Monique Elkow, Teena Elkow, Christie Sorochan, Tammy Paradis, Paige Kostyniuk, Jennifer Soltys, Heather Tarkowski, Jamie Bezovie, Jamie Lupul, Carlene Soprovich, Tania Kuzio, Cherie Lasek, Olesia Babyn, Frances Tarkowski, Derrick Karpo, Garry Rusnak, Stefan Kolotyluk, Clayton Mandrusiak, Clayton Taranko. (Instructor: George Chrunik). Missing: Corrine Moroz, Kelly Lapaschuk, Jill Barry and Dani Walker.

TWO HILLS 4-H CLUBS

by Jim Soldan

The Two Hills 4-H club was organized in 1961. There were few phones, or good roads in the area then and notices of meetings were circulated through schools. However, community and club spirit was evident and everyone helped one another to get to meetings on time. For the 4-H'ers, this extra activity took much of their time but they found it worthwhile and they were well rewarded on achievement day.

4-H members are young people, usually with a farm background, who work on projects throughout the year, and emerge at the end of the project period with abundant new knowledge, and a real sense of accomplishment. One of the greatest teachings of the 4-H movement is that of, "learn to do by doing". Through 4-H, young adults learn communication skills, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and livestock selection.

Vital to the growth, development, and success of 4-H organization in the area was the hard work of countless parents, the leaders at the local and provincial levels. Bill Dent, District Agriculturalist at the time, and now Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, was instrumental in the success and formation of many 4-H Clubs in the County of Two Hills. Throughout the years, Alberta Agriculture has been a strong supporter of the 4-H movements.

Brosseau Club displaying calves for judging, 1984

Brosseau 4-H members cleaning roadsides, 1985

In the early days of 4-H organizations, club activities were not recognized by school systems even though they complemented school programs.

Much was achieved in the Two Hills community through the 4-H movement. The 4-H Dairy Clubs set forth the pace of the dairy industry by having quality stock introduced on dairy farms. In a program co-ordinated by district agriculturalists, young calves were selected from top producing dairies, for distribution to 4-H members. As each member received his designated calf, a commitment was made to the proper care and growth of the animal. The majority of these animals remained at the farm of the member for many years. Along with their progeny, many are still alive and productive today.

Many of the 4-H activities have presented members with some of the major highlights of their adolescent years. Many members participated in competitions at the provincial level, with some achieving national prominence through such activities as public speaking.

Above all, 4-H involvement provided the opportunity for youth and parents to work together in harmony. Parents provided guidance, and members were allowed to manage their projects on their own, applying scientific knowledge acquired through 4-H involvement. 4-H Clubs have continued to grow and prosper since their inception in 1961.

Two Hills 4-H Beef Club arranging float, circa 1984

RANNACH COMMUNITY PASTURE ASSOCIATION

by John T. Solodzuk

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the Rannach district witnessed the exodus of many of its residents from the community. Because of the nature of the soil and the terrain, farming this submarginal land was not profitable.

Because the abandoned farmland increased, the County of Two Hills became concerned about its eroded tax base. County officials requested the Department of Lands and Forests to take over this land and negotiate grants in lieu of taxes.

In 1955, the Department of Lands and Forests began accumulating land in the Rannach district for the establishment of a Provincial Grazing Reserve. Today, the reserve totals 19,500 acres of land which was developed for grazing through land clearing and grass improvements. Local cattlemen in the County of Two Hills now use these pasture lands for a modest fee.

The need to deal with concerns relating to the Rannach Provincial Grazing Reserve (between the user or patron of the pasture, and the Department of Lands and Forests), led to the establishment of an advisory body which became known as the Rannach Community Pasture Association.

The Rannach Community Pasture Association was first organized through the efforts of Emil Golonowski of Morecambe and Joe Bartoshek of Myranm. A Board of Directors, elected on March 9, 1959, consisted of the following: President - Emil Golonowski, Morecambe; Secretary - Alex Letts, District Agriculturalists; Treasurer - Adam Andriowski, Two Hills; Board Members - Mike Mack, Brosseau; Mike Chapelsky, Beauvallon; E.J. Ahlstrom, Beauvallon.

The Association was incorporated and registered under the Alberta Societies Act, on March 10, 1959. Grazing of the Rannach Provincial Grazing Reserve commenced in May of 1959, with 550 head of cattle belonging to 44 patrons.

Over the years the Rannach Community Pasture Association had to establish policy and guidelines for its operations and deal with lost and injured cattle. In addition, the Association had to settle disputes between patrons and the Departments of Land and Forests. In 1985, in addition to its initial responsibilities, the Rannach Pasture Association covered cattle losses and group accident insurance for its patrons. In the same year, 4084 head of cattle pastured on the Rannach Provincial Grazing Reserve.

The present Board of Directors of the Rannach Community Pasture Association include: President - Steve Serna, Two Hills; Vice-president - George Serna, Two Hills; Secretary-Treasurer - John T. Solodzuk, Two Hills; Board of Directors: Joe Kitz, Innisfree; John B. Dutchak, Clandonald; Steve Plaska, Brosseau; Peter Grykuliak, Myrnam; Metro Eliuk, Two Hills.

Harold Christianson, 1965. Rannach Pasture manager from 1976 to 1980.

TWO HILLS CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LTD.

by Leonard Ferguson

On April 24, 1941, a public meeting was held in the Recreation Hall at Two Hills. It was called by the Board of Directors of the Two Hills Co-op Livestock Shipping Association for the purpose of organizing a Consumers' Co-op Association.

William P. Buk was elected to preside at the meeting. Dan Gamache of St. Paul addressed the gathering and reported on the progress and well-being of the St. Paul Co-op. On a motion by William Humen and William Arychuk it was decided that the Board of the Shipping Association act as a provisional board for the Two Hills Consumers' Co-op Association. It was also decided that the said Board complete the preliminary application to the provincial government for a Co-op charter.

On June 8, 1941, a second general meeting was held with Mr. Dan Gamache again attending. William Halina of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association and also a director addressed this meeting and suggested forming a machinery co-op at the same time. A drive for membership started with 58 pledges which were received at this meeting. M. Florko, P.D. Samoil, and Peter Tymchuk were elected to attend a meeting in Myrnam to initiate a Co-op Implement Association.

At subsequent meetings, chaired by Wm. P. Buk, M. Soldan and Peter Tymchuk, it was decided to sell $10. shares, and by July 26, 1941, a total of 88 pledges were signed.

The first directors elected included P.D. Samoil, William D. Nikiforuk, Peter Tymchuk, Fred Rusnak, J.S. Aucoin, K. Drapaka, William Rosychuk, George Werstiuk, and Mike Florko.

P.D. Samoil was elected president; William D. Nikiforuk, vice-president; and Peter Tymchuk as secretary.

In August, 1941, a store was rented for $30. per month with an option to purchase the building for $1,500. at a later date. It was also agreed to purchase store stock at cost. P.D. Samoil, who resigned as president, was appointed manager at $50. per month. He was replaced as president by J.S. Aucoin. Thus the first Co-op store in Two Hills opened for business on September 10, 1941. Anton Shchurek and Lucy Drapaka were hired as clerks.

Two Hills Co-op Store started business in this building. It was rented from Mrs. Slevinski. Doors opened for business Sept. 10, 1941

By December, 1941, sales reached $7,774.75 and a net profit of $413.48 was reported.

At the first annual meeting held on January 31, 1942, the board was increased to 11 members, with the addition of W.A. Yusep and Nick Wolski. William A. Yusep was elected president; J.S. Aucoin as vice-president; and Peter Tymchuk was chosen secretary.

The manager's salary was set at $50. per month and the meeting also decided to raise a $1000. loan from the membership at a 4% interest rate.

Managers P.D. Samoil's salary was reduced to $40. per month in 1942. However, after a joint meeting with the Co-op Livestock Board, the manager's 1943 salary was raised to $110. per month with the Livestock Shipping Association paying $70. of the total.

A move to new premises on Main Street was made in 1943, and in June and July of the same year, a warehouse was built.

At the December 6, 1944 meeting, board per diem pay was set at $1. per meeting and travel expenses at five cents a mile.

Credit purchase by members was authorized in 1945 and a motion in 1946 approved the operation of an agency for Alberta Poultry Producers Ltd.

In 1948, Maple Leaf Petroleums was approached to install gas pumps and set up a bulk fuel agency for the Co-op.

Another important action was authorized by members in 1951 when it was agreed to join Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association.

Present facilities of Two Hills Co-op, 1985

John Humeniuk was appointed by the A.C.W.A. as manager in 1953, and at the annual meeting on March 3, 1955, George Derkaz was appointed manager. Walter Derkaz was appointed district supervisor for A.C.W.A. at this time and amalgamation of Co-op Wholesales was discussed.

Another change of managers occurred in 1955 with the appointment of Bill Hopchin. A year later, Joe Mulak and Ben Rodnanaski were appointed managers. Jerry Uhryn was to be the new supervisor and District Representative at this time. Still another managerial change occurred in 1957 when Andy Warwaruk was appointed.

In 1961, the association applied for membership in the Federated Co-operatives Limited.

At the general meeting of the Vegreville Co-op Association on June 26, 1968, a resolution regarding union with the Vegreville Co-op was accepted.

Among the Two Hills board members who served in the association to the time of amalgamation with the Vegreville Co-op, are the following:

F. Rusnak	- 4 years	M.D. Samoil	7
J.S. Aucoin	2	Wm. Chorney	.25
K. Drapaka	2	L. Boida	1.5
P. Tymchuk	10	L. Woynarowich	2
W.D. Nikiforuk	15	D. Kereluk	1
P.D. Samoil	8	J.M. Serna	2
Wm. Rosychuk	16	V. Nikiforuk	7
G. Werstiuk	6	J. Archinuk	7
M. Florko	5	N. Werstiuk	2
Wm. A. Yusep	4	N. Skakun	3
N. Wolski	4	P. Galganetz	2
Oscar Kuzio	7	G. Serna	2
S. Snaychuk	3	G. Eglinski	1
P. Sidor	11	J.N. Kisilevich	5
Oliver Kuzio	3	P. Pawluski	2
M.J. Mehalcheon	2	J. Stoski	10
J.D. Hryciw	1	E. Teresio	10
J. Severyn	1	Wm. Boyda	10
R. Bachelet	3	J. Hlewka	5
S. Orleski	7	S. Buk	3
C. Cylurik	7	Marshall Soldan	18
P. Ruptash	4	J. Arychuk	6
M. Soldan	5	P. Soldan	14
S. Hamar	4	H. Skoropad	2
Wm. Serna	4	B. Humen	8
N. Kuzio	4	J. Pilip	3
Wm. Pundick	2		

In 1974, the Co-op purchased the Solo Shopping Centre, and the opening took place on May 9, of the same year.

The following also served as Two Hills Co-op branch managers: Orest Smoliak, 1969; Neil McFadden, 1973; Ed. Hieberling, 1975; Sophie St. Onge, 1978 (incumbent).

THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION, TWO HILLS LOCAL 713

by John T. Solodzuk

The National Farmers Union, Two Hills Local 713, came into existence at its first organizational meeting on February 20, 1970. This meeting was held in the Two Hills Centennial Hall before a capacity assembly of interested farmers. Officers from the National Farmers Union central office who were on hand to give the fledgling organization its initial start were Bob Cheshir, Regional Co-ordinator of St. Paul; Kerr Simmons, National Office Saskatoon; Morris Letourneau, Regional Organizer of Mundare; and Gloria Pechet of the national office in Saskatoon.

The message conveyed to farmers across Canada at this time was to improve their economic environment through collective efforts. Commodity groups could not be members of this organization. Agriculture in Canada was in a recession at this time characterized by depressed farm prices and the idea of a farmers only organization became very popular.

Until this time other farm organizations included commodity groups as members, and created much contention. It was pointed out that although the commodity groups seemed supportive of agriculture, their primary interest did not promote the farmers' welfare.

At the first meeting a provisional executive was elected: Metro Shepansky, president; Victor Nikiforuk, vice-president; Hyliene Verenka, secretary-treasurer; and board members were Elsie Shepansky, William Melnychuk, Eli Antoniuk, and Walter Verenka.

Elected to the executive on charter night on March 10, 1970 were Metro Shepansky, president; Victor Nikiforuk, vice-president; Hyliene Verenka, secretary-treasurer, and Elsie Shepansky, William Melnychuk, and Metro Revega as board members.

In a very short time the membership of this organization soared to 180 members.

Over the years the Two Hills Local No. 713 has been active on the local, regional and national levels. It has sent a delegate each year to the National Convention which is held in various cities throughout Canada. Metro Shepansky, an executive member, has not missed a National Convention in all these years.

Local No. 713 has also sent delegates to Ottawa to lobby the federal government on agricultural policies. The Crow's Nest debate tried to convince the Federal Government to retain preferential tariffs on grain transportation for Western Canada.

On the regional level, members of the Two Hills Local No. 713 have participated in annual agricultural briefs presented before the provincial cabinet. Local No. 713 has also participated in community activities by donating to various community drives.

Members of the Local took part in the legislative sit-ins to draw attention to the depressed economic conditions of agriculture. To a degree they were successful in bringing some commitment from the provincial government to aid the livestock industry.

Another dramatic and significant action of Local No. 713 was their participation in the egg-give-away program in Edmonton which did much to enhance the prestige of the National Farmers Union.

The Local sponsors an annual banquet and dance which is its social event of the year. Recently the Local has introduced drama groups as part of the entertainment. Groups that have performed include the Drama Club from the University of Saskatchewan, and the Athabasca and Manville Drama Clubs.

Because the movement of rural residents away from farms, or because of consolidation, membership in the

National Farmers Union Local No. 713 has been dropping.

The Board of Directors in 1985 included Victor Nikiforuk, president; Metro Shepansky, vice-president; John T. Solodzuk, secretary: Gisselle Weir, treasurer; and Victor Chrapko, Orest Goyan, William Melnychuk, Mike Ripka and Herman Hess as Board Members.

SZYPENITZ RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION

by John T. Solodzuk

On November 17, 1951, John T. Solodzuk inquired into the feasibility of obtaining electric power for his farm.

He was informed that the Social Credit Government of Alberta was in the process of drafting a Rural Electrification Bill whereby all rural residents could obtain power through a co-operative or an association in a designated area. The government would provide three percent financing to individual members. Each member would be required to pay a down payment of 15% of the capital cost to be accepted in the scheme. However, the Rural Electrification Bill was not to be ready until 1952.

After a proper survey was conducted by Canadian Utilities, an organizational meeting was held in the Ispas Hall on January 26, 1954, with the company's representatives Steve Hawrelak and Jim Nichols being present. Elected to the Board of Directors at this meeting were David Kereliuk, president; Peter Pawliuk, vice-president; John T. Solodzuk, secretary-treasurer; and directors Robert Watt, Mike E. Gorgichuk, Leon Moloffe, and George Ruptash. The name "Szypenitz Rural Electrification Association" was chosen and later incorporated under the Societies Act. At this time the Alberta Power Commission chairman, J.G. McGregor, announced that the estimated cost to the farmer would be $1,100. and that the down payment would be 15% or $165.

Because the C.C.F. party advocated rural electrification at no cost to the farmer, it was difficult to obtain commitments. Many heated exchanges occurred and rural electrification became a political football. Meetings were poorly attended, interest waned and the outlook for electrifying Szypenitz Rural appeared dismal.

However, south of Highway No. 45, there were interested candidates for electric power and on April 14, 1955, a meeting was held in the home of John T. Solodzuk to elect a new executive which included John Forbes, president; John Rosichuk, vice-president; and John T. Solodzuk, secretary-treasurer. By the end of 1955, all brushing was completed with an approval by the Alberta Power Commission to proceed with electrification. Construction commenced in the spring of 1956, and was completed in the fall of the same year. Sixteen members enrolled at a cost of $1,060. per tap. The founding members were William Andriowski, George Choban, John Forbes, John E. Gorgichuk, Steve E. Gorgichuk, Victor Grekul, John Orleski, Steve Orleski, Nick Pawliuk, John Rosichuk, Nick Rosichuk, John T. Solodzuk, Robert Watt, Mike Zelez, Andy Gorgichuk and Merton Mehalcheon.

In 1957, a subscribers deposit was reduced to $100. and the 15% requirement was cancelled. This virtually made it possible for every farmstead to obtain electricity. The imposition of a $25. brushing fee raised some tumultuous sessions at meetings but the fee was finally reduced to $5.

Today, after 29 years of operation, the Szypenitz R.E.A. supplies power to 167 rural taps. Costs and needed repairs to the line in 1985, exceeded $65,000.

The present board of directors includes Steve Serna, president, Alec Bezovie, vice-president; George Leonty, secretary-treasurer; and directors Leon Moloffe, Willis Moroz, Walter Eliuk, and Andy Gorgichuk.

THE TWO HILLS WEST MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED

by John T. Solodzuk

The Two Hills West Mutual Telephone Company Limited was established to provide telephone service for the area farmers west of the Town of Two Hills. It was through this area that the Alberta Government Telephones installed a telephone line which was in operation since 1919. In order to become operative, the West Mutual Company had to enter into agreement with Alberta Government Telephones to purchase their spur line which served the hamlet of Kaleland. It was also the responsibility of the company to build lines necessary to serve their customers. Two Hills Mutual could, however, use the existing Alberta Government Telephone line as the main carrier.

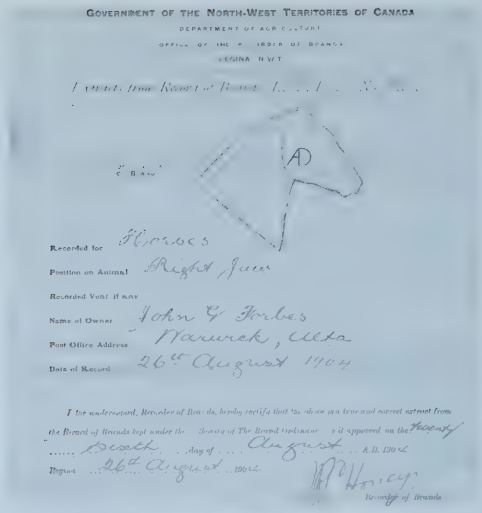
The first organizational meeting of the local telephone company was held at the home of John T. Solodzuk on November 21, 1956, with the following present at the meeting: Andy Gorgichuk, Robert Watt, John E. Gorgichuk, Steve E. Gorgichuk, Merton G. Mehalcheon, George Choban, Peter E. Gorgichuk and J.T. Solodzuk. The official name of Two Hills West Mutual Telephone Company Limited was adopted and a capitalization of $2,250. was arrived at, this amount to be equally divided into 15 shares at $150. each. Elected to offices were Merton G. Mehalcheon, president; John T. Solodzuk, secretary-treasurer; and directors Andy Gorgichuk, George Choban, and Steve E. Gorgichuk.

This company was incorporated with the Registrar of Companies on November 30, 1956. Materials were obtained and the spur line was purchased. In the spring of 1957, all members worked to build the telephone lines.

However, the telephone lines were dismantled in 1968, and materials sold. The last meeting of the Two Hills Mutual Telephone Company Limited was held on December 1, 1968, and the company has passed into history.

Scenes of Yesteryears

Drilling for oil on SW 1-55-13-4th - Two Hills area, 1930



GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES OF CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF BRANDS
REGINA N.W.T.

I extract from Record of Brands

Recorded for Horses
Position on Animal Right Jaw
Recorded Year if any
Name of Owner John G. Forbes
Post Office Address Warnock, Alta.
Date of Record 26th August 1904

I the undersigned, Recorder of Brands, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct extract from the Record of Brands kept under the Brands Act of The Revised Ordinances of the Territories and appeared on the Twenty ..... Second ..... day of ..... August ..... A.D. 1904
Dated ..... 26th August 1904

Recorder of Brands

M. Dehid, N. Wysocki, and R. Kupchanko had a good morning shoot near Plain Lake, 1981. All four Canada's averaged 12 lbs. (trophy calibre).

Mike and Mac Paulichuk and Harry Holinski coming out of coal mine on SE 34-55-11-4th, 1935.

Note - milking competition

Memorial services at Szypenitz Cemetery, 1982

Sports:

Exercise for Mind and Body

Teamwork

It's all very well to have courage and skill
And it's fine to be counted a star,
But the single deed with it's touch of thrill
Doesn't tell the man you are;
For there's no lone hand in the game we play,
We must work to a bigger scheme,
And the thing that counts in the world to-day
Is how do you pull with the Team?
They may sound your praise and call you great,
They may single you out for fame,
But you must work with your running mate
Or you'll never win the game;
Oh, Never the work of life is done
By the men with a selfish dream,
For the Battle is lost or the battle is won
By the Spirit of the Team.

You may think it fine to be praised for skill
But a greater thing to do
Is to set your mind and set your will
On the goal that's just in view,
It's helping your fellowman to score
When his chances hopeless seem;
It's forgetting self till the game is o'er
And fighting for the Team.

Edgar A. Guest

Victoria Kushniruk

History of Sports in Two Hills

by Walter Dowhaniuk and Nestor Hryciw

HOCKEY

One of the most important winter activities in Two Hills area was ice skating on ponds and the Vermilion River. Farmer Onufry Chrapko often allowed ice skating on his pond. Often he scraped the snow off the ice and provided a granary for a change room, much to the delight of young folk.

Young hockey enthusiasts scraped snow and maintained a skating rink on the Vermilion River as well. Skating and shinny hockey on a makeshift rink with iced snow banks was a luxury, indeed, in the early 1930s.

Ambitious children and adults removing snow on the Vermilion River before an open air rink was built in the 1930s

The first hockey and skating facility was built in Two Hills in 1934, thanks to Alec Harasym, Sam Bachinski and John Odynski who erected the rink at the back of the Harasym Garage. The first hockey game was played between Two Hills and Beauvallon teams. First hockey uniforms were gold and black in colour and some shin pads were really Eaton's catalogues.

1937 Hockey Team consisted of following players. Back row, (L to R) - Leo Wirakowski, Stan Porter, Dick Geleta, Sparky Petecki, Bill Odynski, Barnie Wirakowski, Walter Dowhaniuk, and Adam Andriowski.

Dick Geleta, Walter Dowhaniuk, and Bill Odynski helped organize the first Two Hills Hockey Club and served on its executive in the late 1930s.

A carnival was held each fall to raise funds to build and operate the skating rink. Young ladies in the area vied for the honour of being carnival queen by selling tickets. Successful carnival queens over the years included the following: 1937 - Anne Olinyk; 1938 - Anne Olinyk; 1939 - Fay Stanton; 1940 - Catherine Semeniuk; 1941 - Olga Grekul; 1942 - Mary Towpich; 1943 - Josephine Kolisniak; 1944 - Hope Stoski; 1945 - Helen Bandura; 1946 - Rose Buck; 1947 - Evangeline Soldan; 1948 - Marion Hryciw; 1949 - Elizabeth Skoropad; 1950 - Ann Severyn; 1951 - Olga Gorgichuk.

Mayor Dick Geleta crowns Marion Hryciw Hockey Carnival Queen in 1948

A public skating and hockey rink was built in Two Hills in 1935, on the school grounds across from the R.C.M.P. barracks. Popular Mayor Kolisniak allowed the use of the village fire engine to flood the rink. Hockey team members in 1937 included Leo Wirakowski, Stan Porter, Dick Geleta, Sparky Petecki, Bill Odynski, Barnie Wirakowski, Walter Dowhaniuk, and Adam Andriowski.

Two Hills Hockey Team, 1938-39. (L to R) - Mike Tanne, Stephen Andriowski, George Kulka, Steve Petecki, Leo Wirakowsky, Walter Dowhaniuk, Bill Odynski, Peter Andriowski, Stan Porter, Bill Meroniuk, Adam Andriowski, John Molyneux, and Steve Semenchuk.

Two Hills Hockey Team, 1939-40. Back row, (L to R) - Dan Achtem, John Molyneux, Pete Andriowski, Steve Petecki, Michael Tanne, Bill Odynski, Adam Andriowski, Charles Tymchuk; front row - Walter Dowhaniuk, George Kulka, George Skakun, Wm. Meroniuk, and Stanley Porter.

Two Hills Hockey Team, 1940. (L to R) - Mike Tanne, George Kulka, Steve Petecki, Walter Dowhaniuk, Bill Odynski, Pete Andriowski, Bill Meroniuk, Adam Andriowski, Stan Porter, John Molyneux, George Skakun, and Dan Achtem.

In 1940, the hockey club executive was comprised of Mayor John Kolisniak, Honourable President; Mike Tanne, President; Charlie Tymchuk, Secretary; George Kulka, Manager; and Dan Achtem, Coach.

Team members in 1940 included: Mike Tanne, George Kulka, Steve Petecki, Walter Dowhaniuk, Bill Odynski, Peter Andriowski, Bill Meroniuk, Adam Andriowski, Stan Porter, John Molyneux, George Skakun, and Dan Achtem.

R.C.M.P. Constable John Molyneux, a former player with the Montreal Maroons, coached the hockey team for two years and the Two Hills team became the best in Northeast Alberta. During the 1941-42 season it won 14 straight games and completed the season without a single loss. Other prominent and talented players were Bill Odynski, Stan Porter, and Walter Dowhaniuk who helped Vegreville win a provincial championship and Walter Hryciw who played for the Edmonton Waterloo Mercurys.

Two Hills Hockey Team, 1941-42. (L to R) - Mike Kostek, Walter Dowhaniuk, Dick Geleta, Walter Yuskow, Nick Hrynyk, Taras Soldan, Adam Andriowski, John G. Skakun, and M.L. Tanne.

With the war over, the 1945 team members included John Solodzuk, Ernie Solowan, Dick Geleta, Walter Dowhaniuk, Mike Pundick, Nick Olinyk, Bill Skakun, Adam Andriowski, and Walter Ewanishan.

Two Hills Hockey Team, 1945. Front row, (L to R) - Walter Ewanishan, John Solodzuk; middle row - Walter Solodzuk, Ernie Solowan, Dick Geleta, Bill Skakun, Nick Olinyk, Adam Andriowski; back row - Walter Dowhaniuk and Mike Pundick.

Walter Dowhaniuk took over as manager and coach of the team in 1945, and continued to play and coach the Two Hills Eagles hockey team until 1952, when he moved from Two Hills.

Public skating in new open-air rink built in 1946

In 1946, a new open air rink with a semi-enclosed roof and a built-in public shelter (completely circling the entire rink) was built. Now spectators could be sheltered from the winds, cold and snow. Most of the materials for this rink was salvaged from an old elevator.

The 1947 Two Hills hockey team included: Nick Pundick, Orest Mulka, Mike Pundick, Dick Geleta, Walter Solodzuk, Elton Tanne, George Dowhaniuk, Walter Dowhaniuk, Mike Kostek, Bill Meroniuk, Adam Andriowski, Nick Myskiw, Bill Skakun, and Henry Hryciw.

In 1948, a hockey rink and curling rink were built for $600. from an annex that had burst open.

The year 1948-49 was another great season for hockey in Two Hills. Executive members that year included Mike Tanne, president; John Elko, vice-president; Nick Myskiw, secretary-treasurer; and directors, Dick Geleta, P. Shavchook, Steve Mulka, and Mike Kindrake. Walter Dowhaniuk served as manager and coach at this time.

Members of the team at this time included: Mike Kostek, Elton Tanne, Larry Harmata, Nestor Charuk, Adam Andriowski, Bill Skakun, Henry Hryciw, Dick

Goalie Ray Dehid and Nestor Hryciw at practice, circa 1945

Two Hills Eagles Hockey Club, 1947-48. (L to R) - Nick Pundick, Orest Mulka, Mike Pundick, Dick Geleta, Walter Solodzuk, Alton Tanne, George Dowhaniuk, Walter Dowhaniuk, Mike Kostek, Bill Meroniuk, Adam Andriowski, Nick Myskiw, Bill Skakun, and Henry Hryciw.

Walter Hryciw - Two Hills Eagles, 1948

Geleta, Terry Samoil, Walter Dowhaniuk, Walter Hryciw, Nick Ewanishan, Bill Meroniuk, Paul Dadenski, Nick Pundick and Nick Oneschuk.

In 1952, a high school hockey league was formed in the municipal district. The Two Hills team was coached and managed by local teachers. One of the championships was won in 1954-55.

Two Hills High School - School Division Champs, 1954-55. Front row, (L to R) - Ed Svekla, Ron Mulka, Peter Melnychuk, Terry Hunka, Ed Zaharichuk, Nestor Hryciw, Lawrence Tymko; back row - Bill Dushenski (Coach), Raymond Bachinsky, Lorrie Kitt, Donald Fedoruk, Marshall Dehid, Andrew Tarnawski, Jim Shypanski, and Nick Poohkay (Manager).

The Two Hills senior hockey team, through the efforts of talented players as Marshall Dehid, Nick Ewanishan, Nick Pundick, George Pundick, Dr. Joe Lukenchuk, Elton Tanne, Peter Melnychuk, Nestor Hryciw, Bill Meroniuk and Walter Dowhaniuk continued to be a sports force to contend with during the early 1950s.

From 1954 to the early 1960s a number of Two Hills hockey players joined clubs in St. Paul, Vegreville and Falher.

The team, known as the Eagles, participated in numerous tournaments in which they were victorious. In the late 1950s and early 1960s the Eagles, along with the St. Paul Hornets, Vegreville Rangers, Lac La Biche Clippers and Vermilion Tigers formed the Centennial League. During this time the Two Hills team was league champion on at least six occasions.

According to hockey star Marshall Dehid, one of the most exciting playoff tournaments was held in 1953 with Mundare, Redwater, St. Paul and Two Hills participating. In the first game the Two Hills Eagles beat Redwater by 7-5.

The second game between St. Paul and Mundare was really a scoring spree as St. Paul boys racked up a 14-5 victory.

In the finals, the Eagles and the St. Paul Hornets met for the big money.

The Hornets struck fast in the first period, seconds after the game got underway. Richard scored to give the Hornets an early lead; sometime later St. Paul star Bill Skakun lit the light with Uhryn assisting. As yet the Eagles had not replied and Skakun scored again. Then the Eagles soared with Marshall Dehid scoring. After a St. Paul penalty, Marshall Dehid took matters into his own hands, and again tallied with Nestor Hryciw assisting. The period ended 3-2 in favour of the Hornets.

The second frame got underway very quickly with an exhibition of body checking by Uhryn and Foreman. Once again, Two Hills star, Marshall Dehid slammed the puck into the net. Stewart put the Eagles in front for the first time, as he scored for Two Hills on a scramble in front of the St. Paul net. Jaly tied the score 4-4, thus ending the frame at a deadlock.

After two periods both clubs were back at the starting point. However M. Dehid who never seemed to make a mistake scored his fourth goal of the game with his trusty wing Hryciw getting his fourth assist in the third period. Elton Tanne came next to give the Eagles another goal. Then Belzil brightened things up for St. Paul as he scored with Nevau assisting. Lukenchuk of Two Hills retaliated to give the Eagles a 7-5 margin. But St. Paul came back with Uhryn scoring to make the final score 7-6 for Two Hills.

The Two Hills lineup for the 1953 tournament included: goal, N. Pundick; defence, G. Pundick, B. Meroniuk, R. Dehid, J. Foreman, T. Samoil; forwards, M. Dehid, N. Hryciw, J. Lukenchuk, E. Tanne, D. Stewart, S. Sorochuk, P. Melnychuk, W. Chrapko, and N. Olinyk.

St Paul lineup: goal, Ed. Keen; defence, Paradis, Charron, Gauvreau, Laboucone; forwards; Nevau, Belzil, Richard, Uhryn, Skakun, Jaly, Davidson, Sanregret, Delisle. Mike L. Tanne was referee.

In 1967, a new Centennial Arena was built, thanks to a loan made to the local Lions Club by the Chemcell Chemical Plant. Other donations for the rink were made by local clubs and individuals. With the coming of the arena, hockey was reorganized and the Eagles were able to join the Centennial League.

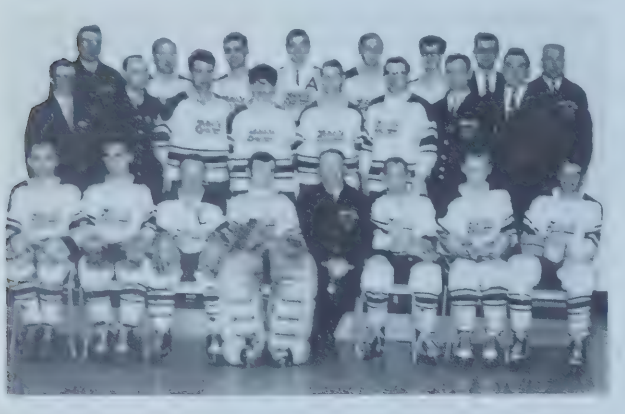
Executive members of the Eagles Hockey team over the years included Peter Orlecki, Raymond Dehid, Wally Ewanishan, Tom Ewanchuk, Metro Shepansky, Gary Gorsline, Nestor Saskiw, Ed Horon, Ed Chibri, Dennis Soprovich, Dan Dochuk, Mike Olinyk, Dennis Tippie, Henry Haag, and Nestor Hryciw.

The Two Hills Eagles have been very competitive over

the years and the following are some of the team's accomplishments:

1970-71	Centennial League Champions
1973-74	Centennial League Champions; Ed Dochuk, Best Goaltender Award; Doug Orlecki, Rookie of the Year; Andy Desaulniers, Most Gentlemanly Player and Top League Scorer; Nestor Hryciw Coach of the Year.
1975-76	Centennial League Champions; Lorne Boschman High Scorer; Ed Dochuk, Best Goaltender; Nestor Hryciw, Coach of the Year.
1976-77	Centennial League Champions; Ed Dochuk, Best Goaltender Award; Tom Kokotailo, Rookie of the Year and Leagues Top Goal Scorer.
1977-78	Centennial League Champions; Lindsay Ewanchuk, Rookie of the Year; Andy Desaulniers, Most Gentlemanly Player; Nestor Hryciw, Coach of the Year.
1979-80	Centennial League Champions; Doug Orlecki Scoring Championship.

With the coming of the Centennial Arena, Minor Hockey was organized in all age groups. In 1982, the Two Hills Pee Wees won the Provincial "C" Championships which was played at Nanton.



Seniors, 1967-68. Front row, (L to R) - N. Ewanishan, R. Yakimchuk, G. Pundick, E. Dochuk, M. Shepansky, N. Hryciw, A. Sayler, C. Campbell; second row - U. Ouellette, W. Ewanishan, J. Archinuk, R. Olynyk, J. Melnychuk, M. Dehid, M. Topolinsky, M. Pawliuk; third row - R. Dehid, E. Pshyk, N. Kereliuk, H. Kassian, D. Bosch, N. MacLean, G. Wakaruk, and G. Gorsline.

Two Hills Eagles, 1970-71 Centennial League Champs. Front row, (L to R) - Don Bosch, George Pundick, Barry Mandrusiak, Ed Dochuk, Nestor Hryciw, Gordon Bodnar; second row - Bill Orlecki, Ned MacLean, Bob Yakimchuk, Marshall Dehid, Metro Shepansky (Manager), Allen Sayler, Bob Burris, Ralph Soldan; third row - Dave Melnychuk, Ron Rudkowsky, Dave Hnydyk, Nick Ewanchuk, Garry Mudryk, Nick Ewanishan, Allan Kupchenko; back row, (executive) - Gary Gorsline, Ed Horon, Peter Orlecki, Tom Ewanchuk, Walter Ewanishan, Raymond Dehid, Nestor Saskiw, and Ed Chibri.

Two Hills Eagles - Centennial League Champs, 1973-74. Back row, (L to R) - Henry Haag, Dennis Tippie, Metro Shepansky, Robert Forbes; third row - Bill Sakaluk, Dave McFee, Tom Ewanchuk, Nestor Saskiw, Dan Dochuk; second row - Lenard Chanasyk, Allen Stefiuk, Randy Langkow, Marshall Dehid, Allan Kupchenko, Doug Orlecki, Ralph Soldan, Rick Ballek, Ernie Pshyk; front row - Bill Orlecki, Bob Yakimchuk, Ed Dochuk, Nestor Hryciw, Neil McFadden, George Pundick, and Andy Desaulniers.
Achievements - 1973-74 Alberta Centennial Hockey League Champs: Ed Dochuk - Best Goal Tender Award; Doug Orlecki - Rookie of the Year; Nestor Hryciw - Coach of the Year; Andy Desaulniers - Most Gentlemanly Player and Top League Scorer.

Two Hills Eagles - Alberta Centennial League Champs, 1975-76. Front row, (L to R) - Wayne Sayler, Bob Yakimchuk, Ken Lypka, Ed Dochuk, Nestor Hryciw, Allen Sayler; second row - Barry McDonald, Lorne Boschman, Terry Stefiuk, Gary Pundick, Allan Kupchenko, Richard Robinson, Bill Orlecki; third row - Bill J. Hryciw, Dennis Romanchuk, Lindsay Ewanchuk, Art Lypka, Roy Kassian, Don Benkie, Jerry Taschuk; back row - Dennis Tippie, Metro Shepansky, Dan Dochuk, Tom Ewanchuk, Nestor Saskiw, and Mike Olinyk. Missing - Andy Desaulniers.
1975-76 Alberta Centennial League Champs: Lorne Boschman - League High Scorer; Ed Dochuk - League Best Goal Tender.

Two Hills Eagles - Centennial League Champs, 1976-77. Back row, (L to R) - Marshall Elkow, Allen Sayler, Terry Stefiuk, Jamie Thompson, Allen Stefiuk, Randy Langkow, Reg Lavallee, Dennis Romanchuk, Bob Yakimchuk, Nestor Saskiw; front row - Dan Dochuk, Tom Ewanchuk, Allan Kupchenko, Andy Desaulniers, Tom Kokotailo, Ed Dochuk, Nestor Hryciw, Bill Orlecki, Wayne Sayler, Mike Olinyk, and Metro Shepansky.
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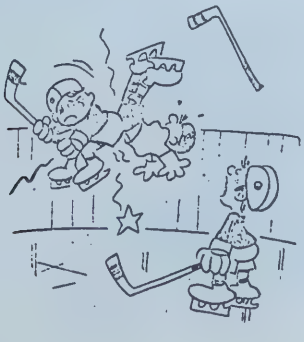


Two Hills Eagles - 1977-78. Back row, (L to R) - Allen Sayler, Clarence Kolisniak, Terry Stefiuk, Gary Pundick, Lindsay Ewanchuk, Allen Stefiuk, Dale Campbell, Randy Langkow, Richard Robinson; front row - Ed Dochuk, Bob Yakimchuk, Andy Desaulniers, Nestor Hryciw, Bill Orlecki, Wayne Sayler, and Louis Romanchuk.
Achievements - 1977-78: Lindsay Ewanchuk - Rookie of the Year; Andy Desaulniers - Most Sportsmanlike Player; Nestor Hryciw - Coach of the Year.

Two Hills Eagles - 1979-80. Back row, (L to R) - Nestor Saskiw, Metro Shepansky, Terry Stefiuk, Andy Desaulniers, Ron Marcichiw, Tom Ewanchuk, Reg Lavallee, Darrell Kuzio, Dennis Soprovich, Pat Gordeyko, Dan Dochuk, Allen Stefiuk, Robert Kutash, Allen Sayler, Gary Pundick, Brian Zayak, Allen Zaparniuk, Mike Olinyk; front row - Ed Dochuk, Harvey Kuzio, Wayne Sayler, Doug Orlecki, Nestor Hryciw, Kevin Lyzaniuk, Bill Orlecki, and Grant Kutash.
Award - 1979-80: Doug Orlecki - Scoring Champion.

Two Hills Pee Wees - Provincial Champs, 1982. Front row, (L to R) - Ron Hartle, Steven Oxtoby, Russell Eliuk, Steven Pauk, Brad Werenka, David Hohol; second row - Dean Strome, Rodney Marcichiw, Kevin Kassian, Wade Gushnowski, Grischa Lutzak, Chad Maciborski; back row - Ed Gushnowski (Trainer), Dale Strome (Manager), and Ron Bazylo (Coach).

Two Hills Elementary School Hockey Team, 1948-49. (L to R) - R. Mulka, G. Chrapko, R. Shepticki, B. Boida, G. Pundick, M. Dehid, N. Hryciw, L. Samoil. Missing: Raymond Dehid (Goalie).

Two Hills Eagles Hockey Club, 1949-50. Back row, (L to R) - Dick Geleta (Manager), Henry Hryciw, Walter Hryciw, Nick Ewanishan, Todd Hawryluk, Nestor Charuk, Terry Samoil, Marshall Woytiw, Walter Dowhaniuk, John Elko (Secretary-Treasurer), M.L. Tanne (Coach); front row - Alton Tanne, Lawrence Harmata, Nick Oneschuk, George Dowhaniuk, Jerry Hawryluk, Van Novakowski, and Paul Dadensky (Spare Goalie).

This trio known as the Two Hills line from early 50s to late 70s. (L to R) - George Pundick, Marshall Dehid, and Nestor Hryciw.

SUMMER SPORTS

Summer recreation in the Two Hills district included baseball, softball, horseshoe games, and other athletic activities in the communities and villages.

The first baseball team in Two Hills was organized by pitcher Harold Cundal in 1929. Along with C. Bissett, catcher, they formed the nucleus of the team. Some other members were the Andriowski brothers, H. Copeland, and John Tkachuk. Later the Lupul brothers strengthened the team.

Two Hill's first Sports Day was organized in 1936 by Alec Harasym and Sam Bachinski. Highlights included the arrival of a small plane and parachute jumper who used Dowhaniuk's farm and R.C. Fife's field for his jumping exploits.

Baseball teams of the 1940s included players Mike Kindrake, Nick Myskiw, Fred Hannochko, Mike Tanne, Dick Geleta, Bill Odynski, Walter Dowhaniuk, Adam and Peter Andriowski, Tom Demko, Elvyn Woynerovich, John and Bill Skakun, Nick Choban, the Pundick brothers, Steve Gorgichuk, as well as others.

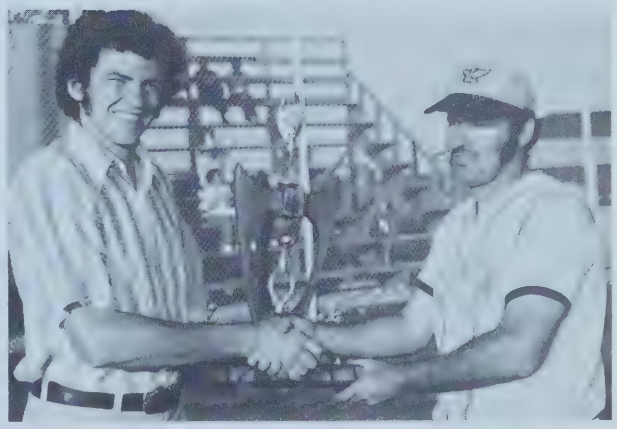
Mike Kindrake contributed much to the baseball scene in Two Hills as a player and later as a coach and manager for many years. Mike Tanne and Peter Shavchook who were regarded as the best umpires in the district also contributed to the baseball activities.

Two Hills Baseball Team, 1941. Back row, (L to R) - Bill Odynski, Adam Andriowski, Tom Demko, Stan Porter, Bill Petruk; front row - M. Petruk, Walter Dowhaniuk, Walter Ewanishan, and Dick Geleta.

Two Hills High School Softball Team, 1946-47. Back row, (L to R) - Ernest Skakun, Steve Gorgichuk, Joe Gretzan, Mike Pundick, Chris Arychuk; middle row - Nick Miskiw, Oliver Kuzio, Bill Zeniuk, Walter Solodzuk, Mike Toma; front row - Metro Marchak, Bill Skakun, Nick Pundick.

Two Hills Little League Team, 1959. Bat boy - Kenny Stoski. Front row, (L to R) - David Samoil, David Melnychuk, Johnny Stoski, Billy Elko, Terry Danchuk, Leslie Zaharichuk; second row - Orest Babiuk, Leonard Shwed, Larry Melnychuk, Dennis Elko, Orest Yuzda, Terry Zalaski, Louis Petecki; third row, (Coaches) - Nick Stoski, Joe Lukenchuk, and John Elko.

Two Hills Junior High School Softball Team, circa 1943. Front row, (L to R) - Ernie Solowan, Walter Solodzuk; back row - Wm. Gegolick, Larry Ewanishan, Steve Dronyk, Bill Cymbaliuk, Mike Pundick, Steve Serna, Metro Marchak, Pete Chrapko, and Oliver Kuzio.



Two Hills Eagles win Chamber of Commerce Baseball Tournament in 1949. Molson's Representative, Hugo Sorenson presents Championship Trophy to playing coach - Ron Kupchanko.

TENNIS CLUB

In 1941, the Two Hills Ladies' Sports club built the first tennis court, across from the hotel on the C.P.R. property. Mrs. A. Harasym served as president, and Mrs. Steve Yuskow as vice-president at this time, along with Mrs. Frank Petaski, secretary, and Mrs. Peter Hrynyk and Mrs. J. Kolisniak as directors.

Among some of the best tennis players in Two Hills were Rose and Nicholas Poohkay, the latter a provincial champion in the 1940s.

BOXING

Boxing was a popular sport in the Two Hills district as early at the 1930s when Alex Kabage was in his prime as a pugilist of some note in Alberta. Later, prominence was gained by George Verenka, a heavyweight with an enviable knockout record. In one unfortunate incident at a boxing tournament at Two Hills in the 1940s, George Cyclone Taylor died in a bout with Verenka. Other boxers who often participated in the manly art of self defence were Tom Doschiwnek of the Ispas area, the Hohol brothers (John, Albert and Dave), Peter Andriowski, Bill Meroniuk, Fred Verenka, Victor Luciak and the Cryer brothers of Saddle Lake.

Two Hills principal Jack Loughlin, along with Sandy Ferguson did much to stimulate boxing in the Two Hills district.

TEN ROUND BOXING BOUT

JIMMY CAMERON vs ALEX KABAGE
TWO HILLS
SATURDAY, MAY 17 AT 8:30

Ring-side Seats $1.50 Plus Tax

His record:

Versus D[illegible] Kid ..... KO in 1st round
vs Tug Wilson (Drumheller) ..... KO in 8th round
vs Frank Makotah, in St. Paul ..... unanimous decision
vs Benny Tate ..... decision
vs Spike Bulger in Vegreville ..... unanimous decision
vs Jimmy Cameron (Edmonton) in Two Hills ..... decision
vs Northwest Kid ..... KO in 4th round
vs Dodging Kid (Calgary) ..... KO in 2nd round
Bill Haperoft was the trainer

Alex Kabage - Boxing Record, circa 1930

Two Hills Boxer, John Hohol, circa 1940

TWO HILLS FIGHT ENDS IN TRAGEDY

May 28, 1940

A most unfortunate thing happened at Two Hills on Friday night, May 23rd when "Cyclone" Fred Taylor, a colored boxer whose home is at Gibbons, Alberta, was knocked out in the eighth round of a match with George Verenka of St. Paul. He collapsed in the ring; was given prompt first-aid attention, then brought to Vegreville and taken to the University Hospital, Edmonton, for treatment, but died in the ambulance entrance to the hospital, before anything could be done for him. It was a very unhappy ending to what had been a pleasant evening, (so far as boxing is ever pleasant). Taylor was about 22 years of age.

Reports of the match indicate that Taylor had the best of it up until the eighth round, when Verenka got to him with a couple of hard raps to the head, one of which was apparently the lethal blow. He staggered to his corner and sat down. While the referee, Alex Kabidge, of Brosseau, was awarding the fight to Verenka on a technical knock-out, Taylor tried to rise from his corner, but fell on his face, unconscious, and never recovered. The R.C.M.P. took charge. Dr. Shandro was called and advised prompt removal to the hospital.

So far as the Observer's information goes, the fight, up to the eighth round, had been a clever exhibition of boxing by both men, with Taylor leading in points. There was nothing whatsoever in the nature of foul punches.

George Verenka, whom the Observer knows very well, has nothing of the "killer" in his nature. His reputation as a boxer is perfectly clean and the outcome of this affair is more horrifying to George than to any others interested. He would sooner lose all his matches than to have such a thing occur. George La Rue of the St. Paul Journal, promoted the event and he, too, is upset by the unhappy outcome.

It is expected that an inquest will be held.

Vegreville Observer

TWO HILLS CURLING CLUB

by William P. Buk and Randy W. Poloway

In 1948, the citizens of Two Hills decided to build a curling rink. A general meeting was called and the following executive was elected: President, John Frinskie; Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Ponich; Board of Directors - Dr. Winnitoy, Sam Wilinski, Everette Lindsay, Mike Tanne and William P. Buk.

A 40,000 bushel grain annex was purchased from the Alberta Wheat Pool for lumber. Because there was no money in the treasury, each executive member borrowed what he could to pay for the $600. annex.

At another general meeting, it was decided that the annex be dismantled with the aid of volunteer labor. Work started next day with the assistance of high school students, hockey players and prospective curlers. Within two weeks the building was dismantled and all lumber was ready for construction of the new rink. Its location was to be the southwest corner of the elementary school grounds.

John Stoski and Matt Hnydyk were hired as carpenters at 50¢ per hour. Other labor was to be on a volunteer basis. By the end of October, 1948, a two-sheet curling rink was completed.

First Two Hills curling rink completed in 1948

Shortly after the completion of the rink, the Curling Club held a two-day carnival in conjunction with the Two Hills Hockey Club. The first $1000. to be raised would be for the Hockey Club and the remainder would be for the Curling Club. As a result, the Curling Club had a start of $1200. in its treasury.

After President John Frinskie's retirement, Fred Hannochko was elected to head the club.

Curling rocks were purchased from the Edmonton curling rinks at $30. a pair, and curling started with 12 men's rinks and 4 ladies rinks in November, 1948. Among the original ladies curlers were Jean Antoniuk, Mary Buk, Ann Chrapko, Mrs. Cunningham, Kay Ewanchuk, Lena Geleta, Ann Hnydyk, Sophie Hunka, Helen Hryciw, Elsie Ponich, Mary Ropchan, Tilley Shavchook, Hope Stoski, Anna Toma, Rose Wilinski and Joanna Young.

In January 1949, the first Men's Open Bonspiel was held. Because the first drawmaster was not familiar with his task, the President's rink started to curl Thursday at 8:00 p.m. The team curled three games back-to-back and came off the ice 7 1/2 hours later and out of the spiel.

At first, water for the ice was drawn from a well near the rink. This water contained much alkali and was prone to cracking. To solve this problem, ice was hauled by truck from the North Saskatchewan River, melted in a cattle stock tank and poured on top of the local ice. This seemed to improve the surface and made it much keener.

After a few years, it was confirmed that the rink was in a poor location as the land sloped southward. In mild winters snow would melt and all the runoff from the schoolyard would flood the rink creating impossible conditions. For several seasons curling ended early in March.

Unable to accommodate all the new curlers, the Club decided, in 1962, that a new rink be constructed. A new land location was selected and a new three-sheet rink was built on the sports grounds in the southwest corner of town. A membership fee of $100. per curler was levied to finance the cost of the new building. By fall, a new three-sheet curling rink (equipped with matched rocks) was completed.

A new three-sheet curling rink was constructed in 1962

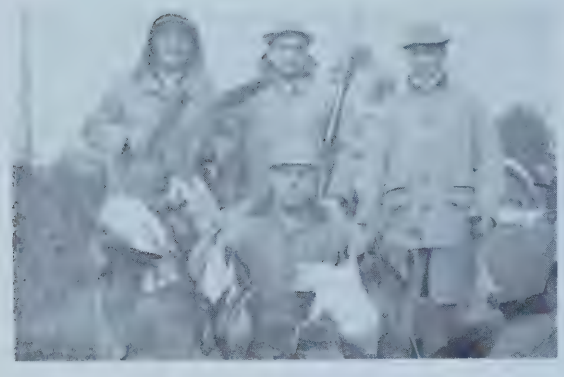
Two years later, President Peter Shavchook called a general meeting to discuss the feasibility of installing artificial ice. Each member contributed $50. towards the purchase of an ice making machine and by October, artificial ice was a reality.

Currently the Two Hills Curling Club Executive consists of President Dennis Soprovich; Vice-President, Randy Poloway; Secretary, Sherry Hanson; Treasurer, Walter Kulak; and representatives Marge Dmytriw, Emily Lypka, Lilian Fesciuc, Ethyl Albrecht, Walter Hladunewich, Gary Lofthaug, Ray Paradis, Garry Laschowski and Walter Eliuk.

Support of local sponsors has made the Two Hills Curling Club one of the most successful in the community.

A special thanks must also go to all those individual club members who have volunteered much of their spare time so that curling may continue to flourish in our community.

Hunters, Trappers and Fishermen



Goose Hunt in Two Hills. Standing - Steve Choban, Peter Orlecki, Nestor Hryciw; kneeling - A. Strilesky, 1970

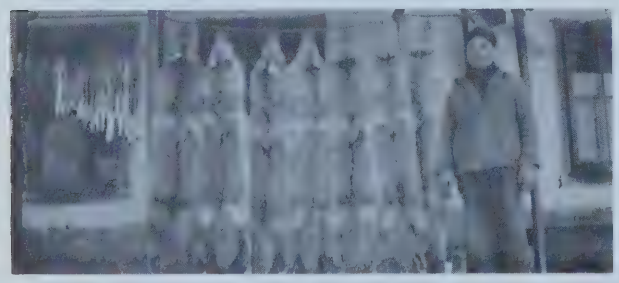
Andy Gorgichuk bags his limit of geese at Vermilion Lakes, 1980

A crane hunt, circa 1930. Bill Datzuk, John Mandryk, Adam Eliuk, Bill Eliuk.

500-lb. black bear shot by George English, 1951

Tom Hench, Tommy and Sam English, Alfred Booher, Charles Ahlstrom, Joe Volk and Clarence Ahlstrom show off their whoppers from their annual fishing trip, circa 1950.

Two generations of fishermen - Allison, Dan (Grandfather Gorgichuk) and Nelson Boychuk, circa 1970



H. Hryniw and fur pelts, 1936

Our Youth in Action

Two Hills youngsters pose in $1.25 cowboy outfits, 1936. (L to R) - Alex Dowhey, Nick Hrynyk, Billy Stanton, Walter Yuskow, Mike Kostek, George Petecki, Ernest Solowan.

Two Hills figure skaters of the future, 1980. Front row - Sandra Carpentier, Wanda Yakimchuk; back row - Debbie Gorsline, Elizabeth Tyler, Janet Craig, Judy Pshyk, Michelle Lypka, Margaret Rudyk.

1980 Ice Show - Senior Program Skaters "Marching Number." Bottom row, (L to R) - Elizabeth Tyler, Michelle Lypka, Margaret Rudyk, Janet Craig, Debbie Gorsline, Stacey Carpentier, Judy Pshyk, Colleen Ewanchuk, Jackie Hryciw, Sharon Ewanchuk, Maureen Kushniruk, Lori Kushniruk; front row - Sandra Carpentier, Wanda Yakimchuk.

Dennis and Halyna Elkow were prominent in dance instruction in the Two Hills district, 1982

4-H Achievement Day, 1984

Cadets - Nov. 11, 1976. Claus and Joachim Gorgichuk as flag bearers.

Music and Merriment

Geleta's Orchestra, 1940. (L to R) - Walter Mandrusiak, Dick Geleta, Irene Porter, Nick and Steven Mandrusiak.

Rhumba Kings, (L to R) - Roy Ferguson, Lanny Buk, Boris Humen, Bill Zurawell, circa 1960

Berezan's Orchestra, (L to R) - John Bileski, John Berezan, Oscar Kuzio, Mike Bileski, and Boris Humen

The Frankiw boys, circa 1950. (L to R) - Peter, Paul, and Eli.

Moose District Orchestra, 1942. (L to R) - John Ostashek, George Kelba, Lena Kelba, and George Olinyk.

Wedding Orchestra, circa 1935. (L to R) - Peter Kachmar, John Golinowski, and Walter Kitt.

Family Histories

ADAMOWSKI, Karol and Rosie (nee Adamowski)

by Frank Adamowski

Karol was born on August 10, 1871, of Kazhik Adamowski and Teresa (Smerechinski) in the Village of Lanivci in the County of Borshchiv, Province of Galicia. Galicia was then occupied by Austria.

They sailed out of Hamburg, Germany, aboard a steamship and arrived in Halifax on May 2, 1902. The voyage took 14 days. Together, with his wife Maria (nee Deptuch), his mother and two sons, Anton age four and Wladyslaw age one, they came by rail to Strathcona where they were picked up by a Senuik family and transported to Krakow, near Hilliard. They settled there briefly on a quarter of land that he purchased for $3. per acre but because of scarcity of building logs and rocks for a foundation and the presence of a lake, he soon sold this land.

Karol bought his first homestead (SW 30-53-12-W4th) at Plain Lake for $10. On it, he built a one-room log house and moved in with his family in 1903. The only people he knew then were Sam English and men named Gresuik and Hammer. Later, as more settlers arrived, he made many trips to Edmonton for groceries, as he already had a wagon and a pair of horses. The site, where the MacDonald hotel is located now, was once a market square for horses. Karol recalled being able to walk down to the brewery and buy a pail of beer for 25¢.

Karol's mother died in 1905, and was buried in the Plain Lake Cemetery. Later in 1907, he helped to build the first Plain Lake Church which, in 1926-1927, was replaced by a bigger church.

In 1909, Karol bought another quarter of land (NW 19-53-12-W4th). In 1910, it was decided to build a school on this land. Peter Svarich was hired as secretary for $30. a year. The school was built by Yeremy Yanishewski for $800., labour and lumber included. The school was named Krasne. A year later a teacherage was built for $300. by the same carpenter.

Karol's tenure as Plain Lake postmaster started February 15, 1913, and ended with his resignation on May 9, 1925.

Karol Adamowski, 90 years old, with his wife, Rosalia, circa 1961

In 1915, together with Wawrzyk Najdziak they started building the first Roman Catholic Church at New Kiew which was completed in 1918. A bigger church was built by Steve Semotuik in 1946-1947.

In 1916, Karol built a new home for $1,400. Spruce lumber was then $4. per thousand and fir was $6. per thousand.

This house was built by Karol Adamowski in 1916, for $1,400.

Karol Adamowski had another son, Adolph, born in Canada in 1903. His wife and son Wladyslaw, died of the flu in 1917. On February 2, 1918, he was married by Fr. Syllia to Rosie Adamowski (a coincidence) at the Roman Catholic Church at Krakow, Hilliard.

Prior to the Great Depression, he bought another two parcels of land. He bought his first threshing outfit in 1921. In 1923, Karol bought a new thresher, in 1926, a new Model T Ford, and in 1927, a new 15-30 McCormick-Deering tractor.

Through his second marriage, they had 7 children: Annie, Frank, Wladyslaw, Josephine, Angeline, Mike and Helen.

While on the farm, Karol was also a blacksmith and a carpenter. He was well known as a medicine-man.

Karol retired at 76 years and moved to Two Hills in 1947.

He died on October 18, 1963, at the age of 92 years and two months and was buried at the New Kiew Roman Catholic Cemetery.

ADAMOSKI, Adolph and Katherine

Adolph Adamoski, the son of Karol and Maria (nee Deptuch) was born on October 18, 1903. In the farming community of Plain Lake, he remembers his childhood days, growing up with his brothers Tony and Walter.

In 1912, at the age of nine, Adolph was fortunate to begin his education at Krasne School which was a half mile from the Adamoski farm. Adolph and Helen Lazowski were the very first students of that classroom. Adolph remembers the teachers being very strict. One of his first teachers was a Mr. Wittacker. It wasn't uncommon to spend a lot of time sitting in the corner for the smallest reason. Unlike the school system of today, the students attended classes from spring until the end of

December and not necessarily on a regular basis. During the summer months Adolph was needed to harvest the fields; schooling came after the work was completed. After five years of schooling, he completed Grade VIII. At the end of the school year, in December, 1917, the first Christmas concert was held at Krasne School.

Adolph recalls the hard work on the farm along with other activities. One which he enjoyed was trapping muskrats in the fall of the year for a dollar a pelt. Later he was able to learn to be a blacksmith and also a mechanic after his father purchased their first vehicle, a 1926 Model 'T'. On many occasions, Adolph "borrowed" the car to attend dances at Plain Lake and New Kiew.

At the age of 20, Adolph taught himself how to play the organ. On Sundays the Adamoski family attended Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church where Adolph continued to play the organ until 1940. Frank Adamoski took over Adolph's role and plays the church organ to this day.

In 1928, Adolph inherited 158 acres from his father. This farm was located one-half mile from his father's home and directly across the road from Krasne School. On this land, Adolph built a house by himself. On many journeys to the Mundare district he visited his first cousin, Anton Kachurowski. Cousin Anton's wife had many sisters, one of whom was a young lady named Katherine, to whom Adolph was attracted.

Katherine, the daughter of Jacob and Francis Tchorowski, was born on January 15, 1912. She attended Swit School in the farming community of Krakow. After completing school, Katherine worked for various people to help the family financially.

On August 14, 1930, Adolph and Katherine were married in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Mundare by Rev. Rosiecki. Attending the bride were Carrie Kachurowski, Mary Dzwienka, and Olga Goshko. The groom's bestmen were Russell Goshko, Kazhik Strychaluk and John Korbel. Following the ceremony, family and neighbors gathered at the home of the bride's mother to celebrate the wedding.

The happy couple was chauffered next day by Kazhik Strychaluk in his 1928 Chrysler to their new home. The following day Adolph and Katherine hitched horses to the binder and proceeded to cut grain. They remember the good times and good neighbors; travelling back and forth by horses to visit, play cards, and help each other.

On Adolph's birthday, October 18, 1931, their first son Stanley was born. Stan attended Krasne School. His teachers were William and Marie Chernecki. At that time Adolph was both secretary and treasurer of the school board.

After fourteen years, Adolph and Kay moved to Two Hills where he became a carpenter. In 1945, the Adamoski family embarked on a new business venture in partnership with Paul and Ann Kondratiuk in a meat and grocery store. They sold the store a year later to Nick and Walter Chicklowski. Adolph then drove a school bus and did carpentry work.

Their daughter Betty was born on August 16, 1946.

While Stan was continuing his education in Two Hills, Adolph was working in town and farming; but tragedy struck when their crop was completely hailed out. The family then moved to Vancouver in August of 1947, where Adolph worked as a maintenance man in a paper factory. After 22 months the Adamoskis were back in Two Hills as the new owners of the "Java Inn". The business prospered for the next three years, but became too much for Adolph and Kay. Following a large farewell party by their many friends and relatives in the town hall, the Adamoski family moved to Edmonton,

Stan married Marie Ross in 1955. They have four children: Ron, Michael, Susan and Terry. With a prosperous business of his own, Stan and his family still reside in Edmonton.

Upon completion of her education, Betty worked for the government where she met and married Robert Wackenhut. They have three children: Bonnie, and twin boys Brett and Bradley.

After 53 years of memories together, Adolph and Katherine are enjoying their children and grandchildren while living in their own home in Edmonton.

ADAMOWSKI, Frank

I was born on February 2, 1922, on a farm just eight miles south of what is now Two Hills, the son of Karol and Rosie Adamowski.

Growing up was no picnic for me as I was the oldest son and dad was already in his sixties. Just as I had started my Grade VIII and turned 15, I had to leave school and take over farming. Dad retired and moved to town in 1947, and I had to look for other sources of income just to make ends meet.

In 1953, I moved to town and worked part-time for Nick Kitz as a carpenter while farming at the same time. In 1957, I rented out the farm and went to work for Western Chemicals. I worked in the chemical industry for 15 years and 2 months, until the doctor told me to leave this employment.

I worked for a short time for Larry's Produce and then went to work for the County of Two Hills in 1975. We sprayed weeds with chemicals and seeded roadsides to grass.

A total of 23 years working with chemicals—isn't that enough? I also worked a few winters in the ice arena.

Now that I am 62, I am leaving it up to the younger generation. Maybe I should start travelling. What do you think?

ADAMOWSKI, Wlady and Annie (nee Nowosad)

I was born in the Plain Lake district on May 15, 1923. I lived on the farm and went to Krasne School, where I completed my Grade VIII. After working on the farm for my dad until 1948, I moved to the Town of Two Hills, and bought a draying business which I operated for three years. Upon selling my business, I got a job with Alberta Transportation in 1952.

In 1966, I married Annie Nowosad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nowosad of Derwent. We have two

chosen daughters: Marlene was born in 1968, and Charlene in 1970.

After working for the government for 30 years, I am now semi-retired and live in Two Hills.

Wlady, Charlene, Annie and Marlene Adamowski, 1983

AHLSTROM, Charles Magnus and Annie

submitted by Edwin James and Carl Fredrick Ahlstrom (grandsons)

Charles Magnus Ahlstrom, accompanied by his two eldest sons, Carl Melvin and Clarence Arthur, came from Grove City, Minnesota, U.S.A. in 1902, and settled in the Ben's Lake district, about two miles south and four miles west of the present site of the Town of Two Hills. A year later, they were joined by Oscar Franklin, another son, who was about two years younger than Clarence. At that time, settlers were few and far between, but in a matter of two or three years, all homesteads were taken up, and log shacks or sod huts were constructed to accommodate the many newcomers, many of whom had come to the "New World" from Europe; but also a large number who came to Canada from the U.S.A.

Charles Magnus was born on August 8, 1859, at Chicago Lake, near Center City, about 40 miles north-north east of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. His parents, Anders Magnus and Stena Kajsa Ahlstrom had come from Alghult, Sweden, in 1853. Charles Magnus often told the story of his parents' coming to North America from Sweden by sailing ship, relating that it took about six months to cross the Atlantic Ocean, with half of the passengers dying on the journey for lack of drinking water.

On May 27, 1882, Charles Magnus Ahlstrom was married to Mary C. Peterson, and to this union were born a daughter, Stacie Elizabeth on May 24, 1883, and four sons: Carl Melvin on July 14, 1885; Clarence Arthur on March 27, 1888; Oscar Franklin on August 2, 1890; and Edwin E. on December 29, 1892. Mary C. Ahlstrom died in 1895, leaving a young family and a very disheartened widower, Charles Magnus. They had farmed in Meeker County, near Grove City, Minnesota for a number of years. In 1902, Charles Magnus, being adventurous and interested in farming and fur-buying, decided to migrate to Canada, to what was then the North West Territories, later to be proclaimed the Province of Alberta in 1905. He brought with him his family, with the exception of his youngest son Edwin E., who was raised by an uncle following the death of Mary C. Alhstrom. Unfortunately, Edwin E. Alhstrom died on February 16, 1916, of pneumonia, and is buried at Grove City, Minnesota.

On February 26, 1903, Charles Magnus made application for Homestead Entry on SW-22-54-13-W4th, and it was on this land that he built a 14 by 15 foot log cabin in May, 1903. He broke one acre in 1903, ten acres in 1904, and seven acres in 1905. He also built a small log stable and a lumber granary, put up one and a half miles of fencing and dug a well. He and his three sons resided on the property. By July 6, 1906, Charles had complied with the provisions of the law required to be conformed to, in order to entitle him to receive a Patent for such Homestead. He acquired his title shortly thereafter. The log shack served as "Home" until 1914. Remarrying about 1910, he built a small but very comfortable two-

Charles Magnus and Annie Ahlstrom, circa 1920

story house that was their home until the farm was sold in 1945 to a neighbor, Mike Dadensky. The Ahlstroms then retired to "town-living" in Vegreville.

As early as 1906, by which time Melvin and Clarence had both reached the full age of 18 years, and then were eligible to take up homesteads, the more suitable land had already been taken up. As a consequence, Melvin and Clarence took out "Homestead Entry" on SW-28-54-10-W4th and the SE-28-54-10-W4th respectively, about 18 miles directly east of their father's property.

On September 27, 1909, Oscar F. Ahlstrom took out a Homestead Entry on NW-22-54-10-W4th, right next to Clarence's homestead, or one and a half miles west and two miles north of what is now the Hamlet of Beauvallon which built up in late twenties when the Lloydminster-Willingdon-Edmonton branch line of the Canadian Pacific Railway was laid through this area. It was here that Oscar Franklin "proved up" on his homestead and married Christina Anderson. Here they raised their family of seven sons and one daughter: Reuban Charles, Edwin James, Carl Fredrick, John Cyril, Arnold, Wesley, Stanley, and Mildred Laverne. Christina died of cancer on December 18, 1933, and Oscar F. and his family continued on the farm until 1945 when he sold the property to Edwin J. and Margaret Edith Ahlstrom, who remained on the old homestead until they retired from farming in 1975. Oscar F. died on June 27, 1948, and is buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Vegreville.

About 1910 or 1911, Melvin and Clarence acquired patents to their homesteads in SW and SE-28-54-10-W4th, and bought additional land adjacent to their father's homestead, near Ben's Lake. Melvin bought NW-15-54-13-W4th immediately south of his father's and Clarence bought NE-22-54-13-W4th to immediate northeast of his father's. They made their homes at these locations until their retirement. In 1926, Carl Melvin, who remained a bachelor all his life, sold out and retired to make his home in Edmonton until he passed away on August 29, 1967. Clarence Arthur married Teenie Monkman about 1912, and they had two children: Hazel Clara, now Mrs. Hebden, residing at Haney, B.C.; and Charles Ernest, who bought his father's farm and is still residing on the property with his wife, Edna. Teenie Ahlstrom died about 1921 or 1922, and Clarence remarried in 1926, to Viola English. Viola passed away in 1940, and is buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Vegreville.

Charles Magnus and Annie Ahlstrom were a highly respected couple. They lived quietly and comfortably, and contributed immeasurably to the Ben's Lake-Vegreville-Two Hills community in which they resided. When they sold the farm in 1945, "Grand-dad Ahlstrom" was 86 years of age and he felt that it was about time to "take it easy". They bought a small but comfortable home in Vegreville, and enjoyed the modern conveniences of electric lights, plumbing, phone service and shopping, all of which they did without all those years they lived on the farm. Charles Magnus Ahlstrom died in the Vegreville General Hospital on February 3, 1951, and Mrs. Annie Ahlstrom on February 14, 1953. They are buried side-by-side in the Riverside Cemetery, Vegreville, among many friends whom they had come to know over the many years they lived in this community.

AHLSTROM, Clarence Arthur

Clarence Ahlstrom was born on March 27, 1888, in Grove City, Minnesota. He came to Canada in 1902, with his father Charles Magnus and older brother Melvin. They homesteaded on SE 28-54-10-W4th and after "proving up", Clarence got his patent and bought NE 22-54-13-W4th, where he farmed for the rest of his life.

In 1912, Clarence married Teenie Monkman. Teenie and Clarence had two children: Hazel (Hebden), born January 6, 1913, is now living in Haney, B.C. They have two children, and six grandchildren. Beverly Foxwell lives in Edgerton, and Connie Balantin lives in Vancouver. Charles, born June 28, 1918, still lives on the family farm. Trapping and hunting was one of Clarence's greatest pleasures. He would walk for miles checking his traps. One year, Charlie and Clarence trapped 2200 muskrats, a number of beavers, and numerous coyotes. His wife, Teenie died in 1922. In 1926, Clarence married Viola English, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam English.

Clarence with daughter Hazel, circa 1970

In the early 40s, Clarence and his son, Charlie, farmed with horses on five quarters of land. In 1943, Clarence bought his first tractor.

Viola, Clarence's wife, died in 1941.

Clarence saw a lot of changes in his life. In the 1930s, he sold oats for 20¢ a bushel. He would travel from his homestead to Vegreville to sell a wagon of grain. It took two days to get there. He farmed with eight horses, each one separately named, and treated his horses like children, with the greatest of care.

Clarence was a very patient person. His grandchildren always said, "When grand-dad said, 'dang it', he was mad and everyone got out of his way". That is the worst he ever said. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to a neighbor, friend, or stranger.

Clarence enjoyed picking wild berries. In the summer he would wander off with a pail and come home with it

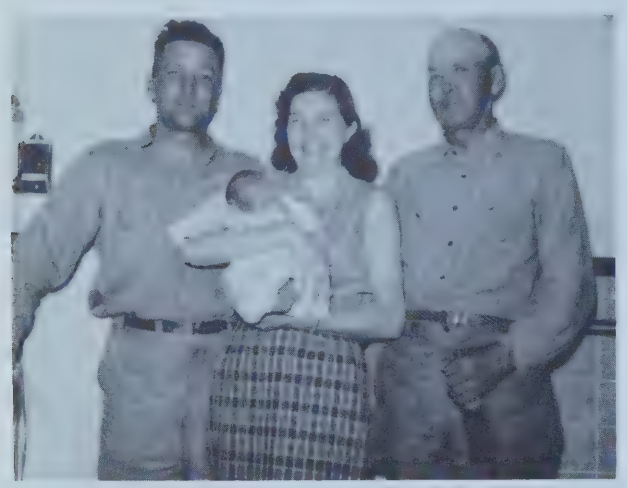
full of saskatoons, strawberries, raspberries, black currants, or cranberries. Each August, the family would travel North to pick blueberries.

In the 1950s Clarence, Charlie, Alfred Booher, Joe Volk, and Tommy English, headed by truck to Worm Lake. After staying there about four or five days, they came home with some real whoppers.

Clarence made several trips by train to Pennsylvania to see his daughter, Hazel. Later when she moved to Haney, B.C., he visited her there. On February 1, 1976, while Clarence was visiting Hazel, he became very ill and passed away. Clarence is buried in the Two Hills Cemetery.

Clarence will always be remembered by his grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, for his great sense of humor, his kindness, his stories of the "olden days", and most of all just being "grand-dad". What a terrific and outstanding man he was in the eyes of all who loved him so dearly.

Clarence leaves behind his two children, nine grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.



Four generations, (L to R) - Charles Ahlstrom, daughter Lorraine Tupechka with son Darrell, and Clarence Ahlstrom, 1959

AHLSTROM, Charles and Edna (nee Tillapaugh)

Charles Ernest Ahlstrom was born on June 28, 1918, in Two Hills. He attended Wolia School about five and a half miles southwest of his home.

Upon leaving school, he worked on the farm with his dad.

On October 2, 1939, he married Edna Tillapaugh from Warwick. He continued to live on the farm, where he raised hereford cattle. Charlie and his dad farmed five quarters of land, and until 1954, they threshed their crops with the English family. Then, they bought their first combine, a Massey-Harris 80, from Danchuk Farm Equipment in Two Hills. A few years later, they traded it for a Massey Harris Super 92. By 1957, Charlie had 103 cows and 200 pigs. Their mixed-farming operation also included laying hens, turkeys, and about 100 geese.

Every year, Edna's large garden was one that could hardly be surpassed. By fall, every jar in the cellar was filled, and visitors were sure to leave with boxes full of vegetables.

Charlie and Edna had seven children: Lorraine, Verna, Roy, Ralph, Arnold, Barry, and Edwin.

Lorraine was born April 1, 1940. She is married to Albert Tupechka. They live about six miles west of her parent's home.

Verna was born November 2, 1941. She married Gus Wutzke of Calgary, and they have three children. Verna passed away September 9, 1978, at the age of 37.

Roy was born February 19, 1943. He married Kathy Wing of Breton, Alberta. They have two children.

Ralph was born July 21, 1944. He married Sylvia Yaremko of New Kiew. They have three children, and live in Edmonton.

Arnold was born October 16, 1946. He is married to Pat Ewaniuk of Hairy Hill. They live in Calgary and have two children.

Edwin was born January 20, 1960. He is married to Connie Andriashyk of Willingdon, and they presently live in Edmonton.

Barry was born June 29, 1961. He married Sharon O'Brey of Calgary. Barry and Sharon live in Calgary.

On October 2, 1964, Charlie and Edna celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. A supper and dance was held in the Elks Hall, with about 200 friends and neighbors, and a real surprise—Charlie's sister from Pennsylvania.

They have 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Charlie and Edna live on the farm and enjoy fishing and hunting.

Edna and Charles Ahlstrom with daughters Verna and Lorraine (standing), 1942

ALBRECHT, Philip and Ethel (nee Fourney)

Philip Albrecht was born in Morse, Saskatchewan, in 1925. His parents originally came as small children, from Romania with their parents. When Philip was young his parents moved to Fox Valley, Saskatchewan, where he grew up on a farm. He had two brothers and one sister, but his sister was killed in an accident at the age of seven. His brothers now live in Moose Jaw and Regina, and his mother in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. His father died in 1981.

In 1952, while Philip was in Ontario, he met his wife, Ethel Fourney, who was born in Cornwall, Ontario. She grew up on the family farm about 20 miles east of Cornwall. Ethel's ancestors came from Scotland and France. Her Scottish ancestors were the United Empire Loyalists who walked from the United States to Canada. They experienced many hardships but found out that the Indians were friendly, and helpful. Ethel had seven brothers and one sister. Her twin brother was killed in a farm accident at the age of 14.

Philip and Ethel Albrecht on their wedding day, January 17, 1953

In January, 1953, Philip and Ethel were married in Cornwall, Ontario, and came west to Phil's parents' farm at Fox Valley, Saskatchewan, where their first son, Wayne, was born in 1956. In 1957, Ethel, Philip, and Wayne moved into the Village of Fox Valley where Phil started an excavating and gravel hauling business. Two more sons were born here: Grant in 1958, and David in 1959. In 1960, Phil and Ethel bought a farm at Castor. However, the log farm house was old and very cold in winter, and when their daughter Sheila was born in December, 1966, they moved into the Village of Castor. In January, 1968, they sold their farm at Castor and bought land in the Two Hills area, near Musidora.

Wayne attended school at Castor and Two Hills. Later at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology he took a high pressure welding course and apprenticed at Ezee-On Mfg. in Vegreville. He also worked for several years at Fort McMurray for Syncrude as a high pressure welder. At present he is at home on the farm, farming and trucking.

Grant also attended school in Castor and Two Hills where he was an honor student. Upon graduation from high school he attended the University of Alberta for one year. Later he completed his accounting course by correspondence and achieved the highest marks in Alberta. Grant married Carol Palichuk in 1977, and they have three children: Michelle, Cory and Eric. The family lives at Fort McMurray, where Grant is an accountant and office supervisor for Suncor.

David was educated in Castor and Two Hills. On completion of an engineering, drafting and design course at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, he worked in Edmonton for one year, Vancouver for three years, and is presently employed in Toronto.

Sheila attended elementary and high school at Two Hills. However, she completed her Grade XII at Fort McMurray, graduating in June, 1984. In 1985, she was enrolled in a business course at Keyano College at Fort McMurray.

Albrecht family, 1985. Back row, (L to R) - sons Wayne, David, and Grant; middle row; daughter Sheila; front row - Philip and Ethel.

The children are all grown up and on their own, a family to be proud of. All put their efforts into building their parents a beautiful log home. David designed the

home and helped with building whenever he was at home. Wayne took a course on log building at the Vermilion College before he proceeded with the task of building the home. Everyone pitched in and helped with the building from logging, to peeling, to setting up the framework under Wayne's guidance. Phil and Wayne farm as well as engage in gravel hauling.

Ethel, besides being a housewife, has been employed at the Two Hills Hospital since July 1979. She is active in the community as secretary-treasurer for the Morecambe Rural Electrification Association, a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion for 11 years, serving as president for five years and now as secretary, and a Lioness for three years. She is also on the executive of the Hospital Staff Assembly as secretary and is on her third term as treasurer. Ethel is an ardent curler, who has won prizes and trophies in local and surrounding bonspiels. She served on the executive of the Ladies' Curling Club as president for three years and as treasurer for the Farmers' Bonspiel committee. She is also a member of the Two Hills Drama Club.

ANDRIASCHUK, Mary and Kornel

The life of Mary and Kornel in Canada, from the time of their arrival here, was one of difficult times, not unlike that of many other immigrants to this country. But Canada was a land of greater hope for the future, so they chose to accept the challenges of their new land.

Kornel, born on February 3, 1909, was the son of Simon and Mary Andriaschuk. He came from the Village of Berhomet in Bukovina, a province of the Ukraine. Arriving in Canada in March of 1928, Kornel travelled to the Szypenitz area where he lived with his uncle, Metro Ruptash.

During his first summer in Canada, he worked as a casual farm laborer on farms around Szypenitz. When winter came, there were no paying jobs available, so he worked for board and room for various farmers. Several years passed in this circumstance but working for food and lodging was preferred to seeking government relief and risking being deported to the old country. It was the practice of the government to deport newcomers who couldn't make a living here on their own.

Mary Andriaschuk (Mudrak), born on April 15, 1909, came to Canada from the same village as Kornel did. She was the daughter of Gregory and Martha Mudrak.

A friend of the family, Victor Kupchanko, also from Berhomet, who was already residing in Winnipeg, sponsored Mary's visa to Canada. She arrived in Winnipeg in August of 1928 and stayed with the Kupchankos for a week while she looked for work. This being the beginning of the Great Depression, work was not available. However, there was talk of work on farms in Alberta.

It happened that Victor had a brother, Vladimer, teaching in Alberta at Pruth School, at that time. Vladimer was contacted and he thought she might be able to find work here.

Mary arrived by train in Vegreville very early one morning. There was no one around at the railway station so to pass the time, she walked down main street gazing into the store windows. Soon a stranger appeared and noticed this immigrant lady who appeared bewildered and lost, and began talking to her in Ukrainian. What a joy it was for her to hear someone speak her language in this strange foreign place! This man happened to be a Metro Cherniwchan from nearby Royal Park. He invited her to come to his farm where she was offered a job. She accepted the offer and worked at his place for a week. Later she was accompanied by the Cherniwchans to a wedding in the Szypenitz district where she met many people from her former village in the Ukraine. Later she left to work on the farm of George Dronyk. It was harvest time and her first farm employment involved pitching bundles as a member of a threshing crew. This was hard work for a newcomer still in her teens. Those aching arms and blistered hands remain a memory of her first Canadian harvest experience.

Mary worked for two months at this farm. That winter she went to work for George Ruptash where she met a certain Kornel Andriaschuk, whom she married in April, 1931. Married life at first was difficult. The Andriaschuks worked at local farmers for food and lodging to avoid the government "relief".

Mary and Kornel Andriaschuk, 1950

During these hard times, they found time to participate in rural concerts performing in plays, and choirs which were directed by Nick Karpliuk and later by Rev. Ambrose Chrustawka.

Their own farming began on a rental basis, renting land from the late Willam Meroniuk and then Peter Dowhaniuk. After twelve years of renting, they pur-

chased their first quarter from Mike Dadensky, in 1945, and another in the early fifties from a neighbor. Just when the farming venture was beginning to look promising, a farm tragedy took the life of Kornel on June 1, 1961. Mary decided she couldn't manage the farm alone. The land was rented out and the equipment and livestock auctioned.

The next five years were spent living with daughter Iris and family in Two Hills acting as a baby sitter and housekeeper until she decided it was time to go out on her own. Mary had a house built in Two Hills and is still living there.

The Andriaschuks were blessed with two daughters. Iris is the Home Economics teacher at the Two Hills High School and is married to Mike Kozmak, also a teacher at the same school.

Sophie graduated in medicine from the University of Alberta and University of Toronto. She is currently living in Santa Monica, California, and practising in the Los Angeles area. Sophie is married to Leslie MacConnell, who operates his stock broker business from his office in Beverly Hills, California.

Mary has three grandchildren: Ken, Richard and Vicki Kozmak. In more recent years, Mary has become a traveller, having been on several holidays to Hawaii, one to her former homeland in the Ukraine, a trip down the Rhine River to Vienna, and a Princess Cruise from Los Angeles to Mexico, all with her daughter Sophie. She has also taken a bus tour of Western United States with the Senior Citizens and trips to Winnipeg to visit relatives. Mary also visited Toronto with daughter Iris to attend Sophie's convocation from the University of Toronto.

On her own time, she loves gardening, handicrafts, singing in the church choir, and helping to cater at banquets and weddings. Mary is an active member of the Ukrainian Women's Association, where she has served as Ukrainian Corresponding Secretary for ten years. She is a long standing member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Two Hills. A strong religious belief has helped Mary through her trials and tribulations as well as the good times along life's road.

ANDRIOWSKI, John and Elena

Borshchiv, Ukraine, was the site of the 1902 marriage between John Andriowski, born in 1877 in Austria, Hungary, and Elena Fedorchuk, born 1884 in the Ukraine. Proud parents were Ivan and Paraskevia Andriowski and Ilko and Malanka Fedorchuk. Life in Borshchiv meant crowded living conditions and little chance for individual freedom for social or economic gain. Thus with his new wife, John felt the adventurous desire to seek out a new and better life in the vast country of Canada. John and Elena reacted to the 1882 Homestead Act of the Canadian government and in 1902 were part of the first immigrants to settle in Northwest Canada. At that time Alberta was still a District of the Northwest Territories and very few settlements existed. It was therefore, anticipated that life in the new country would not be without challenges but that did not deter John and Elena.

Wostok was the first home of the Andriowskis for four years and became the birthplace of Katherine and William. In 1906 the family moved to land location, SE 6-55-12-4th, in the district of Two Hills, which at that time was known as Pozerville, named after an early immigrant, Mr. H. Pozer. Later in the same year, John and Elena were joined by their close relatives: John's mother Paraskevia, sister Lena, and Elena's mother Malanka and brother Panko. Years later the Greek Orthodox cemetery, six miles north-east of Two Hills was named after Paraskevia Andriowski. In 1928, Panko was to own and operate the first Pharmacy in Two Hills. Panko is now living out his retirement years in Langley, B.C.

Paraskevia Andriowski poses for a picture in her new home, Canada. Partially blind, Paraskevia crossed the ocean to join her son John and begin a new life - 1920s.

During the early settlement period, neighbours were few and far apart. The first homes were crude "soddies" -- dugouts built into a hillside and roofed with sod. The first home of John and Elena in Two Hills was just such a "soddie". The nearest town was Vegreville, 28 miles away, which meant a two-day trip with team and wagon for hauling grain and bringing supplies to the homestead. Thus self-reliance of the early families was evidenced in the raising of the sheep, cattle, chickens, and hogs; as well, grain was an essential element of survival.

While in Two Hills, 11 more children were born into the Andriowski household: Sam, Nicholas, Bessie, Mary, Peter, Adam, Stephen, and Alex. Medical care was

minimal in those days and in 1918 the flu epidemic claimed the lives of two infant sons, Peter and Steve. In 1926 fate dealt yet a further blow and two-year-old Joseph fell victim to the same fatal illness. The family was not to be spared further grief as in the same year, father John, at age 46 succumbed to cancer. Elena was left to raise a houseful of growing, needy children. It was her strong will and determined spirit which enabled her family to survive. As well, the aid of her elder sons was enlisted and therefore, few, save Peter and Stephen were able complete their high school education. But they all grew up with a great zest for reading whatever became available and thus their education was able to continue. Being the oldest, William often assumed the role of father and it was therefore, not surprising that his younger brothers continued to look to him for support and guidance well into their adult life.

Elena continued to live in Two Hills, moving into the town at a later date where she resided until her death in 1960. Her eldest, Katherine, married John Graff and they had three children: Mary, Billy, and Isabel. The position of post-mistress of the Two Hills Post Office was held by Katherine in the 1930s. Katherine now lives in Whonnock, B.C.

William married Helen Delawski and to them were born three children: Davis, Shirley and Linda. Farming continued to be the life of William until his passing in 1977. Davis, his wife Angie, and their children Chad and Dana reside in Fort Saskatchewan. Shirley, her husband Ernie, and their children, Darren and Michelle have made Edmonton their current home. Linda and her family, husband Randy and their children Leyton and Kelsey, continue to live in Two Hills where Linda practises the profession of her great uncle -- pharmacy.

Elena Andriowski churning butter in the traditional way in 1936

Bessie married Charles Neilson. She later became a minister of the gospel and spent 14 years as a missionary in Jamaica. Wilburt, her only son, is a reservoir engineer and a gas and oil exploration consultant in Calgary.

Sam and Zenovia (Jean) Lakusta married and a daughter, June, was born to them. Sam enjoyed all his able years farming on or near the original Andriowski homestead. Sam had always been an avid photographer but finding family photos with Sam included, became a difficult task. This love for the camera and its works seemed to be an inherited trait as June too is commonly seen with camera in hand. June became the bride of Victor Phillips and the mother of their children Raymond, Lauren, and Michelle. Raymond and his wife Candace have given his parents their first grandchild - Karla. Lauren is the wife of Brian Petford and they reside in Victoria, B.C. The Phillips continue to reside on their farm near Beauvallon. Sam passed away in Two Hills in May, 1984.

After his marriage to Evelyn Campbell of Turner Valley, Nicholas farmed at Nakusp, B.C. until his death in 1960. Sister Mary married George Bleiler of Uranium City, Saskatchewan, and it was there that they made their home.

After his service in the Air Force during World War II Peter met Mary White of Calgary, married, and they became the parents of Lisa and Allison. Peter enjoyed many years as a teacher of high school in Calgary and Okotoks until his death in 1973.

Stephen travelled extensively, working in American resort areas in his earlier years. His stories of encounters with the Hollywood movie stars would never fail to light up the eyes of his nieces and nephews during his visits back home. The latter part of his life was spent in California until his passing in 1982.

Adam chose bachelorhood and therefore had plenty of time to pursue his active interests in hockey, baseball, curling and whatever other sports Two Hills could offer. Like his brothers William and Sam, Adam farmed near Two Hills until his retirement. Adam continued to support sports leagues in Two Hills and was always one of the Eagle's hockey team's greatest fans.

Alex joined the Merchant Marines soon after leaving home. He too was to remain a bachelor. Alex later took on the life of a camp cook working in various logging camps in British Columbia. His home is currently in Quesnel, B.C.

It is not without a note of sadness that these memories are put to paper as so many of those forming a part of this history are not here to tell the story. In fact, of all the Andriowski sons, only one descendant, Davis, son of William and Helen shall carry on the Andriowski name. It shall be, however, the responsibility and pride for all those remaining to preserve the heritage that is ours.

ANTONIUK, John and Anastasia

John and Anastasia Antoniuk immigrated to Alberta from the Village of Erikiwtzi, Bukovina, Western Ukraine, and settled on a homestead eight miles east of Duvernay, in 1909.

Because the land was of poor quality, they abandoned the homestead in 1920, and moved to what is now the Two Hills District. They settled on a quarter section of C.P.R. land two miles north and one mile west of the present Town of Two Hills. Duvernay continued to be their Post Office and source of supplies, but grain and livestock had to be transported to Vegreville. The building of the railroad in 1927, provided the farmers with stores, schools, and other services including elevators for the excellent grain produced in the area.

John and Anastasia Antoniuk, 1926

John and Anastasia are survived by six children: Walter and his wife Marion, of Langley, B.C.; Stephanie and her husband, Andrew, of Edmonton; Orest and his wife Mary, of Lloydminster; Natalia and her husband Myros, of Edmonton; Mary and her husband Dan, of Edmonton; and Eli and his wife Jean of Two Hills.

ANTONIUK, Alex (Eli) and Jean (nee Humeny)

Alex (Eli), son of John and Anastasia Antoniuk of Two Hills, was born on April 20, 1929. In 1935, Eli started school in Two Hills completing his Grade VIII in 1944. He could not continue his education, as he was the only one left to help his parents.

Eli met Jean, daughter of Eli and Vera Humeny of Hairy Hill, and on October 24, 1952, they were married at Szypenitz Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church.

Jean was born on March 5, 1931, in the Lamont Hospital. She attended Bukovina School, in the Andrew district, until her family moved to Hairy Hill, to operate a store. Jean graduated from a hairdressing school in Edmonton in 1947 and she operated her own Beauty Shop in Two Hills.

Eli and Jean farmed with his parents until the fall of 1954. That same winter they went to work in a lumber camp in Northern Alberta. Here Jean worked in the kitchen and Eli was a timber faller.

In the summer of 1955, Eli and Jean purchased their first farm, SW 13-55-13-W4th. The winter was very long and cold that year, with drifted roads.

In the fall of 1958, Eli's parents retired and bought a home in Two Hills. Eli and Jean purchased their farm and moved onto it, residing there to this time.

To supplement his income, Eli found employment with Western Chemicals at Duvernay in 1959. For the following 13 1/2 years, Eli farmed and worked at this plant. With income from both sources, Eli purchased more land.

In 1960, the installation of rural electricity on the farm, changed the lifestyle of farming, and in 1963, a new home was built.

For their many years of hard work and dedication to the farm and the community, Eli and Jean were awarded the Farm Family Award in 1978. That same year, they were presented with the Farmstead Beautification Award from the County of Two Hills.

Eli and Jean receiving "Farm Beautification Award", 1978. Presenting award is County Reeve Walter Verenka and Councillor Bob Bachelet.

Eli and Jean have three sons: Daniel, Russel, and James, all graduates of the Two Hills High School.

Daniel enrolled at the University of Alberta in 1973, graduating with a Bachelor of Education Degree in Industrial Arts. On August 28, 1982, Daniel married Lyndy Dawson of Edmonton. Both are employed by the Edmonton Public School Board.

Russell, after graduating from high school in 1976,

completed his apprenticeship in plumbing and pipefitting. After obtaining a journeyman's certificate he is presently employed in Edmonton.

James, who graduated from high school in 1981, completed his first year in auto mechanics, and is now farming with his parents.

Eli, Jean, and their three sons were active in the Two Hills 4-H Beef Club. Through their involvement in the club, the boys won inter-provincial trips. Eli and Jean, at present, are still members of the agricultural society.

Antoniuk Family, 1982. (L to R) - Dan, Eli, Jean, James and Russell.

ARYCHUK, Bill and Jennie (nee Ewasiuk)

Bill Arychuk came to Canada from the Ukrainian Village of Shypynci, at the age of 16 years in the year 1912.

He came to the Two Hills area where earlier settlers from Shypynci, Ukraine, had already settled and discovered that the area had a school, hall, and post office. Bill Arychuk worked on many odd jobs as a miner in Drumheller, and for the C.P.R.

In 1916, he married Jennie Ewasiuk, daughter of Onoufer and Katherine Ewasiuk of Kaleland and bought land adjoining his in-laws. This was where he and his wife cleared the land, built their home and raised a family.

The Arychuks were blessed with nine children, of whom three died in infancy. These were Silvester, John and Victoria, who were placed to rest in the Kaleland Church Cemetery. The remaining children and their wives included:

Son Harry and Ann of New Westminister. (Harry died at the age of 48 years);

Son Alec and Sophie and their son, Rodney, of Edmonton;

Daughter Rosie and Harry Skakun of New Westminster;

Son Peter and Olga of New Westminster (Couquitlam) and their three children;

Son Victor and Katie of New Westminister, B.C. and their three children.

Daughter Eva and James Makowichuk of Warspite, and their three sons.

Bill and Jennie Arychuk, circa 1933

Mr. and Mrs. Arychuk were great believers in a united family and took an active part in all community affairs. Bill was on the Kaleland Church executive, until his death, at the early age of 48 in 1944. Jennie Arychuk was known to many for her cooking. On many occasions one could find her in the kitchen of her home, hall and church or wedding locations. She died on October 13, 1983, in New Westminster at the age of 82 years.

The Arychuks made their home a welcome one to many relatives and friends coming from the Ukraine, until they found jobs and had money to start their own homes.

To the Arychuk family, Two Hills and areas such as Kaleland, Szypenitz, and Hairy Hill will always be home, a place where they grew up. The happy memories of home, school, church, families, friends, and neighbors meeting at picnics, weddings, and other gatherings, sometimes in joy, sometimes in sorrow, will always be remembered.

ARECHUK, Orest and Jennie

In 1928, at the age 15, Orest Arechuk arrived in Canada on a prepaid trip by his brother Bill, who farmed north of Two Hills. He had to work for his brother for a year to pay off his trip. During the winter months he attended school at Szypenitz where Eli and John Taschuk were teaching. Orest also had a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paskar, farming just north of Two Hills. Orest worked for ten years around Two Hills at Dronyk's and at Metro Nickiforuk's. Wages were $15. per month during the busy season and $3. per month during the winter. He also attended night school in winter at Two Hills where Don Hamar was the teacher.

Orest remembers hauling loads of grain for the farmers, not to the elevators, but directly to rail cars at Two Hills. His last three years of farming were spent renting three quarters of land from Peter Dowhaniuk. Orest also rented machinery, horses, and worked for a one-third share of the grain.

Orest and Jennie on their wedding day, June 26, 1937, at the Kaleland stone Church

In 1937, Orest married Jennie Tkachuk of Kaleland, daughter of Myron and Marafta Tkachuk. They purchased property in Hairy Hill and operated a small confectionery, which later grew into a General Store. Jennie managed the store, while Orest went to work for 25¢ per hour. At that time cigarettes sold for 5¢ a package of five and sausage was 20¢ a pound.

When schools were centralized in the Two Hills County and buses were required, Orest purchased a school bus and operated it for 16 years until retirement. He also operated his store for 43 years until his retirement.

Orest's family consists of two sons: Don who resides in Camrose and manages the Macleods store there; Ken, who resides in Calgary and works for C.I.L.

Orest and Jennie are shown with their two sons, and their families, 1980.

ARYCHUK, Miron and Dorothy

Miron Arychuk Sr. left Shypynci, Ukraine, with his wife Dorothy, in 1902, to live in Whitford, Alberta, with their two sons, Bill and Nicoli. They located themselves on the NE-35-54-13-W4th at Kaleland, next door to the Gorgichuks. They had six boys and five girls: Bill, Nicoli, John, Trifon, Isaac, Dave, Jenny, Rachelle, Marie, and twins Elsie and Helen.

Miron and Odokia (Dorothy) Arechuk, 1923

The Arychuks were of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox faith. In 1934, Dorothy passed away from a sunstroke at the age of 56. Miron passed away on December 4, 1945, at the age of 74.

Nine members of the Arechuk family, 1967. (L to R) - William (Bill), Jenny, John, Rachelle, Nick (Nicoli), Elsie, Trifon, Marie and Isaac.

ARECHUK, Elsie (Elizabeth) and Paziuk, William

by Elsie Paziuk

I, Elsie, daughter of Myron and Odokia Arechuk, was born in the Kaleland District, where I attended school. When mother passed away in 1933, I had to leave my Grade XI to take care of my younger sister Mary, and brother Isaac.

In 1932, I married William Paziuk. Times were difficult then; minimum wages for women were $1.60 an hour and for men $269. a month. We raised four children: Percy, Wayne, Roy, and Elo, all of whom are married. We also have four grandchildren. We are retired and live on the farm five miles west of Vegreville.

ARECHUK, Isaac and Helene (nee Lysakowski)

Isaac, the youngest child of Myron and Odokia Arechuk, of Kaleland, Alberta, was born on April 1, 1921.

Isaac attended school and lived and worked in the Two Hills area until he was 21, when he enlisted in the Canadian Army (Active) Corp. He served with distinction for four years with the Canadian Army Medical Service Corp., in the United Kingdom, Central Mediterranean area (the fierce battles in Sicily and Italy), and continental Europe (France, Germany and the Netherlands). When the war ended in Europe, he re-enlisted for Pacific duty. However, he did not serve as the war with Japan ended.

Upon returning to civilian life, he became postmaster at Beauvallon. In 1948, he married Helene of Musidora, daughter of Michael and Pearl Lysakowski. George and Helene had one daughter, Geraldine, who was born in May, 1950, and passed away in July of the same year.

Isaac operated school buses in the County of Two Hills from 1957 to 1977 and he held the postmaster's position until his death on April 25, 1979.

ARECHUK, Jennie McLarnon

My parents, Myron and Odokia Arechuk, my grandmother, and my two brothers immigrated to Canada, from the Ukraine, in 1900. They settled on a homestead near Two Hills.

I, Jennie Arechuk, was born in Canada in 1904 I have many memories of my early years on the farm. Our first house was small, consisting of two rooms and a small vestibule. It was built of logs that were cut and hauled from a nearby bush. The walls were mud-plastered and whitewashed inside, and the roof was thatched. I was born in this house, with my grandmother acting as my mother's midwife.

When I was six or seven years old, my father and my three older brothers built a much larger log house where I lived until my marriage at the age of 17 1/2.

Mother had 14 children; one died in the old country and three died in Canada. I started school at the age of nine, attending school until Grade III. However, I had to leave school to help mother to raise the children, and to assist her in farm and housework. I remember helping my mother to knead bread in a big wooden container, where she mixed at least 12 loaves at a time. It was baked in a "peech" (outdoor oven), in round loaf pans. The loaves were twice as big as the 20 ounce loaves we buy now. My mother was kind and understanding and we all loved her very much. Father, however, was very hot tempered, but we still loved him.

My sister Rachel, brother John and I, often walked eight miles or more to dances, parties, and weddings. We also walked four miles to school.

There were ten of us at home when I got married. Four years after my marriage, Grandmother passed away. My brother died when he was eight years old, and my sister died in 1932, at the age of 21. Mother died in 1933, and father in 1945. There were nine of us living until April, 1979, when two of my brothers died within 11 days of each other. Today (1985), I am 80 years old, have four daughters, 21 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

ARYCHUK, John and Sandra

John Arychuk was born on November 7, 1902, and his birth was registered at Whitford. His boyhood days were spent helping his parents to brush and break the land. His interests in sports were boxing and baseball.

In 1928, he married Sandra Tupulniski of Willingdon and moved to a farm (NE-27-54-13-W4th). In 1923, he supplemented his farming by working in a restaurant and pool room in Edmonton. While still on the farm, he started a barbershop in Olynyk's Pool room in Kaleland in 1929. Hair was cut with a hand clipper for 35¢. Because this was not a paying venture, he took on a cooking job for road construction for eight years. These

were hard times and any job to supplement meager farm living was a welcome.

During the war year of 1942, John again ventured out into business, grinding grain and providing this service until 1945, at which time he went back to full-time farming. Once a week for three years, John would manage and buy hogs for the Co-op Livestock.

In 1960, John and Sandra sold out and bought a house in Two Hills. Here, he was employed by the Two Hills Dairy. As well, he looked after the Centennial Hall of the town.

John and Sandra, after living in Two Hills for 12 years, moved to Vegreville, where he found employment as caretaker in the town hall, but the years were getting the best of John and Sandra. At present they are fully retired. John at 81 and Sandra, at 73, are in good health. They enjoy visiting with their former neighbors and friends. Both John and Sandra are of Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox faith supporting their parish no matter where they went.

Sandra and John raised four children: one boy and three girls. Kris is presently employed by the City of Edmonton as a bus driver and has one son, Douglas.

John and Sandra Arychuk and family - Rose, Valerie, Sandra, Beverly, John and Chris, circa 1953

Rose, born on May 5, 1934, was married to George Plaska, a farmer. They have two children: Gina and Grant. Rose has passed away.

Valerie, born on July 11, 1940, farms with her husband, Steve Kotelko, in the Hairy Hill district. They have one child, Cindy.

Beverly, born on December 7, 1949, married Orest Basiuk from Edmonton. She is presently employed by an insurance firm. They have one child, Lisa.

Many years of pleasant retirement are wished for the Arychuks.

ARECHUK, Maria and (Chrapko), George

by Maria Chrapko

I, Maria, the youngest daughter of Myron and Odokia Arechuk, was born on October 23, 1915. At age 15, I had to quit school because my mother passed away. My brother, sister, and I had to help dad on the farm. After helping for a couple of years, I decided to seek employment elsewhere.

While working, I met George Chrapko and we were married in Vegreville on November 9, 1937. I was only 19 years old. We farmed for a number of years, but finding it too difficult to make a living on the hilly and rocky land, we sold the land and moved to Edmonton for one year, during which time George took a barbering course. On completion of the course he opened a barber shop in Myrnam, where we have been residing for the past 16 years.

We have five children: Cecile married to Joe Gozjolko; Mabel is single; Ray married Anna Marie Busko; Don married Carol Sulek; and Ken married Anne Myshaniuk. George and I are blessed with eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

ARECHUK, Nicholas James and Hannah (nee Groseth)

Nicholas, the son of Myron and Odekia Arechuk, was born in the Ukraine and as an infant sailed to Canada with his parents. They settled in Pozerville and his first recollection was a prairie fire that nearly burned their log house. His father was tarnished with smoke and was anything but a white Ukrainian. His memory serves him of school days and the year of the flu.

As a teenager he left home with five dollars in his pocket and a few clothes. After working at various jobs, Nicholas was convinced by a Nazarene family to commit his life to the Lord. For several years he attended Bible School and various Nazarene Colleges, while working at several jobs to pay for his achievements.

In 1940, he married Hannah Groseth, and they had two girls, Elaine and Sharon.

Hannah passed away in 1958, of leukemia.

Nicholas remarried in 1964 to Myrtle Galloday Malmberg, a widow with whom he retired in 1974, to Grandview, Washington.

ARYCHUK, Trifon and Stephania (nee Taschuk)

submitted by: Stephania Arychuk

Trifon was born on September 4, 1908, to Myron and Ewdokia Arychuk at Kaleland, Alberta. He was their sixth child.

As a young boy, he attended Wattsford School which was a distance of three and a half miles from home. He probably missed one quarter of his school days during the summer in order to help out on the farm. All members of the family had to pull their end of the load in order to improve living conditions. Trifon managed to obtain a Grade VI education.

Trifon and Stephania Arychuk family in 1946. (L to R) - Mabel, Stephania, Gerald, Olga, Trifon, Walter and Kenneth.

He loved music and learned to play the dulcimer. Together with his brother John who played the violin, their orchestra was in demand for local weddings and dances. Trifon later played with a number of other orchestras. In the early seventies, he stopped playing for public functions but still loved the dulcimer for personal and family pleasure. He treated the dulcimer as a member of the family. It was something to watch him tune the instrument, then play it to his heart's content. The grandchildren were fascinated by the instrument and the music that "Gido" could make.

In the early thirties Trifon bought a sawing outfit. The motor was a four-cylinder from a '28 Chev car. During the winter months he would tour with his outfit and dulcimer which allowed him to make that extra money which he saved to buy horses, harness, and farm machinery.

At that time, Trifon, together with his brother John, were farming their own land as well as renting land from neighbors.

Trifon liked to try other alternatives to farming. He worked as second man for Alger Calvert, agent for the Reliance Grain Company in Kaleland. Later when Mr. Calvert was transferred to Two Hills, Trifon again worked for him.

Trifon and a friend, Dan Gorgichuk, had another way of making extra money. They trapped muskrats for extra finances.

On November 24, 1934, Trifon and I, Stephania (nee Taschuk), daughter of Alex an Erena Taschuk, were married in the Mamaestie Church. We lived with Trifon's dad and his two sisters, Elsie and Mary, and brother Isaac till March.

We then bought a farm on the Mike Yanchuk site which was owned by Alphonse Brosseau of St. Paul. This was about four miles east of the Brosseau Post Office and stretched for a mile along the northern bank of the North Saskatchewan River. It was probably one of the nicest places we had lived on. We were as close to nature as one could be. Our front window faced the river and the barn was on the very bank of it. One spring during breakup, the ice was backed by the rising water just about 12 feet from the barn.

This was an out-of-the-way location as far as roads went, but the boat traffic during the summer kept us in touch with people other than those who just come to visit us. We owned a boat and if Trifon was away, I would row across to bring people over and vice versa. A few odd times this was done in stormy weather out of necessity. Luckily we got away with it.

One late fall we had a need to go to Two Hills, and since Trifon's sister and brother-in-law, the John Ewasiuks, lived about a mile and a half on the south side of the river, all we had to do was get across and walk up to their place. But when we were about two-thirds of the way across, the ice floes appeared and pushed the boat from one floe to another floe. Luckily we had an axe, and the ice was not thick. I chopped, while Trifon used the oars to push us back into the water. We were carried away downstream but landed safely at Ewasiuks who had to bring us back home by car.

During the winter we allowed a road across our farm for people crossing the river. It was also a lot more convenient to travel on the river lengthwise to Duvernay or Brosseau because of it being level, except when the road was drifted.

In 1942, with the help of Trifon's brother Bill, we moved to Beauvallon to take over a Massey Harris Implement dealership and Imperial Oil Agency. The vacancy was created by Oscar Hansen who had joined the R.C.A.F. In 1943, another opportunity came up for a job with the Reliance Grain Company. With his previous experience, Trifon decided to take it.

During the summer the working days were long ones to keep the three places going. I learned to help in different ways such as selling repairs, petroleum products, and doing some bookwork.

Trifon, as an elevator agent, worked for four companies - The Reliance, The Searle, The Federal, and the Alberta Wheat Pool Grain Company.

We were blessed with five children and ten grandchildren.

Olga married Paul Grykuliak and they have three children: Gordon, Gary, and Glenna.

Mabel married Alex Kozmak and they have two daughters: Donna and Wendy.

Walter married Lorraine Babey and they have three children: Pamela, Jeffrey, and Melissa.

Kenneth married Louanne Marshall and they have two children: Kenneth and Karen.

Gerald, an Engineer, is with Cardinal River Coals Ltd. at Luscar, Alberta.

The children attended Beauvallon and Myrnam Schools.

In September, 1971, we moved to Two Hills. Trifon was still with the Alberta Pool and travelled to work until March, 1972, at which time he took an early retirement.

His one dream was to go to the Ukraine from where his parents came. This served a double purpose since my parents came from the same vicinity with only one village between Trifon's parents and my parents' birth places. In July, 1978, we, together with my mother who was 84 at the time, took this trip. As coincidence had it, we were at a wedding of the grand-daughters of Trifon's cousins.

We met many people and relatives at this wedding which was quite an experience. In fact the whole trip was an experience.

When the Senior Citizens' Centre in Two Hills came into existence, it was one of Trifon's recreation spots. As well, he enjoyed fishing trips occasionally.

Trifon was called to his place of rest on April 14, 1979.

ARYCHUK, William (Bill) and Elizabeth (nee Taschuk)

by Sanny Sakaluk

William (Bill) Arychuk, oldest son of Myron and Odokia Arychuk, came to Canada in 1902, from Shypynci, Bukovina, Western Ukraine. He was five years old when he boarded the ship to Canada with his parents and his two-year-old brother, Nick. They chose to find a new place and strange adventures. His father homesteaded in the Kaleland district at the time of the Pozerville Post Office. Before Pozerville, the people got their mail at Whitford. Bill went to Wattsford School. At the age of sixteen, he finished school, and stayed home to help his father on the homestead. About three years later, he met Elizabeth, daughter of Sam and Martha Taschuk of Morecambe, Alberta. In 1915, he married Elizabeth. They had a family of nine and lost one infant son named Victor. Bill took a homestead in the Rannock district, 12 miles northwest of Beauvallon. At first, there was an Old Beauvallon Post Office about six miles away, where

William and Elizabeth Arychuk's wedding, 1915

people in the area picked up their mail and registered their newborns.

Bill's homestead was covered with black poplar, spruce, willows, and muskeg. With the help of his brothers John and Trifon, his sister-in-law Jennie, and sister Racheal, the Arychuks were able to do many things on the farm. The women took turns cooking, taking care of the young ones, and doing little chores, while the men cut logs, brushed and cleared the land for cultivation. It took many years to clear the land with shovels, and picks. But soon they built their own plastered home and farmstead buildings. This took a lot of time and effort. Elizabeth was also a midwife and delivered quite a number of healthy babies in her days.

Bill built a general store in 1932. With the help of his sons, they bought and cleared more land and found times were getting better. Going into trucking business, he hauled gasoline for Steve Yuskow of Two Hills. He also had a sawmill on the farm which supplied lumber for the people around his area.

Bill and Elizabeth semi-retired in 1943. After selling out by auction, they moved to Edmonton.

Bill's wife, Elizabeth, passed away in 1947. Shortly after, Bill married Anne Fedyk.

While in Edmonton, Bill was a drayman and worked for the Newhouse Wholesalers delivering groceries. Later he changed his job to a position with Jenner Motors and retired in 1961.

After Anne passed away in 1977, he carried on in his comfortable home in Riverdale, Edmonton, until April, 1984, when he moved to the Two Hills Hillside Lodge. He died in 1984.

His children are as follows:

Mike married Jean Zawalusky from Beauvallon in 1936. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Silver married Racheal Perniak of Smoky Lake in 1940. They have seven sons and ten grandchildren.

Dennis married Anne Ferleyko of Mundare in 1946. They have one daughter.

Eugene married Jennie Choban from Kaleland in 1943. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Sanny married John Sakaluk of Vegreville in 1939. They have six children and 15 grandchildren.

Chris married Violet Popovich of Vilna in 1947. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Lillian married Peter Chmiliar of Myrnam in 1950. They have four children. Florence married John Warawa from Beauvallon in 1943. They have five sons and nine grandchildren.

ARYCHUK, Mike and Jean (nee Zawalusky)

I, Mike Arychuk, am the son of William and Elizabeth Arychuk of Beauvallon and come from a family of eight children. I was born on March 27, 1916, and received my education in Rannock School. I farmed with my dad, who had seven quarters of land which had to be seeded each spring. Besides this, we had to look after the feed chopper, while my mom looked after the store.

In the fall, I went threshing with my dad and brother, Sylver. As a young lad of 14 to 20, I worked very hard.

In 1933 while threshing across the river, I met Jean Zawalusky, whom I loved. On October 22, 1936, we were united in marriage by Reverend Chrustawka in the Luzan Church. My wife Jean, was the daughter of Wasyl and Veronia Zawalusky of Beauvallon.

Together we started our new life, living in a little house

on Dad's land. In March, 1937, we moved to Two Hills where we bought a house for $450. from Steve Yuskow. I started working for Mr. Yuskow in the I.H.C. Farm Machinery shop and Imperial Bulk Station for a $1.50 a day. In 1938, I started to work for Peter Hryciw as a plumber and tinsmith for $25. a month. Looking for more stable employment in mid 1939, I rented a garage from Alec Sawchuk and worked on cars and tractors till 1940. In 1941, I went to work for Two Hills Motors for $85. a month. In December, 1942, I was offered a job at Black Motors in Vegreville for $135. a month, where I worked for two years. On December 22, 1944, I purchased Imperial Oil Agency from Mike Zenko and in 1949, I bought North End Garage. In 1962, I built a garage next to Imperial Oil Office. Together with my wife Jean, we survived the hard times.

Jean did bookkeeping, clerking, and was mother for two children. We were also very active members in many

Arychuk family, June 22, 1947

organizations. I was an Imperial Oil Agent from 1944 to 1965. On March 19, 1965, our son David took over the agency, operating it to this date. I am still operating the garage business in Vegreville.

On May 11, 1941, our first son, Leonard Nestor, was born in Vegreville, a Mother's Day gift. He has completed his education and now is an instructor in Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanics at the Pacific Vocational Institute in Burnaby, B.C. On May 2, 1964, he married Myrna Andrichuk and raised a family of one boy and two girls: Billy was born on January 13, 1965, and left us on October 2, 1969; Nadine was born on December 31, 1966; Natalie was born on June 17, 1972. Both of our granddaughters attend school. Leonard and Myrna are owners

Arychuk family, 1981

of Cascade Travel Agencies in Burnaby, B.C. Myrna is very ambitious in the tourist trade.

On August 3, 1942, our second son, David Orest, was born in Vegreville, an anniversary gift for my mom and dad. He has completed his education as an Industrial Registered Accountant. On October 22, 1965, he married Marion Kalynchuk and they have one boy and one girl: Michael was born on March 22, 1966; and Rhonda on March 24, 1972. Both of our lovely grandchildren attend school. Marion, who is a stenographer, also has talent in Business Law.

Presently, we are enjoying our grandchildren and are keeping busy with craft work.

BABIUK, Dan and Sophie

submitted by Mary Ann Zaparniuk

Dan Babiuk, born on August 4, 1907, in Oshychlib, Bukovina, Ukraine, came to Canada in 1928, at the age of 20, leaving behind his parents Kindrak and Nancy Babiuk, and one sister, Anne. Two brothers had previously passed away.

In Canada, Dan's first stop was Vegreville, where he got a job working on the farm for his cousin, Sam Towpich. He then went to the Szypenitz area to work for another cousin, Arion Towpich. Later, he found work on the railroad where he worked for five years. He then went back working for farmers. The pay at that time was only 25¢ an hour.

In 1938, after being in Canada for 10 years, Dan met Sophie Gullowaty. Sophie, born on May 15, 1918, was the second youngest of six children born to Deman and Oxana Gullowaty. She received her education at the Luzan School. As a young girl, she liked going to dances which at that time were usually held at homes of friends. Three tragedies occured in her life. Two were the sudden deaths of her father in 1937 and her brother, Steve, in 1941. The third one was a stubble fire from a neighboring farm that went out of control and destroyed most of the buildings on her parents' homestead.

Dan and Sophie Babiuk's wedding, 1938

On October 30, 1938, Dan married Sophie and together they rented farmland for five years before purchasing their own land from Jack Yakimchuk.

In 1956, during a terrible storm, their house was struck by lightning resulting in damage to one room. Boards from the ceiling were torn away and fell upon the bed where two children were sleeping. Fortunately, no one was hurt and the house did not catch on fire. However, a neighbor, was not as lucky. His barn did burn after being struck during the same storm.

Dan and Sophie farmed until their retirement in 1972, and bought a house in Two Hills, where they are presently living. On October 30, 1983, they celebrated 45 years of marriage with close friends and relatives.

Their family consists of six children; three sons and three daughters.

Orest, born on April 20, 1939, went to school in Szypenitz for four years and then continued his education in Two Hills. After graduation he worked for two years in the lumbering industry at Prince George. Upon moving to Edmonton, he obtained employment at Canada Packers for three years. On August 15, 1964, he married Violet Kusiek of Hairy Hill. After travelling to Kemptville College near Ottawa to train for meat inspection, he later worked in the meat inspection division for the Federal Government for ten years. In 1968, he moved his family to Two Hills and worked as meat inspector at Larry's Produce until 1972. Moving back to the city, Orest is presently working as inspector for the Consumer Corporate Affairs. His family consists of two children: Carla, who is 18, and Marvin who is 17.

Feona, born on September 18, 1941, attended school in Szypenitz and then in Two Hills. On August 23, 1958, she married Peter Kutash of Willingdon. Presently residing in Two Hills, they have three sons: Robert (24), Grant (23), and Brian (17).

Willie, born on October 31, 1945, went to school in Two Hills for 12 years. After graduation, he got a job with the provincial water resources department in 1965, where he was a surveyor for ten years. During the past nine years he has been a foreman in maintenance and looks after water control structures. Willie married Ann Fiddler of Edmonton on June 17, 1967. They are residing in Edmonton and have two children: Jamie (18), and Janelle (9).

Mary Anne, born on January 11, 1947, went to school in Two Hills. After graduation she worked in Hinton for the summer and then moved to Edmonton where she was employed for two years at Burger King. While working there she met and married Allen Zaparniuk, on August 19, 1967. They have two children: Lorna (16), and Kevin (12).

Roy, born on October 27, 1951, attended school in Two Hills. After graduation, he attended university for three years and then found employment in the computer center of Computer Sciences Canada Ltd. He has also worked in the computer centers of Imperial Oil Ltd. and Canadian Unitilities, where he is presently employed. Roy married Lynette Mitson on September 23, 1978. Residing in Edmonton, they have three children: Sacha four, Nathan two and Nygel one.

Iris, born on May 17, 1955, completed all her schooling in Two Hills. After working in Two Hills for the summer, she moved to Edmonton where she was employed as credit manager at Nantels. She also worked in the legal department of Financial Collection Agencies and later the Toronto Dominion Bank in the accounting department. Iris married Orest Mandrusiak on August 17, 1974. In 1976, the family moved to Two Hills. They are presently living on the original Mandrusiak homestead with their two children, Clayton seven, and Jo-Lynn four. In all, the Babiuk family has grown to 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Babiuk family in 1978, at the wedding of youngest son, Roy. (L to R) - Iris Mandrusiak, Mary Anne Zaparniuk, Feona Kutash, Sophie Babiuk, Dan Babiuk, Orest Babiuk, Willie Babiuk and Roy Babiuk.

BABYCH (BABACZ), Alec and Elizabeth

by Edward Babych

Alec Babych was born in 1889, in the Village of Brody, in northwest Ukraine. Although the country was beautiful as well as productive, and the people were hard working, there was little hope for a good life as the land was owned by rich landlords. They controlled the economy and little hope for change was seen. With war on the horizon, Alec left the Ukraine in 1908, and came to Canada looking for a new life. His first job was in Vegreville, where he worked on the railway. He later worked as a carpenter and was instrumental in building a few churches.

While in Vegreville, he married Wacsota (nee Sorochan) whose family had settled in the Andrew area. Shortly after, he decided to get his own farm, (SE-22-54-11-W4th) in the Musidora area on the Vermilion River. The area reminded him of his native land, beautiful rolling hills, valleys and lakes. Here they raised a family of three: Michael, Ann (Dochuk), and John. Due to illness, Wacsota passed away early in her married life in 1934.

Alec remarried a few years later to Elizabeth Smiliar and had a family consisting of Iris, Bill, Orest, Nettie, Bonnie, Mary, Eva, and Rita. Alec was a big, strong man, and arm and leg wresting and lifting competition often were big events when family and friends met. I remember seeing him perform many feats of strength. One I especially recall was lifting a horse off the ground. After a lengthy illness, Alec passed away in 1955.

BABYCH, Michael and Mary

Michael, who was born in Musidora in 1911, attended Chornik School northeast of Musidora. Apparently the school name was translated in error by an English clerk. The school name was to have been "Chomik". This was the usual one room school where one teacher taught all grades and all subjects.

Michael Babych (far right) at a logging camp, circa 1939

In 1933, Michael married Mary (nee Bortnick) from the Ranfurly area. They had a family of eight children. Edward and Steve live at Musidora. Steve lives and works on the old homestead. Lakeria, Annie, Bertha, Gloria and Victoria live in Edmonton. Leona lives at Gimli, Manitoba. The midwife who attended most of these births was a neighbor, Kalina Sorochan. Michael and Mary had settled just south of Musidora on NW-16-54-11-W4th. They farmed there from 1935 to about 1965, when their son Steve took over the family farm.

During the Depression, Michael worked on the farm and did much trapping. One season he had more than 1000 muskrats, weasels, mink, and squirrel pelts. Michael also worked a few winters at lumber camps in the Edson and Wildwood areas.

Michael passed away in 1979, and Mary Babych resides in Edmonton.

BABYCH, Edward and Tillie (nee Yakimyshyn)

Edward, the eldest son of Michael and Mary Babych of Musidora, was born on November 30, 1934, on his grandfather Alec's original homestead, SE-22-54-11-W4th. Ed has gone the complete circle. He moved with his mom and dad in 1935, to a farm just south of Musidora, NW-16-54-11-W4th. It was from this location that he attended Franko, a one-room elementary school in which grades one to nine were taught. He later attended high school in Two Hills.

Franko School was designated a historical building and now is located at the Ukrainian Heritage Village near Elk Island Park.

Upon completion of schooling at Two Hills, Ed moved to Edmonton where he took courses in accounting and business management. He then obtained employment with the City of Edmonton Payroll and Accounts department and in 23 years progressed through the ranks to Payroll and Personnel Organizational Supervisor.

In 1956, Edward married Tillie Yakimyshyn of the Plain Lake area. On June 6, 1958, Ed and Tillie were blessed with a set of twins, Wayne Joseph and Susan Marie. On May 23, 1961, David Michael was added to the family.

Wayne and David are both professional hockey players drafted in the first round by St. Louis Blues and Winnipeg Jets. On July 3, 1982, Wayne and David married twin sisters (nee Buffie) from Selkirk, Manitoba. Wayne and Shelley reside in St. Louis, Missouri, during hockey season. David and Sherrey and their baby son, Terence, reside in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They all spend most of their off season visiting their mom and dad in Musidora.

Susan, who completed studies in law enforcement and business administration, is now employed in the banking industry.

Ed, whose love for sports never ceased, coached hockey and baseball for about 15 years, while he resided in Edmonton. Ed coached teams that frequently won city, provincial, and national titles. His biggest reward came in 1973, when he was named Coach of the Year by the Alberta Baseball Association.

Edward and Tillie Babych with their children David, Susan and Wayne - taken on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary in 1981

After 23 years of city life, Ed and Tillie decided to try something they always wanted: they purchased a Sports Shop in Vegreville in 1979. It was then, they decided to move back to the farm where Ed's grandfather first settled and where his father and he were born.

We now fully and greatly appreciate the reasons our grandfather settled where he did. Building his farmstead on high ground, he could see the Vermilion River Valley and other lakes nestled between the gentle rolling and steep hills of the Musidora-Morecambe area. Sprinkled with spruce, aspen, black poplar, willow, birch, and many wild fruit trees, the area is scenic all year round. This is absolutely beautiful country.

BACHINSKY, Harry and Rosiland (nee Olinyk)

by the Bachinsky children

In 1896, Harry's parents, John and Anne (nee Gura) Bachinsky left Poland for England, where John found work as a tailor. Three years later they immigrated to Canada with their eldest child, Katie (Medinsky), and settled on a homestead two miles west and one mile north of Krakow post office in the Beaver Lake area. In 1901, John sold the land and bought a homestead in the New Kiew district. The original Polish Roman Catholic Church was built in 1906, on the land that John donated.

Harry's other sisters and brothers were: Julia (Kanuka), born in 1901; Sam in 1903; Steve in 1905; Mary (Saryk) in 1907; and Sophie (Diachuk) in 1913.

Harry was born on January 13, 1909. He started school at Wolia, at the age of eight, and continued to Grade III when he left school to help on the family farm.

On July 12, 1932, Harry met Rosiland, the oldest daughter of Jacob and Mary Olinyk. At the time, she was clerking in her father's general store in Two Hills. On November 21, 1933, Harry and Rosiland were married in the New Kiew Church. They resided on the Bachinsky farm for 16 months. On March 4, 1935, they moved with their four month old son, David, to their first home in Two Hills. This was a two-room house on Diefenbaker Avenue and 50th Street. The house still stands and memories of apple boxes and orange crates for cupboards, still exist. Harry and Rosiland acquired this house through the purchase of the Cockshutt Plow Dealership, which was located in a single-ply building on 50th Street and 47th Avenue.

In 1935, a seven foot binder sold for $325. and a two-bottom plow for $132. Total sale of parts for the year was a booming $275..

To supplement his income, Harry shovelled grain for 25¢ per 200 bushel truckload, earning up to $1.25 a day. For $500. he bought his own grain-truck from his father-in-law, a Dodge dealer. He then earned $8. a trip for hauling a load of grain from farmer to elevator. This grain was shovelled by hand with a scoop shovel.

A second son, Raymond, was born in 1940, and daughter Sharon in November, 1945. In 1941, Harry and Rosiland bought a chop-mill and a four-room house from Joe Petasky. A year later, they sold the Cockshutt Plow Dealership to brother-in-law, Metro Iftody, and in 1943, they purchased the John Deere agency. In 1946, they closed the chop-mill and the family built a new John Deere shop on the site where Two Hills Pharmacy is now located.

In 1947, Harry and Steve Miskiw formed M & B Contractors Co. Ltd. beginning their operations with an army D4 caterpillar tractor with an overhead loader. During all of Harry's business ventures, Rosiland

Sharon and Brian's wedding - August, 1980. Standing, (L to R) - Sharon, Brian, Dave, Elsie, Ray and Pat; seated - Harry and Rosiland.

continued to work in the Olinyk family store and helped Harry in his implement businesses. On January 1, 1949, they sold the John Deere business to George E. Pawliuk, and the family moved into the house purchased from Victor Luciak. M & B Contractors began expanding their operations to road building and gravel crushing. Harry remained in this business until retirement in 1974, at which time the company was disbanded and sold.

In 1957, their oldest son, David, married Elsie, Kotowich. They gave Harry and Rosiland six grandchildren: Bruce (deceased May 7, 1977); Cynthia, Lisa, Michael, Orysia, and Oles. In 1964, their second son, Ray, married Patricia Uhrynchuk and raised two children, Colin and Coreen. In 1967, Harry and Rosiland built a home at 5308-48th Street, where they presently reside. In 1980, their daughter, Sharon, married Brian Hart. They have one daughter, Heather. In 1983, Harry and Rosiland celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Harry and Rosiland with grandchildren, 1983. (L to R) - Cynthia, Lisa, Michael, Rosiland, Heather, Harry, Orysia, Oles, Colin and Coreen

Harry and Rosiland have been members of the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church since shortly after its inception. At church services, Harry frequently serves the minister as "Palamar". Rosiland is a charter member of the Ukrainian Women's Association, Lesia Ukrainka Branch, which was organized in 1942.

As citizens of Two Hills, Harry and Rosiland were very active in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and made valuable contributions to the community.

BACHINSKY, Joseph and Anna (nee Drabyk)

by Rose Hardy (daughter)

One of the early settlers of the Two Hills area was Joseph Bachinsky who emigrated in 1904, from Krakow, Poland. He homesteaded west of Plain Lake district, an area which later became known as the New Kiew district. Joseph later married Anna Drabyk who emigrated from the Ukraine in 1912. She worked around Warwick and Mundare until 1914, when she married Joseph. The Bachinskys had two children: Michael born in 1916, and Rose in 1923. Both grew up in the New Kiew district and attended Krasne School. Michael farmed with his dad until World War II. He then joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1941, and served in Canada and overseas until 1944. Returning to Canada with his Scottish bride May Jackson, whom he had married in Glasgow, he then took up residence in Edmonton, Alberta. Later the homestead was sold to William Kachmar and Joseph Bachinsky went to reside with his son, Michael, in Edmonton. In 1949, Joseph Bachinsky passed away. His wife Anna passed away in 1979, in Camrose, Alberta.

When the homestead was sold, Rose obtained work at Ryley, for a couple of years, and later moved to Vancouver, B.C. where she resided for about four years. Here she met her husband-to-be John Hardy. After marriage they moved to Ontario where they lived for about 25 years. In the early seventies, Rose and her husband, John, returned to Alberta and are still residing in the New Kiew district. They have one son, Robert, who has taken up residence in the United States of America.

BARON, Bernard and Kay

I, Bernard, son of Karol and Anna (nee Rudyk) Baron, was born on October 19, 1914, in the Village of Cherniwci, County of Ternopil, Halychina, Ukraine. Five years later, the family moved to the city of Zbaraz, where I attended school for seven years.

In 1925, my father immigrated to Canada and settled in the Mundare District, working for the local farmers. In 1929, mother and the remainder of the family, (including Josephine, Nellie, Stanley and I) followed. In 1930, my brother, Robert, was born.

We arrived in Mundare in September, and several days later, enrolled at the Oleskow School, located two miles east and four miles south of Mundare. Our first teachers were Eli Podealuk and Nick Nadurak. Under the direction of Nick Nadurak, I was soon involved in the drama club at Oleskow Hall.

After several years, we acquired a few head of cattle, several horses, some old machinery, and moved to a rented farm in the New Kiew district. There I was soon involved in the church and the National Hall at Plain Lake, where I directed a drama club. After farming this land for four years, my father purchased a farm north of Lavoy, which is still owned by the family.

In July, 1945, I married Jean, daughter of Alex and Mary (nee Chmilar) Kuch, and started farming on my own. After one year, I gave up farming and moved to Vermon, B.C. In 1950, we returned to Alberta and settled in Two Hills, where I purchased and operated a feed mill and seed cleaning plant.

On November 20, 1951, our only son, Leonard, was born. On January 14, 1956, my wife, Jean, passed away suddenly. Several months later, I sold the feed mill and in July, 1956, I started work as a weed inspector for the Municipal District of Eagle No.81, now known as the County of Two Hills No.21. Later that year, I was promoted to Agricultural Fieldman, a position I held for six years.

In February, 1957, I married Kay, daughter of Ivan and Anna (nee Holowach) Mateyko. We lived in Two Hills until the fall of 1961, when we moved to Edmonton. During our stay in Two Hills, I served on the Town Council for two terms, was an active member of the

committee organizing the construction of a new Ukrainian Catholic Church, and served as the recording secretary for the church. I was also a member of the Elks Lodge and Knights of Columbus.

Shortly after moving to Edmonton, I bought a hotel business in Bonnyville, Alberta. Here again I was involved in organizing a Ukrainian Catholic parish, and eventually the building of a new church. We lived in Bonnyville for 10 1/2 years before returning to Edmonton, where I entered the real estate business until my retirement in 1978. At present, my wife and I reside in Edmonton and are active members of St. Basil's Parish in South Edmonton.

Kay and Bernard Baron, 1982

My father passed away in 1969 and my mother, who is now 95 years old, presently resides in the Vegreville Auxiliary Hospital.

My brothers and sisters are all married.

Josephine married Walter Salamandruk of Royal Park. They have two children: Gordon and Lorna.

Nellie married Frank Kureluk of Desjarlais, Alberta. They have three children: Kenneth, Terry and Mary Anne. They also have five grandchildren.

Stanley married Lorna Russel and they have four children: Linda, Jean, Robert, and Barbara. They also have two grandchildren.

Robert married Jeanette Werry from Edmonton. They have four children: Bernadette, Laurette, Richard and Paulette. They also have two granddaughters.

Our son Leonard, married Janice Wasylenchuk. They have two daughters, Kristi and Jennifer. With God's help and some hard work, we have all prospered.

In our midst, are a medical doctor, nurse, engineer, school teacher, and several business people. Kay and I have made three trips to the Ukraine and Poland to visit friends and family who remain there.

BASARABA, Don and Lillian

Don, the eldest son of Bill and Victoria Basaraba, was born in Lafond, Alberta. He attended Chesterville, Lafond, St. Paul and Two Hills schools. Don was employed by McGregor's Company in Southern Alberta, building high lines. In 1963, he commenced work with Alberta Power as lineman, serving Bonnyville and Vegreville. Four years later he was appointed serviceman for the Two Hills area where he has been ever since.

Don married Lillian Kitz, the eldest daughter of Steve and Pearl Kitz of New Kiew. Lillian is a teacher in the Two Hills Elementary School. She attended Vegreville School and then the University of Alberta.

Both Don and Lillian are actively involved in community affairs. Don is a member of the Alberta Fish and Game Association and serves as a director on the Lac Santé recreation board, while Lillian holds executive positions in certain school and church committees. Currently, she has dedicated much of her spare time in being assistant-editor of this history book.

Lillian and Don have travelled extensively abroad. They have been three times to Europe and the U.S.S.R. and hope to extend their travels to many other countries. Don is an avid fisherman, both in winter and summer. His enthusiasm for sport fishing has taken him to many lakes in Alberta as well as deep-sea fishing in British Columbia. Don and Lillian are also members of the Curling Club. At the present time Lillian has developed a new hobby in photography and home-videos, while Don's ambition is to collect the most trophies for capturing the large fish.

May their contribution to the community give inspiration to the future generations.

Lillian and Don Basaraba, on the occasion of Don's 20 years of service with Alberta Power, 1983

BASARABA, Metro Mike and Anilda Ann (nee Adams)

by Ann Basaraba

Metro Mike Basaraba was born at Soda Lake, Alberta, on October 25, 1911. His parents were Elie Basaraba and Rachila Basaraba (nee Meroniuk) of the Szypenitz

district. The family lived in Spring Creek, Alberta, and Metro attended the Pruth School for a few years.

Metro's sister, Hilda, was younger than he by three years. His parents divorced and he and his sister left to live with their mother in the Szypenitz district. After Metro's mother remarried to Mike Lakusta, Metro was forced to quit school and work on the farm.

In 1933, Metro bought a quarter of land, NE-10-55-12-W4th from Andy Ferguson. He also purchased a quarter of land half a mile north of this quarter.

In 1935, Metro met Anilda Ann Adams of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, whom he married in the fall of 1936. Metro and Anilda raised eight children, all of whom attended the Two Hills Schools.

Metro and Ann's family, 1974. Back row, (L to R) - Leona, Vivian, Brenda, Robert, Lucille and Julie; front row - Debby, Lillian, Ann and Metro.

Lillian Belle married Mike Kostelny of Plain Lake, Alberta. They had seven children. Mike was killed in an accident. Lillian is now married to Richard Lazaruk of Willingdon. They have one son.

Julie Victoria is married to Alfred Keller of Duff, Saskatchewan, and they live in Crossfield, Alberta. The Kellers have three children.

Vivian Angela is married to Terry Hamaliuk of Hairy Hill, Alberta. They have three children and live in Vegreville, Alberta.

Honey Lucille married Fred Boyda of Two Hills. They have five children and live in Edmonton.

Robert Barry married Rosanne Delawsky of Two Hills. They have three children and live in Edmonton.

Leona Bunny married Victor Uniat of Innisfree, Alberta. They have two sons and live in Nanaimo, British Columbia.

Brenda Faye married Garry Siepert. They have three children and live in New Sarepta, Alberta.

Debby Rosemarie married Roland Fiebick. They have three children and live in New Sarepta, Alberta.

Metro and Ann lost their home in a fire in 1966. They lived in a rented home for one and a half years in Two Hills, and then in 1968, they sold their cattle and bought a home in Edmonton. They both worked in the University Hospital for ten years. On week-ends they worked their farms. They retired in 1978, and their son Bob took over the farm. Metro passed away on June 17, 1983.

BATEYKO, Dmytro and Annie

Dmytro Bateyko was born October 3, 1904, in Moscitke, Poland, to Sam and Helen Bateyko. Dmytro was the fourth child in a family of six children. He attended school in Poland for several years. When World War I broke out his schooling ended. He continued to live with his parents and worked at various jobs, one of which was carpentry. The future showed no promise, thus, at the age of 24, he decided to leave his family and join his brother John in Canada. He arrived in Canada in August, 1928.

Dmytro travelled by train across Canada and arrived at Innisfree, from where he set out to locate his brother John who lived farther northeast at Naughton Glen (Morecambe), Alberta. While living with his brother he did all kinds of farm and carpentry work in the Beauvallon, Myrnam, and Derwent area.

In 1935, while building a house for Peter Hladunewich, he met Annie Chudyk.

Dmytro and Annie's wedding picture, November 9, 1937

Annie was born on December 20, 1912, at Plain Lake, Alberta, to Panko and Mary Chudyk. She was the fifth child in a family of nine children. Annie completed six years of school and then went to work at her sister Pearl's

farm at Beauvallon. During the difficult years, Dmytro and Annie worked hard and saved towards the purchase of a homestead, which was made possible in 1937. Dmytro and Annie were married on November 9, 1937, at the Vegreville Orthodox Church. Mr. John Boyko of Beauvallon and Nellie Fedyna (Annie's sister) from Vegreville witnessed their marriage. Friends and family gathered on November 21, 1937, at the farm of John and Pearl Hamernyk to celebrate the marriage.

When the Bateykos settled on their homestead, E1/2-32-54-10-W4th, only 50 acres of the land was cleared. Both worked very hard to clear more land and establish themselves in mixed farming. It wasn't until 1949, that they were able to purchase their first tractor (Massey Harris 44). Three years later they bought a new Chevrolet car for $2600.

Dmytro and Annie were blessed with six children:

Elsie was born on May 8, 1938; Eddy was born on March 31, 1939; Adeline was born October 3, 1940; Marshall was born January 4, 1942; Peter was born July 11, 1945; and Mary (Pat) on January 1, 1947.

A brief illness of pneumonia ended baby Eddy's life on June 5, 1939. He was interred at Krasnahora Church Cemetery.

All the Bateyko children attended Beauvallon School. The school was two miles away and the children walked to school. In 1955, when the Beauvallon School was closed they were bused to Myrnam.

Elsie moved to Vegreville in 1955, and worked at Cash Foods. On April 20, 1956, she married Orest Grykuliak of Vegreville. His employment with the Department of Transport consisted of many moves across Canada which included Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg and Leduc. On February 7, 1962, son Darcy was born, and on November 16, 1966, daughter Tracey was born. Their marriage dissolved after twenty-three years. Presently Elsie and the children reside in Leduc, Alberta, where Elsie is employed at the Treasury Branch.

Adeline graduated from New Myrnam High School in 1959. She moved to Edmonton and worked at Swift's Canada. In November, 1960, Adeline married Mike Mandrusiak of Morecambe, Alberta, who was employed with Canada Postal Services. Adeline worked at the Bank of Montreal until the arrival of their first child on October 20, 1962.

Baby Cheryl developed a heart disease and passed away at the age of 11 days. In February, 1963, Adeline returned to work at the Toronto Dominion Bank. She worked here until their son Darren was born on July 2, 1965. Mike and Adeline have four other children:

Bradley born November 26, 1967; Corey born August 16, 1971; Jason born October 9, 1974; and Michelle born May 5, 1977.

Adeline has remained at home since 1965, caring for her family.

Marshall left school in 1959, and sought employment in Marwayne and Lloydminster area. His first job was with a printing company in Lloydminster. In 1960, Marshall moved to Calgary where he apprenticed as a car inspector for C.N.R. Many moves were required during his apprenticeship which included Winnipeg, Calgary, and Edmonton. In July 1964, Marshall married Nadia Kitt of Chipman but their marriage dissolved after five years. In June 1965, Marshall completed his apprenticeship with C.N.R. Between the years 1966, and 1972, he worked for Sweda International. This position also involved transfers to Los Angeles, Vancouver and Calgary. In September 1970, Marshall married Elsie Chomyk of Strome. After several years their marriage dissolved. In 1972, Marshall returned to work for C.N.R. In May, he transferred to Edmonton and is presently living there.

Spring of 1979 - Dmytro, Annie, and their children with their families. They have 11 grandchildren in all.

In 1962, Peter, the youngest son, left school and moved to Edmonton where he worked for John Hauca Stucco and Plastering. Between the years 1963 and 1965, Peter worked on road construction for the County of Two Hills. In September, 1965, Peter started his employment with the Department of Environment. For further advancements in his job, Peter attended classes at NAIT. In July 1970, Peter married Ruth Werenka of Two Hills. They lived in Edmonton until October, 1973. In the spring of 1973, they purchased a farm near Duvernay. As well as farming the land, Peter is employed by the Department of Environment.

Ruth is employed with the County of Two Hills. Peter and Ruth have two sons:

Darwin born June 15, 1975; Dustin born April 2, 1977.

Pat moved to Edmonton in December, 1964, where she attended Marvel Hairdressing School and worked at the trade until 1971. On January 9, 1971, Pat married Gordon Persson who is employed with the city of Edmonton. In April, 1971, Pat started to work as a secretary for Edmonton Home Services. She worked there until their first son Aaron was born on November 15, 1974. The second son Gregory was born on May 21, 1976. Pat continued to work part-time until the spring of 1978; since, she has remained at home caring for her family.

Dmytro and Annie retired in June, 1968. After selling their property to their son Peter, they moved to Two Hills. Peter farmed the land for four years and then sold it to Johnny Bateyko. Dmytro and Annie enjoyed their retirement by being involved in local church and senior citizens' groups. In his leisure time Dmytro continued

doing carpentry work. They both enjoyed gardening and berry picking. Peter's farm is near to their home at Two Hills so Annie and Dmytro spent a lot of their time at the son's farm. However, after a very brief illness Dmytro passed away on November 28, 1982, at the age of 78 years. He was laid to rest at the Two Hills Cemetery.

Annie presently resides in Two Hills.

BIDULOCK, Fred and Maria (nee Semenowich) and Family

by John Bidulock Sr.

Fred Bidulock was born in the Province of Romania, then under Austrian rule, on the 25th of August, 1890. He was the youngest and the only son in the family of five. His mother died when he was 12 years of age and Fred had to leave school and seek work. Fred immigrated to Canada in 1907, with his brother-in-law John Hutzkal. Although he knew very little of how to read and write he soon picked up the English language, and later learned Italian and other foreign languages as well.

During World War I, Fred Bidulock worked in Coleman, Blairmore, and on the C.P.R. between Banff and Field. He also worked on the High Level Bridge in Edmonton. While working he filed for a homestead, SE-7-57-13-W4th. Between construction jobs he wanted to see what the land was like, and discovered there were two neighbors near his homestead, George S. Buzak and Metro Hunchak. Soon he had to spend more time on the land in order to be able to retain it for his title.

In 1913, he married Maria Semenowich, the oldest daughter of a family of five, who was born in the Village of Boian, Romania, on November 4, 1896. Maria came to Canada with her family in 1902, on the ship "Coleberg," and landed in Halifax. They travelled then by train all the way to Strathcona now South Edmonton.

After a few days they were taken to a farmer's place near the Hairy Hill Post Office. Here Maria's father decided to file for a homestead in the area later called Szypenitz. Soon a sod roofed house was built. Times were hard, there was no money, and food was scarce. But a worse tragedy followed: Maria's mother died in 1904, when Maria was only eight years old. Three of the younger children of the family were taken by other families who had better means to cope with life. Maria was taken by Mrs. Billy Edmonds. Although she attended school for only five days, she learned the English language, with a British accent, from Mrs. Edmonds.

When Maria was 12 years old, her father decided to re-unite the family and this was a traumatic experience. Back home, Maria took on the role of a mother to her younger sisters and brother. She did the daily chores of cooking, baking, washing, and during the winter months knitting and sewing for her younger sisters and herself. After accumulating five or six dozen chicken eggs, Maria would walk across fields, beside creeks, and through bush to sell them at Duvernay, nine miles distant. As the years went by, Maria found it a little easier as the Szypenitz Post Office and a store was built near by. She taught her younger sister to help her with the chores, and she even taught her the alphabet. This was her life until 1913, when she married Fred Bidulock.

Fred and Maria lived in a sod-roofed log house which Fred built before they married. Their beginning was very much like their parents, clearing land for the garden, and setting up their mixed farming of grain, cattle and fowl. There were wild animals such as bears and coyotes, and the chickens were killed by skunks and coyotes. They first started to till the land with a pair of oxen, but the idea was soon given up and they traded the oxen for a pair of skinny horses, which were more versatile, from a rancher by the name of Snider. Threshing was done by flail or by laying of sheaves on the frozen ground and driving horses over the sheaves. Later Fred bought a used threshing machine, the first of its kind in the area. Fred was the first owner of a Model T Ford car in the district and later he purchased a 1928 Essex. He was very much in demand to help out the neighbors with their problems. Quite often he would take the sick to a doctor, or to see their sick relatives as far as McCrae and Lac La Biche, even though the roads were in very poor condition. Fred was always willing to help people mechanically, for example starting and repairing engines.

Bidulock family, 1932. Front row, (L to R) - Kathleen, Maria, baby Lucyle, George, Fred, and Pearl; back row - Gladys, Nick, Mike, Steve, Dan, Helene and John.

To this couple, 13 children were born:

Gladyse (Bill) Andriatz was born December 28, 1915. Gladyse and Bill have a family of four children: Marlene Yatzko, Sonia Covers, Cicilia Meaker and Rosita Kushner. Gladyse became an invalid and retired at an early age.

Mike was born July 15, 1917. He was a very talented mechanic. Due to poor health he died in 1937.

Daniel was born October 22, 1918. He worked on the farm. During the war he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, rising to the rank of Corporal. After his discharge, he took steam engineering. He married Margaret Gorey and raised a family of five: Lucille Hurlen, Eileen Wattes, Don, Kenneth, and Karen Erickson.

Helene (Philip) Semeniuk was born on August 28, 1920. Helene and Philip raised a family of four children: Rose Trynchuk, Lucyle McNamee, Shirley Paziuk, and Ernest. Philip died in 1970, and Helene is presently

retired at Vegreville.

Nick was born on July 22, 1922. Although brilliant in school, he preferred farming and operated a school bus for many years. Nick and Nancy Kuzz were married in Desjarlasis, and they raised a family of three: Johnny, Eileen Farrus and Douglas. They now reside in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

Steve, who was born May 28, 1924, went to Deep Lake School and later to Hairy Hill School. After 17 years he resigned as manager of Imperial Lumber and went into a lumber and hardware business on his own. Steve was elected on different occasions as councillor and Mayor of Hairy Hill. Now he is the secretary of the town. He has been on the Board of School Trustees for many years and in 1984, chairman of the North Eastern Alberta School Trustee Association. Steve is also a member of the Elks Lodge. Steve and Mary Hanchurak were married in Hairy Hill, Alberta and raised a family of three: Judy Eluik, Jerry and Regie. Steve is still in the lumber and insurance business. He is also a Treasury Branch agent.

Kathleen (Metro) Lypka was born on April 2, 1926. She worked in stores, hospitals and cafes in Two Hills. She has been a school bus driver for many years. She also operated a confectionery and now is the agent for Simpson Sears in Two Hills. Kathleen married Metro Lypka of Derwent, and they raised four children: Melvin, Marilyn Fedoretz, Arthur and Kenneth.

Pearl (David) Murray was born May 14, 1928. She attended the University of Alberta, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. She taught school in the County of Two Hills, in Edmonton, County of Vermilion and in Montreal. Pearl and David were married in Edmonton, and raised a family of four children: Natalee Stevens, Charlene, Douglas and Donald. Pearl and Dr. Murray spent extensive time in travelling.

George was born on December 25, 1930. After finishing high school he enrolled at the University of Alberta as an electrical engineer, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force instructing on electronics and computer science. He was promoted to Flying Officer and after four years acquired his Master of Science in electronics. He worked for Alberta Government Telephones, where he is presently chief engineer for A.G.T. George and Rosa Brudrer, a Registered Nurse, were married in Edmonton and raised a family of two children: Jenise and Brian.

Lucyle (Cpt. Al) Stinson was born June 12, 1933. She entered the University of Alberta and received her Bachelor of Education degree. She taught in the County of Two Hills, City of Edmonton, Red Deer, Penhold, and at a Canadian Force's Base. Lucyle also acquired her Masters in Education and Library. Lucyle and Captain Al Stinson were married in Edmonton, and raised two boys: Richard and Kevin.

Bertha (David) Chappell was born on September 3, 1936. She obtained her Registered Nurse and Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Alberta. Bertha was also an Instructor at the University of Alberta. She worked as a nurse in the Eastern States, and in Ontario Hospitals. Bertha received her Masters of Science in Nursing and research at the University of Hawaii. Since 1980, she is specializing in cancer and tumor research in small children and has plans for Doctoral degree. Bertha and David were married in Edmonton and raised two children: Cynthia Rice and Mark.

Adeline (Eric) Peake was born on October 31, 1938. She entered University of Alberta working towards a degree in Chemistry. At first she was reluctant to go into Chemistry, as the classes were all boys. Finally she overcame her fears and acquired a Bachelor Science degree in Chemistry. She worked for the provincial government in Edmonton and is presently with Environment Canada in Calgary. Adeline and Eric Peake, Master of Arts, travelled extensively and are interested in mountain climbing. They have two children: Pamela and Heather.

Bertha and Adeline arrived after 1932.

Being a senior citizen of Alberta, Maria Bidulock was presented with the Golden Jubilee award. Fred and Maria resided on their homestead until they passed away. Fred died on January 28, 1970, and Maria died on August 6, 1978.

BIDULOCK, John

by John Bidulock

John, the oldest child of Fred and Maria Bidulock, was born on the family homestead, in Ispas, on January 28, 1915.

He had to walk three and a half miles to school everyday. School was often interrupted because of the shortage of teachers, and sometimes only operated for three months a year. When John progressed to Grade VII and VIII, classes were held the full year. Although John wanted to further his education, finances were limited, and Grade IX was not offered in the school.

John worked on the family farm for a short time, but money was scarce, and it was quite difficult to purchase the necessities of life, let alone a new suit of clothes.

Leaving the farm he went to Vernon, B.C., where he earned better money. John always wanted to be a soldier, and in 1936, joined the non-permanent militia, B.C. Dragoons (see John Bidulock War Years). When the war

had ended, he returned to Canada and received his discharge in Vancouver, B.C.

Jobs were scarce at the time, so he decided to go back to school choosing the Canadian Union College, near Lacombe. He was unable to get his degree, because the college was not affiliated with the University of Alberta. He then started a book-bindery, and also joined the Medical Cadets. When he left the bindery, it was one of the largest in Western Canada. Upon his father's death, he came back to the farm to look after his mother, and take over the farming operations.

John received a call to join the 782 Squadron Cadets, at Two Hills. There he served as Supply and Administration Officer. He went to Penhold for an Officer Training Course, then back to Two Hills, where he was promoted to Captain and Commanding Officer of 782 Royal Canadian Air Force Cadet Squadron.

After two years as Commanding Officer, John was asked to accept his retirement because of his age. After retirement, John was requested to be Civilian Instructor, for his old squadron.

John is still farming (1984) the family farm, and he plans to retire soon.

Captain John Bidulock, commanding officer 782 Cadet Sqd., 1977

BOHAICHUK, Dymetro and Andrianna (nee Iwasiuk)

Andrianna was born on April 3, 1903 to the family of Samuel and Lekeria Iwasiuk in Oshechlib, Bukovina, Ukraine. In April, 1923, she followed her sister, Mrs. Anna Pylypuik, to the home of her aunt Anastasia (Leon) Boida of Morecambe, Alberta.

Dymetro was born on October 20, 1900, and was second youngest in a family of eight children. He was born in Borschiw, Ukraine. His parents, Annie and Youstana Bohaichuk, came to Canada and settled in the Mundare area, in the spring of 1908. On January 6, 1909, his dad passed away. That same year, the family took a homestead four miles north of Musidora.

Dmytro and Andrianna Bohaichuk on their wedding day, November 25, 1925

On November 25, 1925, Andrianna and Dymetro were married.

In 1947, the Bohaichuks moved to the Village of Musidora. They were both active in community work and helped to erect the stone Hall. There Andrianna was known for her ability to cook for weddings.

The Bohaichuks raised two daughters. In 1951, the eldest, Gladys, married John Luchkow of Innisfree and they now reside in Edmonton. The Luchkows have two sons: David and George.

Nadia, the youngest daughter married Don Foster in 1957. They now reside in Sherwood Park and have four children: Norma, Donna, Brad, and Rebecca.

On October 10, 1981, Andrianna passed away. Internment was at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Edmonton.

Dymetro is now living in St. Michael's Nursing Home in Edmonton.

Dmytro and Andrianna's family, 1970. Standing, (L to R) - George, John, Gladys, Nadia, Don and David; front row - Norma, Dmytro, Donna, Rebecca, Andrianna and Brad.

BOIDA, Leon and Anastasia (nee Lupul)

Leon was born on February 20, 1882 in Oshechlib, Bukovina, Ukraine, and died on December 8, 1976. His parents were Aksenki Boida and Anna (nee Gorgichuk) Boida. Leon attended school in Ukraine for four years (half days only); then for two years (full days), and that was all the education he could get. In 1903, he was called to serve in the Austrian Army, and as he recalled, the training was severe. On November 24, 1905, he married Anastasia Lupul.

Anastasia was born on October 21, 1888, in Oshechlib, Bukovina, Ukraine, and died on October 24, 1975. Her parents were John and Anna (nee Drutzul) Lupul. Anastasia attended school where some German language was taught. Sailing from Port of Antwerp on the ship Melita, she arrived in Canada in June, 1909. Accompanied by Michael Lypka, his four daughters and one son, she arrived in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Leon realizing the bleak future in the "Old Country," of having to work for the twelfth sheaf of grain and hoe the gardens, of which only a quarter was his share and three-quarters was the landlords, decided to seek a better life, and so he immigrated to Canada in 1907.

He worked for C.P. Railroad and in coal mines in Lethbridge, Alberta, for ten hours a day at 15 cents per hour. Of this, he paid 75¢ for room and board, but still managed to save enough money for his wife's ticket to Canada.

The Boidas settled on homestead, SE 23-54-11-W4th, which they had purchased for the sum of $10. The taxes on this quarter of land were $6. in 1910.

They endured many hardships in those days: building their log cabin covered with a sod roof, which leaked whenever it rained; plowing by oxen; and coping with mosquitoes (when they got really bad, the oxen used to gallop into the slough with the plow and all). Many winters Mrs. Boida was left alone while Mr. Boida went to work to earn some money for necessities.

Leon was a steamship ticket agent for the White Star Steamship Line in 1929-30, and many people came to Canada through this agency.

He also served as councillor in the Municipal District of Sobor No.514 from 1934-37.

In their pioneer days, Boidas attended the Oshechlib Greek Orthodox Church which was half a mile north of their homestead. Later, they were among the first pioneers to join the Pobida Seventh Day Adventist Church, one mile west of Beauvallon, Alberta.

Leon and Anastasia raised five children:

John married Anne Dowhanuik and lives in Edmonton.

Eli married Olga Greckol and lives in Edmonton.

Fred lives in Powell River, B.C.

Alexander, who married Rose Luciak, passed away on September 20, 1979. Rose lives in Morecambe, Alberta.

Mary married Paul Yaremchuk and lives in Edmonton.

The Boidas had nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

BOIDA, Alexander and Rose (nee Luciak)

Alexander, the youngest son of Leon and Anastasia Boida, was born in Morecambe, Alberta, on September 20, 1923. He took his elementary schooling in Morecambe and then completed his high school in Two Hills. His desire to further his education was short-lived as he had to work on the family farm during the war years.

Alexander was very sports-minded and played on the Morecambe and Two Hills Teams. He was coach of the Morecambe Mustangs for eight years. Baseball, hockey, fastball, curling, and fishing were his way of relaxing.

On July 16, 1950, Alexander married Rose Luciak of Two Hills and took over the family farm when Leon and Anastasia retired to Two Hills. Alexander was always interested in community affairs. He was elected as Division 3 Councillor of County of Two Hills No.21 in 1963, a position he held for 11 years. Alexander also contributed many volunteer hours as a director of the Morecambe Rural Electrification Co-op. He was also a member of the United Farmers of Alberta, the Co-op, Morecambe Orthodox Church and the National Hall. At the age of 56, Alexander passed away on September 20, 1979. A Community Memorial Ball Park with three ball diamonds was erected in his memory at Musidora. With all of Alexander's involvement in sports, it was only natural that his three sons and daughter are involved in sports too.

Robert, the oldest son was born in Two Hills on June 14, 1951. He attended Grades I-VII in Morecambe and completed his high school in Two Hills. In 1972, he graduated from N.A.I.T. with, Business Administration Diploma. On December 7, 1974, Robert married Brenda Lesoway of Mundare. Robert is presently employed by the Edmonton City Police Department and his wife, Brenda, is employed by Real Estate and Supply Services, City of Edmonton. Robert and Brenda reside in St. Albert. They have one daughter, Chelsea.

Rodney, the second son, was born in Two Hills on April 23, 1954. He also attended Morecambe School from Grades I to Grade IV and completed his high school in Two Hills. After graduating he worked with the Department of Environment. In 1975, he went to Gimli, Manitoba, enrolling in a locomotive engineer course. Presently he is employed with the C.N.R. In May, 1982, Rodney married Lana Kereliuk of Two Hills, Pastor Dick Upham officiating. Lana, is registered nurse and works part-time at the St. Michael's Nursing Home. Rodney and Lana reside in Edmonton and have two daughters, Lindsay Rae, born on October 4, 1982, and Lauren.

Douglas, the third son, was born in Two Hills on May 10, 1960. He took all his schooling in Two Hills. After graduating, he worked at the Two Hills Chemical Plant. Due to his father's untimely death, he was asked to remain on the family farm. In 1981, he graduated from N.A.I.T. with an electronic Technician Diploma and is presently employed with Lion's Business Machines in Edmonton.

Karen, the youngest, was born in Two Hills on July 21, 1966. She took all her schooling at Two Hills and after graduating, she plans to attend the University of Alberta where she may enroll in medical sciences.

BOIDA, Eli and Olga (nee Greckol)

Eli, who was born in Morecambe, Alberta, married Olga Greckol.

He attended the Morecambe School, and then in 1937, he continued his education at the Canadian Junior College at Lacombe, Alberta.

In the 1940s he was employed as secretary of the Two Hills School Division. He also served in the Air Force during World War II.

After the war, he was employed by Canada West Insurance Co. and then Western Union Insurance Company in Edmonton. He will be retiring this summer.

The Boidas have two daughters and four grandchildren: Gloria Reese of Edmonton, and her daughters, Jill and Hillary; and Gladys (Gary) Strankman of El Cerrito, California, and their daughters, Felicia and Anna-Marie.

BOIDA, Fred

Fred was born in Morecambe, Alberta where he attended the school. Then in 1937, he attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

His ambition was to join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police but he was called to serve his country during World War II. His service involved duty with the military police.

After the war, he was employed by the MacMillan and Bloedel Pulp and Paper Mill in Powell River, B.C. until his retirement in 1983.

BOIDA, John and Anne (nee Dowhaniuk)

The eldest daughter of Nick and Pearl (Paraska) Dowhaniuk was born in 1916, on the old homestead then known as Lanuke, now Two Hills. She walked to school one-and-a-half miles in all kinds of weather. Christmas concerts and the trees were her most enjoyable memories. Anne completed her schooling at the new Two Hills School.

In 1934, she met and married John Boida, the eldest son of Leon and Anastasia Boida of Morecambe. John was born 1910 and grew up on the farm. When John was 13 years old, his dad sent him to Canadian Junior College in Lacombe. For one year, John milked cows and helped in the kitchen to help meet the costs of schooling. The following year, he went to Edmonton to complete his education. When he came home, he obtained work as a grain buyer for Pioneer Grain Company at Musidora.

Two years later, the Pioneer Grain Company transferred John to Whitford and then to Beauvallon. In 1942, he joined the army and at first he was stationed at Camrose. Later he was transferred to Little Mountain near Vancouver, B.C. His wife, Anne, and son joined him in Vancouver where their daughter Sandra, was born in 1943. After John's discharge from the army he worked at Boeing Aircraft and later took up barbering. After moving back to Two Hills John barbered for two years, but because the winters were too cold, John and his family moved back to Vancouver. There John obtained work as a nursing orderly in the Vancouver General Hospital and Anne worked at Woodwards.

John and Anne Boida, 1952

John and Anne have two children and four grandchildren:

Son Boris, on completion of his high school, joined the navy. After five years of service he came home and met Valentine Plaxin, whom he married. They have one son, Andrew. Boris is a supervisor for Fraser Cablevision and lives in Burnaby, B.C.

Sandra, on completion of her schooling, worked for a finance company. She met and married Dan Harlow. They have three children: Michael, Michelle, and David.Dan is Manager of Festival Ford Motors in Red Deer, Alberta.

In 1975, John and Anne retired and moved to Kelowna, B.C. where they enjoyed fishing, travelling, and golfing. In 1981, they moved to Edmonton where Anne could be near her mother and dad. From 1981 to 1984 she devoted all her time to them. At present, John and Anne are living in Edmonton.

BOSCHMAN, Lorne and Barbara

Lorne Boschman was born on March 22, 1950, in Carrot River, Saskatchewan, where his grandparents had homesteaded in the early 1900s.

Barbara Boschman was born on January 25, 1950, in Myrnam, Alberta, and grew up on the family farm at Beauvallon, Alberta. Her parents, Edwin and Edith (nee English) Ahlstrom farmed at Beauvallon until 1976.

Lorne and Barb were married in Edmonton on June 3, 1972, and moved to Two Hills in the spring of 1974.

Deborah, Barbara, Shane and Lorne Boschman, 1981

Barbara has taught school in Two Hills and is actively involved in the community.

Lorne came to the Two Hills area and worked with U.F.A. Co-op. He now owns an insurance business in Two Hills.

The Boschmans have four children:

Shane Christopher, born August 6, 1978; Deborah Lynne, born March 30, 1981; Jennifer Anne, born March 8, 1984, and Jessica Edith, born March 8, 1984.

Lorne, Barb, and family live two miles southwest of Two Hills on the George English farm.

Jessica, Deborah, Shane and Jennifer Boschman, 1985

BOYCHUK, Hnat and Magdalyna (nee Koshuta)

In 1903, Hnat Boychuk and Magdalyna (nee Koshuta) left their Ukraine homeland and arrived in Alberta with one small child named Annie. Mr. Boychuk bought a homestead in Plain Lake district where he built a mud-thatched log cabin. Mrs. Boychuk stayed there with her daughter, while her husband sought work to keep his family alive. Often he walked to Vegreville and Edmonton in cold and hunger. In the summertime, when it rained, the water came down through the cabin roof and Mrs. Boychuk had to shelter her daughter so that the child would not get wet. When bears prowled around the

Magdalyna and Hnat Boychuk, circa 1938

sparsely populated area, Magdalyna rang cow bells to frighten them away. One day a big bear who could not be scared away ate the calf.

The Boychuks had a family of nine children. Annie, who came to Canada, died when she was ten years old. Mikey and Mary died as young children also. Katie, John, Bill, Pearl, Joe, and Mike all grew up to adulthood. Katie was married to John Paseiko. Both passed away in 1974. John was married to Annie Wispinski, Bill to Annie Predyk, Pearl to Paul Gushnowski, Joe to Helen Sutkowski, and Mike to Marion Butwilofski.

Hnat was widely known in the district and by all the Mundare priests who came to Plain Lake to serve the parish. He was a cantor who assisted in many funerals with the priests. He died in 1962 at age 84. Magdalyna passed away in 1944 at age 62.

The Boychuk family, (L to R) - Bill, Joe, Mike and John; seated - Pearl, (father) Hnat and Katie. This picture was taken in April of 1958, when a birthday party was held for their father (Hnat).

BOYCHUK, Bill and Annie (nee Predyk)

Bill Boychuk and his wife, Annie (nee Predyk), farmed in the Plain Lake district for 35 years, before moving to Edmonton. Their son, Johnny, was an altar boy for Reverend Tarnawski when he served the Plain Lake Church. Johnny was an altar boy from age seven to 15.

Johnny Boychuk married Ruth Laschowski. The Boychuks raised four children: two girls, Carol and Judy, and two boys, Peter and Jerry.

Bill Boychuk's father, Henry, was a very good cantor. Henry married Magdelene Koshuta. They had six children: two girls, Katie and Pearl, and four boys: John, Bill, Joe, and Mike.

Bill and Annie Boychuk with son Johnny, his wife Ruth, and their children, 1978

BOYCHUK, John and Anne (nee Wispinski)

John, the eldest son of Hnat and Magda (nee Koshuta) Boychuk, was born on February 9, 1913, at Plain Lake. He grew up with two sisters and three brothers: Katie, Pearl, Bill, and Joseph.

Anne, the eldest daughter of Dmytro and Ahaphia (nee Warawa) Wispinski, was born on June 2, 1913 at Plain Lake. She had seven sisters and four brothers: John, Nancy, Pearl, Lena, Tillie, Mary, William, Mike, Olga, Steve, and Josephine.

At the age of 18, in 1931, Anne was employed as a maid by Mr. and Mrs. William Kindrachuk, teachers at Plain Lake School. The wages at that time were $8. a month.

John and Anne were married on November 3, 1934, at the Plain Lake Church. For two days there was feasting and dancing at the Plain Lake Hall.

In 1936, Hnat and Magda moved to Vegreville and John and Anne took over the land and farmed the homestead, (SW-18-53-11-W4th).

Anne was John's right-hand man, helping with the clearing of fresh land, planting, and harvesting. She stooked in the daytime for neighbors, and in the evenings she did the stooking at home. Often the Boychuks would harness their horses and travel to Vegreville, Two Hills, Musidora, or to Plain Lake Store. At that time ice cream was only 5¢ a cone, and much more delicious than it is now. John and Anne took pride in the size of their gardens; they always had a full cellar with vegetables to spare. Because there was no electricity and no deep freezers or fridges, everything had to be canned. In winter the kitchen range and pot-bellied heater kept the house warm. To get a supply of wood for these stoves

John and Annie Boychuk with their granddaughters, 1970

John would leave at daybreak with enough hay for feeding horses and a good lunch for himself, and cut trees. The best firewood was white poplar. It usually took three hours to get a good load of wood. For winter's supply of wood, one had to cut about 20 loads.

Another essential that was made at home was soap. It was made from fat from butchered animals. The fat was rendered and mixed with lye. It was then hardened into soap, and used for laundry and washing hard-wooden floors.

A church outing once a month was a pleasure, so was visiting with neighbors and friends. In the evening, a walk would be taken to the hall, four miles away, for concert and play practices. Enough money was raised through concerts and play performance to build the church and hall.

John and Anne farmed 25 years, then rented land for another six years. In 1959, after selling the homestead to their nephew, Robert Boychuk, John and Anne moved to Two Hills. There Anne was employed in the laundry department of the Two Hills Municipal Hospital at a salary of $98 a month. Anne worked in the laundry department for a few years and then became a cook. She worked in the hospital for a total of 20 years. On her retirement, her wages were $998. a month.

John worked for the town about three years. From

John and Anne Boychuk's three sons. (L to R) - Orest, Lorne, and Ed. Daniel, 1970s.

1963 to 1966 he worked for Alberta Pacific Grain Co. Then he started with Highway Construction and remained there until his retirement.

John and Anne raised three children: Ed Daniel, Lorne, and Orest. The boys attended Plain Lake School until they were bussed to Two Hills. Their first teacher was John Kozmak. During summer holidays, the boys travelled by buggy to Plain Lake Church for catechism.

Ed Daniel married Joan Harashinski and is living in Ardrossan. Lorne, Orest, and Verna, are living in Edmonton. Seven grand-daughters are part of the Boychuk family: Kimberly, Sherry Anne, Jodi, Debbie, Lori, Shantelle and Charmaine.

A Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Banquet for John and Anne was held on November 3, 1984, at the Centennial Hall in Two Hills.

BOYDA, William and Katie (nee Woynarovich)

William Boyda was born in the Village of Oshechlib, District of Kitzman, in the Ukraine, in 1902. In February, 1923, he left home to come to Canada on the ship Olympic. Then he arrived by train in Lethbridge where he had relatives. There he worked in the coal mines for four years. During the depression, the mines closed and Bill managed an ailing Co-op for awhile, but the depression caused it to close too.

William and Katie Boyda, circa 1929

Katherina Woynarovich, who was born in Medeka, Poland, arrived in Canada on September 21, 1922, to join her brother, Louis, in Lethbridge. For six years she worked at the Van Harlm Hospital where the hours were long (7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.), and the 75¢ per day wages were poor. Katherina met William in 1925, and on March 12, 1929, they were married. In 1930, they were blessed with a baby girl, Priscilla. Additions to the little family came in 1936, when May was born, and in 1938, Fred was born.

As the depression progressed, savings were depleted. Katie and Bill decided to move to a farm near Two Hills where they once visited relatives. Impressed with the lush countryside, they moved to the NE 1/4 26-54-12-W4th. This was Nick Chrapko's original homestead. With a purchase of four horses and a donated cow, they began farming their rented land, having to rely on neighbors and relatives for use of horses and machinery. Farming was slow and tedious. The first year was profitable and encouraging. Next year, however, the frost hit and in the third year, they were completely hailed out.

In 1943, they purchased the farm from Nick Chrapko. Being very isolated, Bill and Katie decided to purchase land closer to a major highway. When Bill Chomik's land, SW 1/2 2-55-12-W4th, came up for sale in 1948, they bought it. This land was originally homesteaded by Eli Grekul. When Highway 45 was paved in 1965, they finally felt they had joined civilization again. No longer did they have to worry about whether the horses could pull the quota of grain to the elevators up those two long hills in the spring when the roads were so muddy.

Priscilla, the oldest daughter, completed her Grade VIII at Nizir School and continued her education at the Two Hills High School. She obtained her Nursing Aide Certificate in Calgary in 1950-1951. After completing her training, she worked in Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, and then at St. Michael's Hospital in Lethbridge, and later in 1959, in the new Lethbridge Municipal Hospital. Priscilla married Nick Bodnar of Warner in 1961, and they have one daughther, Jean, now training in the Faculty of Dentistry in Winnipeg.

May attended Nizir until Grade V and later the Two Hills Elementary and the High School, graduating in 1955. She completed two years of teacher training in the Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Alberta, and taught in Two Hills, Camrose, Lethbridge, and Calgary, all the while completing her degree by evening and summer classes. May received her degree in 1963. Seven years later, she married Ted Koziel of Porcupine Plain, Saskatchewan. They have two girls, Susan and Rosemary, still in school.

Fred also attended Nizir and Two Hills School. He married Lucille Honey Basaraba in 1962, and they took over the family farm. They have three sons: Richard, Thomas and Kenneth. They also have two daughters, Kandy and Brandy. Fred moved to Edmonton in 1971, where he obtained employment at the University Hospital.

Bill and Katie retired to live in Two Hills in 1968, buying the original Bohaychuk's property which Bill helped to build (Lot 5, Block, Plan 646 HW). When new, it was used by the doctors as the first doctor's office.

Bill and Katie tended their property and large garden until 1982, when Bill suffered a stroke. They moved to Lethbridge where they reside in a senior citizens' apartment near their daughter, Priscilla. Recently, they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with some of their old-time friends.

BROMLEY, Olga (nee Kolisniak)

Olga, daughter of Andrew and Elena Kolisniak, was born in 1924, on the family homestead. She attended Chornik School for two years, and then moved to Musidora with her family. She continued her education at Franko School. In 1940, she worked for Mr. Ruptash of Hairy Hill for two years. Then in 1942, Olga and her sister Rose worked in Edmonton where they were employed with the C.N.R. Later in the year of 1946, Olga met Jack Bromley at Yellowknife. Jack had formerly served with the Canadian Navy. Jack and Olga were married in 1947 and moved to Edmonton to purchase the Fort Nelson Fish Company Limited, a wholesale fish company.

In 1969, the Government took over the fresh water fish business. Olga then opened up a fish and chip shop, "The Whale Inn" on 101st Street in Edmonton which was very successful. Jack became manager for the Gulf of Georgia Oyster Cooperative.

Jack and Olga raised three children. Gregory, the eldest, lives in Parksville, B.C. He obtained a Master's Degree in Oceanography, and now has his own wholesale fish company. Gary, who has now retired from professional hockey, has a new career as a fireman in Vancouver. He and his wife Kathy have two children. Sandy, the youngest, is married to a geologist who is now working in London, England. Sandy is carrying on her career as a sculpturist there. They have one daughter.

Jack and Olga have retired and now reside in Parksville on Vancouver Island.

BRUNELLE, Medard Harold and Olga (nee Teresio)

by Olga Brunelle (wife)

I, Olga Brunelle (nee Teresio), daughter of Peter and Mary (nee Draganiuk) Teresio, was born on July 31, 1919, at Lanuke, where I also attended the Old Lanuke country school. I still recall many happy memories of my first teacher, Mrs. English. In 1929, I attended the Two Hills High School, where I completed Grade XII. During my school days I had dreamed of being a school teacher, but in 1934, I was not accepted at Normal School as I was too young. I also tried to enroll in a commercial course.

My first experience away from home was when I worked for ten months at the hotel in Lloydminster.

During the Depression years, I gained office experience as jr. clerk at the Two Hills Bank of Montreal, and then as steno at the newly set-up Two Hills School Division. There are many fond memories of working with Helen Triska, school nurse, and my uncle-in-law, Bill Halina.

I left Two Hills in the fall of 1939, to work as a bookkeeper for the St. Paul Cooperative. It was here that I met Medard Harold, son of John and Kacy (nee Snaychuk) Brunelle, who was discharged from the army for medical reasons. We were married in November, 1941, and moved to Dawson Creek where we lived until 1945. Medard worked for an American Company during the construction of the Alaska Highway.

In 1946, we returned to St. Paul where we lived until 1963, raising our family of six children: Medoria Donna married Doug Racine and they have two children, Dana Angele and Ariel Maria, who married Dave Hawthorne. Andrew Rach, married Vangie Poburn. They have two children, Leah Ann and Lori. Harold Sydney, divorced, has two children, Lesley and Shawn. Peter John is single. Duane Maurice, divorced, remarried to Donna. M. Joseph, married Melva Quiring. They have one child, Michelle.

In 1963, Medard and I moved to Edmonton, where we lived for ten years. Since 1973, we made our home in Prince George. We look forward to enjoying our retirement in beautiful central B.C.

BUCYK, Nicholas and Anna

by Rosemarie Holubowich

Nicholas, son of Paul and Tatania Bucyk was born on December 17, 1889, in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl, Western Ukraine. In 1902, Nicholas with his mother Tatania, stepfather Peter Triska, younger brother Sam and sister Anna immigrated to Canada, settling in the Warwick district.

The family experienced the hardships of pioneer life, often existing on the bare essentials, managed to survive the critical years.

Nicholas Bucyk, and Anna Bucyk, 1921

During World War I, on February 3,1917, Nicholas enlisted in the army and served overseas in the 49th English Battalion. On July 3, 1919, he was discharged and returned to Canada.

On February 27, 1921, Nicholas married Anna, daughter of John and Antonia Stepaniuk of Innisfree. Anna was born on December 19, 1905, in the Village of Brody, Ukraine. In 1906, she and her parents immigrated to Canada to seek the fortunes of the new land.

Nicholas and Anna worked hard on the family farm

where there were very few luxuries to enjoy. The family did best with what they had. In 1926, during the influenza epidemic, tragedy struck the Bucyk family. Nick's stepbrother, Harry Triska, and the oldest daughter Katherine, succumbed to the illness and passed away.

But as the years went by, there were brighter moments, as well. The family enjoyed some prosperous years. Nicholas was an active member in the St. Nicholas Russo-Orthodox Church, serving as an alter sexton for many years. His wife Anna helped with community projects. Both Nicholas and Anna lived in the Warwick area, until their death. Nicholas passed away on December 18, 1975, and Anna on March 11, 1981. They are interred in the St. Nicholas Russo-Orthodox cemetery.

Nicholas and Anna's 50th wedding anniversary, 1971. Seated, (L to R) - Anne and Nicholas Bucyk; standing - Nicholas Jr., Mike, Rose, Steve, Peter, Harry, William, Pearl, Paul and Mary.

Nicholas and Anna had 13 children:

Katherine (deceased March 8, 1926, at age four).

John (deceased July 19, 1941, at age 18).

William (Bill), a bachelor, lives on the family farm.

Mary married Walter Chorney, and lives in Edmonton. They raised three children: Max, Maryann and Rosemarie.

Harry married Nancy Chorney and lives in Edmonton. They have four children: Richard, Karen, Brenda and Darryl.

Steve married Rose Felices and lives in Vegreville. They raised two children: Gwen and Frederick.

Rose, who married Walter Holubowich, lives in Morecambe and their five children are Olga, Annie, Johnny, Rosemarie and Peter.

Paul married Eileen Kuzio and lives in Invermere, B.C. Their three children are Susan, Patty and Carol.

Olga (deceased January 12, 1938, at age three).

Peter married Rose Tomaseus and lives in Leduc. They raised four children: Yvonne, Catherine, Scottie and Dale.

Nicholas (deceased November 17, 1984, at age 45) married to Thelma Kapusta, lived in Sherwood Park and raised five children: Darlene (deceased in January 1969), Larry, Michael, Nicholas and Diane.

Mike who married Sharon Nestman, lives in Ardrossan and is father to three children: Patricia, Shelley and Chrisie.

Pearl married David Brookes, and lives in Oyama, B.C. Their four children are Donald, Jimmy, Judy and Shelley.

BUK, Peter and Maria (nee Wolk)

by Nick Buk

My father, Peter Buk, was born in the year 1860, in the Village of Medyka, County of Peremyshl, Western Ukraine. Mother was born in the same village, in August, 1867. Her maiden name was Maria Wolk. Neither of my parents attended school, but father taught himself to read and to sign his name. They were married on November 21, 1886, and father supported his family by working part-time as a carpenter. As well, he cultivated a small piece of land.

About the year 1900, the Canadian government, under Sir Wilfred Laurier, sent out a call to the villagers of Central Europe to sell their holdings and immigrate to Western Canada, where land was free for the asking. Thousands of people took up the challenge.

My parents, who by that time had five children, joined in this mass exodus. In the spring of 1903, they sold their property, and in the company of five of their neighbors, John Urchak, Michael Teresio, Nick Snaychuk, and Andrew Hamar, as well as father's brother Elko Buk, boarded a train in Medyka. Their destination was Hamburg, Germany, where on May 23, 1903, they embarked on the German ship, the Armenia. On board this ship, there were 1326 passengers, consisting of 883 adults, 358 children, and 85 infants.

The voyage across the Atlantic was full of hardships, due to the cramped conditions, windstorms, and sea-sickness. The foghorn sounded continously for two or three days before the ship reached Halifax. Because it was very foggy, the ship had to reduce its speed.

Nine days later, on a bright and sunny day, (June 1, 1903,) the ship landed at Halifax. From there the passengers boarded one of the colonist trains, so called because of their lack of any comfort or convenience.

It was a long ride from Halifax to Winnipeg, and a new experience for the immigrants, many of whom were petrified, while travelling through Northern Ontario; through dense forests, muskegs, rocks, and through long, dark tunnels. However, they reached Winnipeg at last, and thereafter, seeing the vast stretches of the open prairies, they recovered some of their confidence.

The trip from Winnipeg to Edmonton, was via Calgary, and the end of the railway, was Strathcona (South Edmonton). The Immigration Hall was in Edmonton. There the immigrants were billeted, after crossing the river by ferry.

The next destination for the group was Warwick, where a few fellow countrymen had already settled the previous year. It was a very wet summer, with innumerable sloughs and creeks, no roads and millions of mosquitoes. The new settlers travelled by horse and wagon which were mired in mud many times. Each time they were stuck, they had to unload their belongings and use their shoulders to push the wagon from deep mud holes. It took a few days to make the trip from Ed-

monton to Warwick. On arrival there, my parents and their children were sheltered with the Orfino family.

There were two homes in the Orfino yard. The house in which my parents stayed, burned down and father lost a whole set of carpentry tools in the fire. The family was forced to find another shelter and moved in with the Triska-Bucyk family.

Father was very anxious to search for land, suitable for the family homestead but the nearest available land was 12 miles east of Warwick. That is where father, in the company of John Urchak, headed on foot. After spending many days exploring the country between Ranfurly and Two Hills, they finally decided to file their homesteads on SE 22-54-12-W4th. Father filed on the SE, and John Urchak filed the NE.

Father built a temporary shelter, like a tepee, and then went back to Warwick to bring his family to the homestead. He bought a team of oxen and an American wagon (which was six inches wider than the Canadian wagons), and the family along with all their belongings, including a milk cow, made the trip to their new home.

The next home that father built was a two-room grass-thatched hut where our family lived for the next ten years. Father built a clay oven outside, and that was where mother baked all the bread.

During the first two years on the homestead, father had to travel to Fort Saskatchewan to get supplies. In 1905, a railway was built 25 miles south of our new home and Vegreville was built up. It became our trading centre for the next 22 years.

In 1913, father decided to build a new house in another location, in the southern part of the farm. We moved to the new house the following year.

The new home was only one quarter of a mile from the new school (Pobeda) which was built in 1909. In 1914-1915, a community hall was built in the SE corner of the farm. The same year, Steve Humen started a general store, one half mile south of our home.

Peter Buk family, 1922. Standing - William, Rose and John; seated - Peter and Maria Buk.

Our parents had ten children:

Kate (1888-1971), married Dmytro Soldan in 1907, and lived on NW 18-54-12-W4th.

Anna (1891-1961), married Tom Farrell in 1911, and lived in Vegreville.

Andrew Buk (1895-1975), married Jessie Chrapko in 1925, and lived on NE 15-54-12-W4th. They moved to Edmonton in 1966.

Michael Buk (1897-1911), died in an accident.

Jennie (1899), married Harry Long in 1925, and lived in Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Calgary, and now in Two Hills.

Mary Buk (1903), died in infancy.

Nick Buk (1904), taught in various schools, operated a garage was part owner of a food locker plant, did electrical work, and now lives on the original homestead which is owned and farmed by Marshall Soldan, a grandson of Peter and Maria Buk.

John Buk (1907), married Natalie Humen in 1940. (refer to history elsewhere).

Bill Buk (1908), married Mary Ferbey in 1932. (refer to history elsewhere).

Rose (1912), married Charles Gagne in 1942. She became a nurse and worked in Vermilion, Myrnam, Vancouver and Calgary. She now lives in Calgary.

Our older brothers and sisters were denied the privelege of an education because of the lack of school facilities and money. The younger children however did receive an education. Some of them furthered their education and made careers for themselves.

Father and mother lived on the homestead for the remaining years of their lives. Father passed away in 1938, and mother passed away in 1957.

BUK, John and Nataly (nee Humen)

by Nataly Buk

Peter and Maria Buk, immigrated to Canada from Western Ukraine, in 1903. They settled on a homestead in the Lanuke District, which is now known as the Pobeda School District.

Their son John was born in a two room, mud-plastered log house, that had a straw roof. He grew up in a family of four brothers and four sisters and was the third youngest in the family.

John attended Pobeda School, until he completed Grade VIII. To get his high school education, he went to Edmonton, where he stayed in a cultural Ukrainian Centre, known as the Hrushevsky Institute. About 40 boys and 40 girls stayed there, attending various schools. A few of the students attended University, taking medicine, engineering and law. John attended the Edmonton Separate High School, until he completed Grade XII.

After completing Normal School, John became a teacher. The first school he taught was in Pobeda, where he had 43 pupils, from Grade I to Grade VIII. He taught there for one year and then transferred to Rannock where he remained for six years. During the next nine years he taught in Spedden, four years in Lanuke, and four years in Plain Lake.

In 1940, while teaching in Lanuke School, he met and married Nataly Humen, the daughter of William and Kate Humen. Nataly completed her elementary grades in Pobeda School. After attending Two Hills High School where she completed Grade XII, she enrolled in a

Nataly and John celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, 1965. Leonard and Lynne are standing on each side of their parents.

business course at Alberta College where she graduated in typing and shorthand. While she was attending high school, Nataly belonged to a Youth Club where she sang in a chorus, played a mandolin in an orchestra, and took part in dramatic plays.

In 1947, while teaching in Plain Lake School, John decided to enter into business with his brothers Nick and Bill. A cold Storage Plant was built in Two Hills, where they processed and stored frozen meat for the local farmers. John was the manager of the plant until 1954, when he decided to go back to teaching. He taught junior high school in Two Hills for five years, and then transferred to the elementary school where he remained until his retirement.

It was while he taught in Two Hills, that John decided to improve his qualifications. By enrolling at the University of Alberta, and by attending summer school and taking evening classes in Vegreville, John successfully completed a four-year Bachelor of Education program.

During their stay in Two Hills, John and Nataly belonged to various organizations. Before the school county was established, John acted as a secretary to a Two Hills local School Board. The other two members were Sam Andriowski and Peter Gorgichuk. It was this school board that chose the site of the present high school.

John and Nataly's grandchildren. (L to R) - Cathy Wilson, Sean Buk, Lisa Wilson and Sasha Buk, 1984.

John was a member of the Elks Club for 15 years and is presently a Life Member. He also acted as the Club's secretary for several years. Nataly still sings in a church choir, and is a member of the Royal Purple. Both John and Nataly belong to a curling club.

During the past 15 years, John and Nataly have travelled extensively. In the summer of 1967, they spent two months in Europe, travelling by bus through Holland, Russia, Germany, Poland and Italy. They also spent their winters in Mexico, England and Hawaii. Since 1976, they spent six or seven weeks each winter in Costa de Sol (Spanish for Sunny Coast) on the Mediterranean coast of Spain. From there they twice toured Morroco, in Africa.

John and Nataly raised two children, Leonard and Lynne. Leonard and wife Rose are proud parents of Sasha and Sean. Leonard is employed as a Lab Technician for C.I.L. Lynne, a graduate nurse, is married to Jay Wilson, and they live in Calgary, where Jay is a golf pro for the Shaganappi Golf Course. Their children are Cathy and Lisa.

John and Nataly enjoy hiking, skiing, bicycle riding and gardening.

BUK, William P. and Mary (nee Ferbey)

I was the sixth child to be born to Peter and Maria Buk on November 24, 1908, in the Lanuke district. In 1915, I started school in Pobeda, where my first teacher was Everett Myles. In the spring of 1924, before finishing Grade VIII, father took me out of school to help him with spring work. In 1925, after two years of farming, I decided to go to work for my brother-in-law who was a foreman for Bridge Builder's Gang No. 42 on the C.N.R. line from Jasper to Prince Rupert, B.C. I worked there for two years. Longing for open prairies and my friends back home, I quit my job in 1927, and came home to farm.

There was very little income from our one quarter of land, however, I did some custom work for neighbors, sawing wood and grinding chop with a six horse power engine. In 1929, I bought another quarter section of land for $2400. There was not enough money to hire a tractor to do the breaking of new land, so I hitched six horses to a 20-inch sulky plow and with it, I could break as much as four acres a day. In 1931, I bought my own threshing machine, 17-28 John Deere tractor, and a second-hand McCormick Deering separator, which I put into top shape, and threshed about 30 days a year for my neighbors. This gave me a good income every year.

A Community Hall situated on our farm at that time, was where I met my future wife, Mary, and we took an active part in live stage plays, mandolin and guitar concerts. Our group of 15 to 20 participants used to travel and display concerts at Lac Bellevue, Myrnam, Slawa, Ranfurly, Plain Lake, New Kiew, Vegreville, and Two Hills.

On June 7, 1932, I married Mary, daughter of Dan and Annie Ferbey of Two Hills. The wedding took place in Mr. Ferbey's yard. A dancing platform was built and the meal was cooked in a clay oven which was built especially

William P. and Mary Buk celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, 1982

for the wedding. On December 28, 1933, we were blessed with a daughter, Sonja.

In 1940, when the farmers organized the Two Hills Livestock Co-op, I was appointed manager and shipper of livestock. I worked every Wednesday and Thursday and shipped as many as four carloads of stock every week. After four years of buying livestock, I was appointed grain buyer for Alberta Wheat Pool. In the same year, 1944, Mary and I moved to Two Hills, where Mary got a job as a clerk in the Co-op Store. In 1957, Sonja married Mike Olinyk, Postmaster in Two Hills. They have two daughters, Carol and Linda.

After 29 years of grain buying in Two Hills, we both retired in 1973. We live in Two Hills and enjoy curling, golfing, fishing, and most of all, travelling. Being members of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church we take an active part in the choir and carolling. On three occasions we travelled to the Old Country to visit our parents' native land. We also toured Spain, Morocco, Africa, and Portugal. In 1978, we motored by camper to Alaska and flew by plane from Fairbanks, Alaska to Burrow (Eskimo Country). Here we saw the Eskimos and their igloos.

BUTTI, Peter and Olivia (nee Mandrusiak)

by Olivia Butti

Olivia (nee Mandrusiak) Butti, the youngest daughter of Myhailo and Maria Mandrusiak was born on February 17, 1938, in Musidora on her grandfather's homestead. She attended schools in Franko, Vernon, Hairy Hill and Edmonton. In her younger days, she participated in Ukrainian dancing, church choir, sports and music. Olivia was a carnival queen in 1954. For four years, she found employment with the Bank of Montreal and Imperial Bank of Commerce.

On August 3, 1957, Olivia married Peter Henry, son of Henry and Mira Butti. Peter is a master electrician and a self-employed business man. Olivia and Peter are actively involved in church, school and community affairs.

Since 1962, Olivia has been a prominent citizen of Edmonton. After furthering her education in public relations and parliamentary law in 1974, she was elected

Peter Butti family, July 16, 1983. (L to R) - Peter, Corinne, Olivia and Barry.

alderman and has served on council till the present time. She holds various executive positions as chairperson, director and trustee.

Olivia and Peter have two children.

Barry Henry born June 1, 1958, is a journeyman electrician and ski instructor.

Corinne Olivia, born on December 10, 1959, married Dale John, son of John and Jeanette Humeniuk of Plain Lake and Innisfree. Corinne is a legal secretary and John is an accountant.

BUZAK, Harry and Lena (nee Hunchak)

Harry Buzak (1873-1919) and his wife Lena (1879-1957) immigrated from the Village of Borivtsi, Bukovina, Ukraine, to homestead in the Ispas district with their infant son George, in 1903.

A year later Grandmother Barbara Hunchak (1842-1920) came to Canada at the age of 62.

Lena and Harry raised four children: George, Bill, Sadie and John.

Their oldest son George (1900-1965) married Katie Walansky in 1922, and raised four boys: Mike, Harry, Alec,Eugene; and three girls: Mary Nancy, and Staffie. Katie passed away at the age of 42 years in 1945.

Bill (1906-1972) helped his brother look after the homestead. He married Lena Skoreyko in 1925, and the couple was blessed with two boys and one girl.

Sadie, born in 1912, married Alec Russ (1906-1972) of Shandro in 1925. They lived in the hamlet of Bellis, Alberta, and raised three children: Alec, Eugene, and Alvina.

Metro, Mary, and Mike, passed away in 1911, of scarlet fever. All three died within one week which was very heartbreaking for the family.

John was born in 1917, and was only 22 months old when his father, Harry, passed away in 1919.

Lena was remarried to Nick Wakaruk in 1928.

Foster-father Nick Wakaruk, early 1920s and Mother Lena Buzak, early 1930s

Nick (1868-1946) came to Canada in 1900, at the age of 32, and farmed in the Andrew area. After leaving farming he bought the stable in Vegreville, Alberta. Later he sold his business and bought land in the Ispas district. Lena and Nick raised Lena's youngest son John and daughter Sadie. John, who attended Ispas and Deep Lake Schools, farmed with his stepfather for 20 years.

BUZAK, John and Rose (nee Tatarin)

John Buzak married Rose Tatarin of Hairy Hill in 1936.The young couple helped their stepfather, Nick Wakaruk, with farming until he passed away. John and Rose then began farming on their own and took care of their mother, Lena.

John, being a skilled blacksmith, decided to pursue his ambitions. He attended the Chicago Vocational Training School of Welding in 1944-1946, where he received his journeyman certificate. In 1947, John studied metalurgy at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology for one year. The following year, he continued with a high pressure welding course. He then apprenticed blacksmithing at Bellis, Alberta.

In 1950, he was employed in construction at the Chemical Plant at Duvernay. A year later he became a full-time employee at the County of Two Hills. Eight years later he worked as a welding supervisor at the University of Alberta, and in 1969, as a welding supervisor for Northern Transportation in Hay River, Northwest Territories. He also served as a welder at the oil plants at Drayton Valley for five years. After returning to Ispas, John began working at the Dome Petroleum Plant near St. Brides, Alberta, where he is presently employed.

John, a registered Big Game Guide since 1975, enjoys outdoor sports such as fishing, hunting and skidooing. He has served as guide for clients from West Germany and Indianapolis, Indiana.

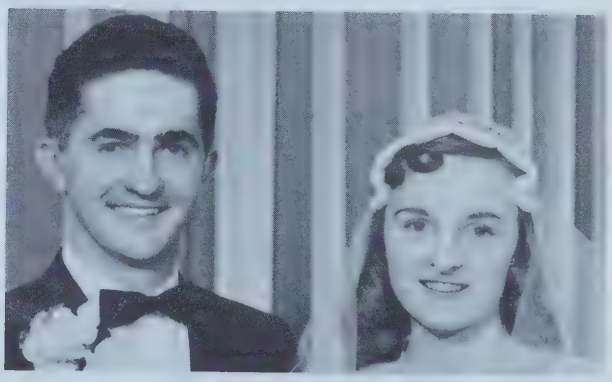
Rose and John have two daughters, Lillian and Wava.

Lillian, born in 1938, attended Ispas, Deep Lake, and Willingdon schools. She studied commercial art at S.A.I.T. for two years. In 1958, Lillian married Norman Greckol. They lived in Edmonton and had three children: Darlene, Norm, and Neil. Norman worked at Bennot & Emmott Electrical Co., and later formed a company with Robert Gordon Supply Co.

Norman passed away in 1980, at age 48. Lillian is presently employed as an Entertainment Supervisor at the Hardisty Nursing Home in Edmonton. Her hobbies include oil painting and cake decorating.

Wava, born in 1952, attended Hairy Hill and Willingdon schools. She helped her mother Rose with the farming while her father John was away working. Her interests are skidooing, hunting, and fishing with mom and dad.

John and Rosie Buzak, 1985



Lillian Greckol and husband Norman married in 1958.

John and Wava Bidulock with their children Richard and Malissa, 1985

In 1970, Wava married John N. Bidulock, and they have two children, Richard and Melissa. John and Wava are presently farming in the Hairy Hill district, where John is the fieldman for the County of Two Hills.

BUZAK, Simion and Elena

by Metro (Mac) and Sonia Buzak

In 1901, Simion (Sam) Buzak, his wife, Elena (Helen), and their ten-year-old son, Djordi (George), immigrated to Canada from the Village of Boriwtsi, Province of Bukovina, Ukraine. Landing in Halifax, they boarded the train to Alberta and settled in the Ispas district where they had relatives and friends. Simion purchased his first homestead, SW 6-57-13-W4th, for ten dollars. Here he built the family's first log house and began farming with the help of neighbors, relatives and friends.

Several years later, when George was in his late teens, he made his first journey to Edmonton with his father, Simion, to sell some steers, and purchase supplies. On this trip Simion purchased a team of registered trotter mares that had been shipped to Edmonton from Montreal. A few years earlier, these prime trotters were worth $700. each; however, Simion negotiated a deal to purchase the team for a small amount of cash and five big steers. Young George was an admirer of good horses and certainly knew how to handle them at his age.

The trotters were a very spirited team and were soon the talk of the entire Ispas district. These horses were the fastest team for many miles around, and before long, George was asked to haul freight, on a weekly basis, from Edmonton to the Old Hairy Hill Store owned by the McGowan family. After saving some money, George expanded the farming operation by buying his first homestead in the same section as his father's. Because farming became the first priority, Simion and George traded the trotters for four draft horses, which were required to break more land.

In 1910, George married Violet (Vasilena), daughter of Nick (Nikifor) and Annie Ewanchuk of Desjarlais. In 1928, the Buzaks sold their homesteads and moved one mile south where they purchased a half section of better land, W 1/2 32-56-13-W4th. By 1929, George along with a family of eight children, built a new two-storey house on the northwest quarter. Besides being a beautiful and comfortable home for the family, it became the centre for many festive occasions and a resting place for friends and strangers.

The Rawleigh and Watkins dealers were regular and welcome peddlers. They kept the Buzaks posted on area news, told them various stories, and always paid for their lodging by complimenting Violet for the good food she served. As a token of appreciation, they often gave Violet a can of lemon pie filler, or other products such as Rawleigh or Watkins' Red Liniment.

Simion and Elena, lived on the farm until Simion was 70 years of age. They then bought a small house in New Hairy Hill and lived there until Simion passed away in 1937, and Elena in 1941.

George and Vasilena and their youngest daughter, Nancy, moved to Edmonton to live with their youngest son Metro (Mac) who was attending the University of Alberta. George worked for the City of Edmonton water works department until his sudden death in October, 1954, at the age of 63. Vasilena continued to live with Metro and his family until 1978 when she moved to live with her daughter, Nancy, and her husband Bill Demchuk. In 1984, at 90 years of age, she resided at the Two Hills Hillside Lodge and is now at the Venta Nursing

Sam Buzak, his wife Helen and her sister, 1926

George S. Buzak, wife Violet, and his brother George Biley, 1926

Home in Edmonton.

George and Vasilena had nine children: John, Bill, Helen, Annie, Mary, Sandra, Metro (Mac) and Nancy. One child died in infancy.

John Buzak - In October, 1939, John, married Bessie, daughter of Wasyl (Bill) and Martha Zadimersky of Brinsley. John and Bessie farmed until December 1956, and then moved to Edmonton where John was employed by the Hayward Lumber Company Ltd., Canadian Pittsburgh Industries (Glass) Ltd., and MacMillan and Bloedel Packaging Ltd. He retired in 1978, at 65.

Bessie was employed at Scott National and Woodward Stores Ltd. before retiring in 1983.

John and Bessie were blessed with two children, Ernest and Joyce. Ernest obtained his high school diploma at Eastglen High School, then studied electronics at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology for two years, and obtained a diploma in "radio electronics". He is employed by the Alberta Government Telephones in engineering maintenance. In October, 1967, Ernest married Vera Payne of Mayerthorpe. They have three children: Lawrence, Michael, and Leanna.

Joyce married Eugene Serediak of Andrew in February, 1968. Prior to her marriage, she was employed by Swift Canadian in Edmonton for a few years. Eugene graduated from the University of Alberta with a Commerce degree and worked for the Hudson's Bay Company for many years. Joyce and Eugene live in Toronto, where Eugene works in the purchasing department of the Hudson's Bay Company head offices. They have two sons, Nicholas and William.

Bill Buzak - Bill, the second oldest son, married Violet, oldest daughter of Mike and Rosie Trufyn of Hamlin, in February, 1941, and lived on the SW 32-56-13-W4th until 1958. Then they moved to the northwest quarter (the old home place), where they lived until the fall of 1977. That year, they built a home and moved to Two Hills and their sons, Roger and Sam, took over the farming operation.

Bill learned to play a dulcimer in his younger days. As an accomplished musician, he played at many weddings, dances and parties. At the age of 70, he still enjoys playing with the "Country Kings" band.

Bill and Violet have two sons, Roger and Sam, and two daughters, Jeanette and Rose.

In 1969, Roger married Gladys Balla of Iron River. They have two sons, Trevor and Steve. Roger is a journeyman telephone switchman, presently employed as a development supervisor and management trainer for the City of Edmonton Telephones. Before becoming a full-time homemaker, Gladys was employed as a data control clerk with the Alberta Liquor Control Board.

In August, 1969, Sam married Elsie, the only daughter of Nick and Pearl Zapisocki of Elk Point. Sam is a journeyman pipefitter and plumber and is employed as a general foreman on various large oil refineries or oil-related projects. Sam and Elsie have three daughters: Kimberly, Patricia, and Samantha. Elsie, presently a homemaker, is a registered Nurses' Aide, and for many years worked in the operating room of the Royal Alexandra Hospital. The family resides on a beautiful farm approximately three miles southwest of Gibbons.

Jeanette married Steve Nikolaychuk of Wasel, in October, 1959. They reside on their farm at Willingdon. Steve is a handyman and with Jeanette as his assistant, they managed and operated a Drive-In Restaurant and Dairy Bar at Vilna for several years. Steve worked at a tree nursery in the Smoky Lake area during the summer. Presently he is employed at St. Paul Beverages Ltd. in St. Paul.

Rose married Tom Gorda of Desjarlais in May, 1963. They live and farm in the Desjarlais (Willingdon) district. Rose is known for her ability to cook for large weddings and gatherings at the Willingdon community hall. With Tom's help, Rose also milks a small herd of Holstein cows, and sells cream, rennet and cottage cheese. Each winter Tom looks after ice-making and maintenance of the Willingdon arena. In summer, he works for the County as checker on road construction. The Gordas have a family of two boys and two girls: Dwayne, Lindsay, Donna, and Lydia.

Helen (Kusiek) - Helen, the oldest daughter, married Bill Kusiek of Ispas, in 1930, and farmed with Bill's parents for many years. Later, they moved to the Shalka District where they remained until they retired to Vegreville. The Kusieks had eight children: Mary, Lawrence, Violet, Elmer, Barbara, and Bernice. Two daughters died in infancy.

Mary married Harry Babchuk of Vegreville in 1955. She is a homemaker, and Harry, a part-time farmer, is also an electronics teacher at the Vegreville Composite High School. They have two children. Daughter Deborah is a flight instructor and son Duncan is a physical education teacher.

Lawrence married Esther Ewaniuk in 1961. Lawrence is a physical education teacher and a general building contractor. They have one son Rodney who is studying agriculture at the University of Alberta.

Violet married Orest Babiuk in 1964. Violet is a cashier, and Orest works for the Federal Government Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in Edmonton. Carla and Marvin, their children, are in high school.

Elmer married Margo Leboldus in 1977. Margo is a dental hygienist, and Elmer teaches social studies and building construction at Ponoka Composite High School. Brendan, Quenton, and Cameron are their three sons.

Twins, Barbara and Bernice, reside in Edmonton. Barbara works for the Provincial Government and Bernice for the Federal Government.

Bill Kuziek passed away in August, 1983.

Annie (Yaremie) - Annie married Nick Yaremie in 1938, and the young couple farmed in the Zawale (Andrew) district where they raised four children: Wilfred, Leonard, Steve and Shirley. After Nick passed away in 1975, Annie continued to live on the farm with her son Wilfred.

Wilfred graduated with a degree in agriculture from the University of Alberta. Still single, he farms full-time and raises hogs.

Leonard completed his courses at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and received his mechanic's and welder's papers. Besides farming, Leonard supplements his income with mechanical work. He married Helen

George S. Buzak and his three sons - John, Bill and Metro, 1948

Buzak family, 1974. Back row - Helen, Annie, Metro, Nancy, Sandra and Maria; front row - John, Mother Vaselina and Bill.

Fersovitch of Iron River, in 1972, and the couple was blessed with three daughters: Jocelyn, Ginina, and Joy. Steve married Linda Loy of Edmonton in 1973. Besides farming, Steve and Linda own a large herd of cattle. Their hobbies include raising exotic birds, pheasants, ducks, and geese. They have three sons: Chad, Corey, and Zoltan.

Shirley married Myron Wozimersky in 1970, and they farmed in the Redwater district but now reside in Edmonton. Shirley graduated from the University of Alberta in home economics, and taught high school in Andrew, and in Calgary. She now teaches Ukrainian Kindergarten, part-time. Myron is a handyman presently involved as a supply and serviceman for a large Edmonton propane company. They have two boys, Taras 12, and Zenin, ten. The boys will soon be widely known for their musical talents. They play dulcimers, violins, and accordions and their specialty is good old Ukrainian music.

Mary (Kazuik) - Mary married Nick Kazuik of Vilna, Alberta, in 1943. Mary was employed by the Vilna Creamery while Nick was a carpenter and handyman. In 1950, the Kazuiks moved to Edmonton where Nick built a new home. For 13 years Mary was employed as a laboratory technician with Palm Dairies, and for the same number of years for Woodward Stores, retiring in 1978. Nick worked for Hayward Lumber Company and Futurama Window Corporation until his retirement. Nick and Mary had no children.

Sandra (Nikiforuk) - Sandra married Bill Nikiforuk in 1948. The couple lived on a farm, five miles east of Two Hills until 1956, when they moved to Edmonton where Bill worked for Canadian Bedding and Kroeler Manufacturing until his retirement in 1978. Sandra worked for Great West Garment Company and Darby Cleaners, as a seamstress, until her retirement in 1982.

They have two children, Vivian and Larry. Vivian completed high school and graduated from N.A.I.T. as a certified dietary technician. Vivian married William Johnson and to them was born one daughter. Larry graduated from the University of Alberta as an agrologist and is presently employed as a pedologist with the Provincial Government, doing soil survey and analysis. He lives with his parents.

Metro Buzak - Metro (Mac) married Sonia Boyko, the only daughter of Sam and Nettie Boyko of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, in 1957. Metro graduated from Hairy Hill High School and in 1948, worked for several months at the Vilna creamery. That same year, he moved to Edmonton and enrolled at the University of Alberta. After completing his studies, he attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, where he successfully completed his studies in steam engineering. The combined studies gave him a dairying diploma from the University of Alberta. After graduation, Metro was employed as a shipper and pricer at the head offices of Hayward Lumber Company. His position allowed him to hire many people who came from various areas northeast of Edmonton.

Metro left Hayward Lumber to challenge a new job with the First Aluminum Window Co. in Edmonton, the Alsco Sales of Edmonton. In 1958, he assisted to establish Futurama Window Corporation Ltd., which he helped to manage and supervise for 24 years.

In 1975, Metro bought the assets of Zeidler Aluminum in South Edmonton. With his business partner, Norm, they re-named the company Nor-Mac Windows Ltd. which became an overnight success. Due to health reasons, Mac sold his business in 1977. Since then, he is semi-retired, but works as part-time window consultant salesman for various glass and window companies.

Mac and Sonia live in the Highland area of Edmonton, and have two children, George and Marie. George is a graduate from N.A.I.T., and is presently employed as a switchman electrician by the City of Edmonton

Bill and Violet Buzak with their children and their spouses, and grandchildren, 1979

Telephones. Marie is employed as a clerk-computer operator and clerk-typist in the Workmen's Compensation Board Department in the Edmonton City Hall.

Nancy (Demchuk) - Nancy married Bill, son of Mike and Sandra Demchuk of Innisfree. During the early years of their marriage, Nancy worked at Martin Paper Company and Swift Canadian while Bill was employed by the City of Edmonton Telephones as an installer, and cable-splicer. Prior to his retirement in 1980, he was an installation and repair inspector.

Bill and Nancy have two sons, Barry and Tom. Barry attended the University of Alberta in the faculty of electrical engineering. Presently he works for the City of Edmonton Telephones as an electronics technician. He also works part-time for Safeways. Tom, who has a degree in geology, is attending the University of Alberta and is now working towards his master's degree. For several years, Tom worked part-time for the Provincial Government.

BYKEWICH, Dmetro and Ksanka

Dmetro Bykewich was born in 1865, in the Village of Visitich, Galicia, Ukraine. In 1905, Dmetro and his wife Ksanka, their daugthers Annie, Martha, and Nancy, and son Sofat (Steve), immigrated to Canada. They settled on a homestead south of Musidora where the family experienced many hardships.

Daughter Annie married Peter Hladkey and homesteaded at New Kiew. In later years they moved to Two Hills, where they lived until their passing.

Martha married Mike Rosco. They also homesteaded at New Kiew.

Nancy married Bill Skorobohach. After homesteading south of Musidora, they moved and farmed south of Ranfurly.

Dmetro passed away in 1920, and his wife Ksanka passed away in the late 1930s.

BYKEWICH, Steve and Mary (nee Boyko)

Steve Bykewich, the youngest of four children, was 11 years old when his parents came to Canada. He lived on the homestead and later took over the farming operation.

In 1913, Steve married Mary Boyko in Mundare. Mary had emigrated from Ctaryva, Halychina, Ukraine, at the age of five, with her parents who arrived in Myrnam. They farmed at Musidora for about 29 years, raising a large family of 11 children who attended Franko School.

In 1932, the family moved to farm at Reno, Alberta, where two of their sons, Mike and Nick operated a sawmill. In 1955, Steve sold his farm to his son Alex, and moved to the Village of Reno.

Six years later, Steve and Mary moved to Two Hills. Mary passed away in 1971, and Steve passed away three years later.

Their son Mike was born August 12, 1914. He married Anna Matiasiewich of Nampa, Alberta. After living in Grimshaw they moved to Two Hills in 1971. Later they moved to Brooks, then back to Two Hills where they presently reside. Two sons, Edward and Victor, were

Steve and Mary Bykewich - April, 1969

born into the family. Edward passed away in 1961. Victor married Fern Knox of Grimshaw and they have three children: Marni, Martine, and Melanie. They reside in Brooks.

Nick, born September 4, 1916, married Anne Novak. They reside in Marie Rene, Alberta, and have two sons, and one daughter.

Pauline, born March 26, 1918, married Andrew Hawerko. They reside in Edmonton, and have three sons.

Alex, born April 3, 1920, married Liselle Trembley. They reside in Reno, and have three daughters and twin sons.

Olga, born August 11, 1921, was married to Fred Chmilar. Residing in Berwyn, Alberta, they are the

Mike and Ann Bykewich on their 40th wedding anniversary, 1979

parents of three daughters and two sons.

Marshall, born June 10, 1923, married Phyllis Fundytus. They reside at Nampa, Alberta, and have two sons and one daughter.

Boris, who was born June 16, 1925, passed away as an infant.

Stella, born June 28, 1926, married Frank Lawrie. The Lawries reside in Langley, B.C.

Sophie, born June 20, 1928, was married to Renie Laungaber. Edmonton is their home and they have two sons.

Annie, born November 29, 1929, married Rene Bremont. The Bremonts reside in Edmonton, and have a son and a daughter.

Nettie, born April 12, 1932, married Ken Swan. Red Deer is their home and they have three sons.

Tillie, born January 18, 1934, is residing in Vancouver.

CHAPELSKI, Nick and Mary (nee Yuskow)

by Vera Yuskow

Mary Yuskow was born in the Village of Kalnikow, County of Mostiska, Western Ukraine, in 1891. At the age of nine years, she and her parents immigrated to Canada and settled in the New Kiew district.

Like all pioneers, Mary experienced the hardships of the early days - mud plastering the two-room log cabin, breaking the land, snaring rabbits and partridges and travelling by oxen to the nearest town, 25 miles away, to buy the essentials. At the age of eleven, she worked for several families, including the Forbes family at Warwick, for $4. per month. In 1906, Mary was employed for seven months by Mr. and Mrs. Shipley, owners of Queens Hotel, later renamed Prince Edward Hotel at Vegreville.

In Mundare, on June 7, 1907, at age sixteen and a half, Mary exchanged marriage vows with Nick Chapelski who was 19 years old.

Nick and Mary Chapelski, 1933

Nick was the son of Senko and Annie Chapelski who, in 1901, immigrated to Canada from the Village of Stariw, County of Mostiska, Western Ukraine. The family settled near Wostok where Nick found employment among many farmers who were looking for young laborers. At the age of 14, he was hired by Frank Prochinski at $3. a month for six months; and in 1902, he worked for a German family who paid him $5. per month. In one year he had earned $30. which was spent on groceries such as flour, sugar, and salt. Later, Nick found employment with the Canadian National Railway for $18. per month.

After his marriage, Nick and his young bride lived with his mother on the homestead, SW 28-53-13-W4th, at New Kiew. Like most young people, their dream was to have a place of their own. After working in Vegreville, they purchased a homestead, SE 26-53-10-W4th, eight miles southwest of Myrnam. Before their house was constructed, they lived with Nykola and Maria Pashko.

Nick added to his income by working in the neighborhood while Mary milked cows and did other farm related work at home. She sold cream at $3. per five gallon can, and butter at 20¢ a pound. After many difficult years, Nick and Mary became more established in their farming operations: oxen were replaced by horses, the scythe and flail by a mower and threshing machine, and they no longer had to travel 35 miles to Vermilion to get their wheat milled. Even though more land was purchased in 1928, the depression years in the early thirties marred the family's prosperity, as wheat was sold for 20¢ a bushel.

Nick and Mary Chapelski celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1957, at the Beauvallon Hall.

Having spent 53 years on the farm, Nick and Mary retired to Two Hills in September, 1963. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1957 with their original attendants: Steve and Anna Bushko. In 1972, the family took occasion to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. Failing in health, Nick passed away on June 24, 1975, and Mary on October 28, 1976.

May their pioneer experiences be a life-time memory and treasure to the many friends, relatives and neighbors. It is people like Nick and Mary who can inspire us to continue the work that they began.

CHARCHUN, Matt D. and Verna (nee Podlubny)

My parents, John and Annie Charchun, together with my brother William, came to Canada from the Village of Nemiliw Western Ukraine, about 90 miles from the city of Lvow. They arrived on a ship named Lake Michigan, at St. John, New Brunswick, on April 22, 1908. There they boarded the train and travelled to Mundare, Alberta, then to Warwick to my mother's uncle, John

Bachinsky, who was already established on a homestead. My father filed for a homestead in the Warwick district, but later cancelled it and moved further east and filed for one at Angle Lake, SW-2-55-7-W4th, about five miles north of Derwent, Alberta. God blessed my parents with seven more children: Mary, Sophie, and Edward of Edmonton; Matt of Two Hills; Harry and Peter of Derwent; and Paul of Wainwright, Alberta.

My father was a tailor by trade in the Ukraine, but did not practise his profession when he came to Canada as he could not speak English. Therefore, he spent his early days working on the railroad in Calgary, Edmonton, and Wetaskiwin, just to make enough money to buy a team of oxen and a plow. The family suffered many hardships, since we were all raised on one quarter section of land.

I started going to Angle Lake School, at the age of nine in 1920, not knowing a word of English. Because there were poor roads, poor clothing, and cold school houses, classes usually started about April and were closed in the fall when the winter became cold. My first teacher was Walter Cutts, who then was not a qualified teacher, and it was very hard for him to handle the classroom. I was interested in education, worked very hard and after three months of attending school, I was promoted to Grade III, skipping Grade II altogether. At times, there were 46 children attending the one room school, ranging from Grades I to VIII. In 1927, I wrote my Grade VIII departmental exams and was very proud to make a pass mark and get my Grade VIII Public School Diploma. My Grade VIII teacher was Mrs. Helen Anderson (nee Magnusson), who still lives in the Senior Citizen's Lodge in Vermilion, Alberta. That same fall, Mr. G.J. Algot was instrumental in organizing a rural high school, bringing the students from Yankee, Ruryk, Zora, and Louis Lake Schools. I attended this rural high school until it closed down in December, 1927; then I attended the high school in Vermilion and also in Derwent.

When the 1930 Depression struck, it was impossible to further my education so I found employment on the farm around Derwent for $15. per month, working about 12 to 14 hours per day. I tried to join every branch of the Armed Forces during the depression, but even that was impossible. In 1938, I started to work for Mr. Hicks at the post office and telephone central office in Derwent at $20. per month. On October 19, 1940, I married a local farm girl, Verna Podlubny. Then we both started to work at a Co-op Store for $55. per month.

In March, 1941, I commenced to work for the Searle Grain Company as a grain buyer at Derwent for a monthly salary of $90.

In conjuction with my job as a grain buyer, I was the secretary-treasurer of the Village of Derwent, bought livestock for Canada Packers, and sold fire and auto insurance. I did very well and enjoyed my work, until, due to elevator dust, my health started to deteriorate.

In 1957, together with my brother-in-law, we bought a share in the Two Hills Hotel. Due to the expansion of the Chemical Plant, we did very well and did not find it difficult to make mortgage payments.

In 1961, I decided to enter into the hotel business as an active partner. Since I spent most of my time working in the hotel bar, I soon noticed that I did not like the atmosphere around the hotel.

Ben, Matt, Verna and Clem Charchun, 1984

In 1966, I started looking around for a different job and I submitted my application for the position of secretary-treasurer for the Town of Calmar, Spruce Grove, and Two Hills. My applications received favorable consideration in all three towns, but since I was established at Two Hills, I accepted the position there and started working on September 1, 1966, and held this position until February 1, 1977, when I retired. I enjoyed working with the council and Mayor Geleta.

God blessed us with two sons: Ben, who married Gladys Thomas, is employed by the Federal Government at Edmonton with the Department of Indian and Inuit Affairs; Clem, who married Renate Krueger, is employed on the teaching staff at the Separate School in Fort Saskatchewan.

CHERNECKI, Bill and Marie (nee Cherniawsky)

by Marie Chernecki

Bill's parents came to Canada in 1905, from Halychina, Western Ukraine. It required a great deal of courage and foresight for John and Melania to leave their home, relatives and friends, to seek a better life in Canada.

They settled north of Ranfurly, in the vicinity of Hamburg School. Life on the homestead was very harsh, and quite often their problems seemed discouraging and insurmountable. However, they were full of happiness and anticipation of a life free from the political strife and oppression of the Old Country.

Seven children were born to the Cherneckis: Mary in 1907 (deceased), Stève in 1909, William in 1911, Stanley in 1913 (deceased), Emily in 1915, Julia in 1917, and Peter born in 1925. The children attended Hamburg School. However, their education was irregular because the school was closed during the winter. For further schooling, Bill had to go to Edmonton where he graduated from Normal School in 1934, and was fortunate enough to get employment in Krasne School in 1936. Since times were hard, many teachers were unable to gain employment.

Local trustees did the hiring at this time. One's ability and qualifications did not count, as preference was often given to a relative or friend. At Krasne, Mike Goshko taught the senior grades and Bill the junior grades.

After Mike Goshko left, I, Marie Cherniawsky, of Old Warwick, was hired to replace him. Besides teaching the

Vern, William, Cynthia and Maria Chernecki, 1954

required subjects, we taught drama, music, folk dancing, Ukrainian and Polish.

Our students received top grades in festivals and departmental examinations. One year Nicholas Kitz, a Grade IX pupil, received honors in his examinations.

Bill and I were married in June, 1938.

In June, 1945, we resigned because of my health and went to visit Bill's father in Vernon. The Okanagan climate, the fruit trees, and mountains, so enthralled us that we decided to stay. Consequently, we started to look for teaching positions in the Okanagan area. Bill answered a Kelowna ad, and was hired immediately because he could operate a school bus, as well as teach. He picked the students up at Okanagan Centre, Winfield and Rutland. Then he transported the Grade VII students to Ellison School, where he was the Principal. I taught at Winfield. We were happy because we had the use of a five-room teacherage, up a mountain among orchards and trees. After one year, an opportunity arose, and we bought a business in Vernon. We built a house on Knight Street, and the business progressed beyond our expectations.

Our son Vern, was born on December 24, 1946, on Bill's birthday. In 1947, we sold our business in Vernon and purchased a hotel in Hope, British Columbia. Life in the hotel differed immensely from teaching. However, after a transitional change, we prospered and became accustomed to the new life. On August 1, 1950, our daughter Cynthia was born. We built another house on Hazelton Street and Bill bought the Grand Union Hotel.

Some years later, Bill operated the Broadway Hotel, and lastly the Commercial Hotel on Cambie.

In 1974, Bill retired from the hotel business and now we live in British Properties, West Vancouver.

During the children's formative years, I substituted in Vancouver schools. Later, when the children were attending University, I taught at Corpus Christi, and then became a Principal at Holy Family School.

I am active in several clubs, Women's Business and Professional Club, Hotel Ladies Social Club and Tonkawa Local Club in West Vancouver.

In 1969, we took our first trip abroad, exploring western Europe. We were accompanied by our daughter. In 1970, we visited the Ukraine, the birth place of our parents. In 1975, we visited the Balkan States, and were surprised to find Bulgaria similar to British Columbia in topography, vegetation and climate.

Our children are on their own. Vern has his own business, and Cynthia, is a high school teacher, has a daughter Alannah.

Julia, Mary, William, Stanley, Peter, Emily and Steve, (Bill's brothers and sisters), 1982

CHERNIAWSKY, Nick (1886-1974) and Anna (nee Rezoon) (1896-1946)

by Maria Chernecki (daughter)

My parents were born in the Village of Wowchiwski, (near the town of Sniatyn) County of Frankiwsky, in the Ukraine. At a young age, my father immigrated to Canada in 1907, just for adventure.

Since jobs were scarce, he stayed with his uncle Bill on the farm near Mundare. There he learned about the hardships of the pioneers, and their trials and tribulations of farming. After some time he decided to look for a job elsewhere. He walked 70 miles to Edmonton, and was fortunate to get a job in Humberstone Coal Mine. It did not last too long as the mine closed. He then went to the Nordegg Mine. When he earned enough money, he returned to visit his family in the Ukraine.

It was then that he met my mother, Anna Rezoon, and they soon got married.

Before the war broke out in 1914, he avoided conscription by returning to Canada. Nevertheless, circumstances were difficult in Canada because of his Austrian passport. He was considered an alien; henceforth he was placed in a concentration camp. Conditions were hard in camp, working on the railroad and digging ditches, often in inclement weather. It was there that he contacted bronchitis which troubled him all his life.

In 1921, father obtained his naturalization papers including us all as British subjects.

We came to Canada in the spring, disembarking in Montreal from a three week voyage across the Atlantic. From there we travelled to Mundare by train. Our passage to Canada cost father $2000.

Father bought a farm at Old Warwick, six miles south of Hairy Hill. He paid $2000. cash as down payment for

Cherniawsky family photo taken when Bill and Maria were attending Normal School in Edmonton. Standing - Bill and Maria; seated - Nick (father) and Anna (mother), 1933

it. There was not much money left and needless to say, we suffered privations in those early years. Father had to go back to the mine in the winter to augment his income.

As we grew older, my brother Bill and I had to work hard to help out. Often when I was stooking wheat or pitching hay I decided that farm work was not for me so I studied during late hours to get my education.

Bill and I graduated from Normal school at the same time. There were many teachers seeking jobs then. My brother was fortunate to get a school six miles east of Brosseau. I met Peter and Mike Samoil, trustees of Wolia School District, and they hired me.

My brother taught for several years in Moose School, then Stanley School six miles south of Derwent. He met Eva Jacula whom he married in 1940. He left teaching and went to work at Powell River, British Columbia.

By this time they had two children, Terry and Olivia. Not satisfied with work at the sawmill, he came home and helped father on the farm, at the same time teaching at Fairwood School. In 1946, my mother died from streptococcus poisoning. In her short life, hardships and tribulations on the farm, she died needlessly because of carelessness. She could have been saved if she had gone to the hospital in time. Bill took over the farming and my father retired to Vegreville. Two years later he married Vera Pawlovich from Manning, Alberta, and there he lived till he died in 1974.

My brother Bill did not farm very long, for when he was spraying the weeds, he contacted gland cancer and died in 1958. Terry at that time was only 16 and Olivia 15. The transitional changes of growing up without a father's influence was hard to bear. Nevertheless, Terry is now a very succesful farmer. He married Wilma Gereluk and they have four lovely children: Donald, Robert, Debbie, and Sandy.

CHMILAR, Stefan and Eva (nee Warawa)

by Emilie Gorgichuk

Stefan Chmilar immigrated to Canada in 1902, from the Village of Koniushkiv, District of Brody, Ukraine. After residing briefly in Medicine Hat, he moved to Vermilion and then to Edmonton. In 1904, he bought a homestead approximately five miles south of Two Hills. This land was very hilly and forested. His belief was that this land would guarantee a good crop, even during droughts, because the valleys were productive.

In 1905, he married Eva daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warawa. They spent most of their time clearing the land.

Stefan and Eva Chmilar, 1920s

After his wife Eva's death, Stefan continued to live in his own house. In 1948, with his second wife Christine (Eva's sister), Stefan retired to Two Hills. In 1975, he took up residence at the Eagleview Nursing Home in Two Hills. He was very capable, both mentally and physically, vividly recalling many of the historical events that occurred in Alberta. Stefan was one of the first pioneers to help build the Plain Lake Catholic Church, thus becoming a lifetime member.

In February, 1976, Stefan peacefully passed away at the age of 104 years. He and his first wife, Eva, are buried in the Plain Lake Catholic Cemetery.

CHMILAR, John and Jessie

by Emilie Gorgichuk

In 1926, Stefan Chmilar sent for his nephew, John Chmilar, of the Village Koniushkiv, Ukraine. John left his young wife Jessie, and went to experience life in Canada. He worked for Stefan for a year before bringing his dear wife to Canada. For the next three years they both worked for their uncle. Later, they bought their own half-quarter of land in the area.

Their first daughter Mary was born in 1930, and Emily in 1936. In the meantime, John extended the farming operation, and became one of the more prosperous farmers in the area. John and Jessie were involved in the Catholic Church community and Jessie is still a member of the Plain Lake and Two Hills Catholic Churches. The girls attended Lanuke, Pobeda, Krasne, and Two Hills schools.

In 1948, their eldest daughter, Mary, married John, son of Joseph and Annie Kostyniuk of Plain Lake. In 1956, Emilie married Stephen Gorgichuk, son of Dan and Nancy of Two Hills.

John and Jessie left the farming operation in 1958, to retire in Two Hills. In 1965, at age 65, John passed away and is buried at the Plain Lake Catholic Cemetery.

Jessie continues to reside in her own home. In 1976, she took the opportunity to go back to the Ukraine. There she visited her brother, sister, and other relatives. This was truly a touching experience after being away from her homeland for 40 years.

John and Jessie Chmilar, circa 1937

CHMILAR, Michael and Maria (nee Hryciw) CHMILAR, John P. and Anastasia (nee Ludwig)

by Vera Yuskow (daughter)

In 1907, grandparents Michael and Maria (nee Hryciw) Chmilar, of the Village of Bilavci, County of Brody, Province of Halychina, Western Ukraine, decided to immigrate to Canada. Accompanying them were their son Paul, and Maria (nee Osynchuk) Chmilar, and their two children, John age 12 and Philip age seven. The family arrived at the Edmonton Immigration House; from there they came to their relatives, the Daciuk family of Mundare.

Maria and Paul Chmilar, early 1940s

Paul, Maria, and boys arrived at John Hryciw's place in New Kiew. Maria, John and Philip stayed there while Paul searched for a homestead. In the fall of 1907, the family moved to their own homestead, NW-30-53-10-W4th, 20 miles northeast of Innisfree. Stony Rapid School was already built by the Norwegian settlers in the same district, and sons, John and Philip, attended it for some years.

John and Anastasia Chmilar on their 50th wedding anniversary, 1972

In 1912, at the age of 16, John left for harvest work in Saskatchewan. Later he worked on the railway.

In 1914, Paul bought his son, John, a quarter section of land NE-30-53-10-W4th, from two Norwegian brothers. Later John bought a homestead NE-28-53-11-W4th, in the Bushland district for $10.

In 1916, John married Katherine Krawchuk and lived with his parents for a year. John and Katherine built a two-storey six-room house, where daughters Vera and Rose were born.

In 1919, Katherine passed away after a short illness, leaving the two young girls. After the funeral, Grandmother Maria Chmiliar looked after the older child and Grandmother Anna Mazepa cared for the baby.

On September 17, 1922, John married Anastasia Ludwig from the Village of Highie Smolanski, three kilometres from the City of Brody in the Ukraine. At this time they brought their daughters, Vera and Rose, back home. A new barn was built and two more rooms in the house were finished. By 1923, another 50 acres of land were broken on the farm. In 1927, another quarter, NW-29-53-10-W4th, of land was purchased.

Disastrous storms struck in 1927, 1936, 1937, and 1947. Hailstones were so large that even geese were killed. In 1931-32 wheat had dropped to 18¢ a bushel, hogs to $3. each, cattle to $7. or $10. a head, and cream sold at $2. or $3. for a five gallon can. It was very difficult to farm during the Depression.

John served as trustee on the Stony Rapid School board in 1932. He also served as councillor for one term in the Municipal District of Sobor (now part of the County of Two Hills). Municipal meetings were held at the home of Maxim Tomyn who served as secretary-treasurer for the municipality.

Another disaster struck in 1951 when the house was lost in a fire. Another house was bought from a neighbor, Nick Yaremchuk, and moved to the farm.

In 1967, John and Anastasia decided to sell the farm and they bought a house in Edmonton.

The following children were born to the Chmilar family:

Vera is married to George Yuskow; they have one son, William, who is married to Margaret Samoil, daughter of Eva and Peter Samoil. They have one daughter, Krista.

Rose married Nick Woloschuk (deceased). They raised five children: Marshall, Carol, Orest, Patricia, and David.

Frances married Dmetro Kutryk and they raised four children: Rose, Jeannette, Betty, and Anton.

Lillian passed away at the age of one year.

Eugene married Leona Babey and they raised two children: Annette and Johnathan.

Nestor married Patricia Saskiw, daughter of Ann and Harry Saskiw. They raised two children, Katherine and Dennis.

Edward married Steffie Tarapacki, daughter of Mary and Steve Tarapcki. They raised two boys, Todd and Trent.

Anne married Walter Sawchuk.

John passed away on March 17, 1974 Anastasia lives in her own house in Edmonton.

Maria Chmilar passed away December 27, 1954.

The Chmilar family, 1984. Back row, (L to R) - Eugene Mike, Anne Sawchuk, Frances Kutryk and Nestor; seated - Vera Yuskow, Edward, and (mother) Anastasia.

Paul Chmilar passed away in July, 1963.

John's brother, Philip, married Mary Trach about 1920. They farmed for awhile, operated a general store at Morecambe for a number of years; then passed on the business to their son, Fred, and moved to Edmonton . Philip worked in the dining car of the C.N.R. passenger train from Edmonton to Vancouver. They raised three children. Fred (deceased in September, 1966), Olga and Emelia (deceased).

Philip passed away on February 5, 1970.

Mary passed away on February 5, 1971.

CHOBAN, William and Maria (nee Ruptash)

by Orest and Elsie Choban

William was born February 12, 1896, in Shypynci, Bukovina, to John and Annie Choban. He had one brother and four sisters. In 1901, all of his family left by train to Hamburg, Germany. From there they boarded a ship that carried cargo and cattle. They arrived in Halifax 15 days later, which looked like the promised land to them after traveling nearly five weeks. From Halifax, they travelled by train for ten days, before arriving in Edmonton. There they were told that many settlers travelled north of Edmonton to look for homesteads. William's parents settled in the Kaleland area.

In 1915, William married Maria Ruptash, daughter of Metro and Maria Ruptash of Hairy Hill, and lived on his father's homestead until 1949. They had 11 children: Mike, Stephania, Nick, George, Jennie, Steve, Rose, David, Olga, Orest and Oreshia. Rose and David died as infants.

While farming, William found time to help build the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church at Szypenitz. He built a replica of the church in miniature size which was situated behind the altar. The replica is now on display at the Winnipeg Museum. In the winter months William knitted socks and mitts for the family and also sold some. He also produced rugs on a hand-made loom.

The Choban family, 1942. (L to R) - Mike, Nick, George, Steve, Stephania, Jennie and Olga; seated - Maria, Oreshia, William and Orest.

In 1949, the Chobans retired from farming, and built a house in Two Hills. William passed away suddenly on December 24, 1960, at the age of 63 years. Wife Maria, age 89, resides at the Hillside Senior Citizens Lodge.

CHOBAN, Orest and Elsie (nee Grabas)

by Elsie Choban

Orest was born October 8, 1935, in the Vegreville Hospital, to William and Maria Choban of Kaleland. Orest, the tenth child in the Choban family, has a twin sister, Effie.

He attended Kaleland School receiving his education from Grade I to VIII under the tutelage of Mr. and Mrs. Dmetro Podealuk and completing his Grade X in Two Hills. For two years, Orest helped his father in their farming operation, along with his brothers George and Nick. In 1955, he was employed by Miskiw and Bachinsky Contractors Ltd., plowing roads in winter and continued to work with the company as a heavy duty operator until 1960.

While working in the Myrnam-Derwent area, he met his future wife, Elsie Grabas.

Elsie was born at home on March 1, 1939, the first daughter of John and Stella Grabas. In 1945, she started school at Rannock. Her first teacher was Mike Chomik, who was a Grade XI student at Two Hills.

In 1954, Rannock was closed, and she had to attend Old Beauvallon School, where she completed her Grade IX. Elsie would walk four and a half miles to school in good weather, and rode her horse in the winter. After graduating in 1958, she left Beauvallon to seek employment in Edmonton. With no experience, jobs were difficult to come by. For some time she was employed as a cashier, earning $28. a week. After working for a while, she enrolled at the McTavish Business College and on completion of her course, was employed until June 18, 1960, by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Main Branch, in Edmonton, as a proof teller.

On June 4, 1960, Elsie and Orest were married in the St. Elias Greek-Orthodox Church in Edmonton, by Very Reverend A. Chrustawka, who previously had married Elsie's parents.

On June 24, 1960, Elsie moved to Two Hills where she found employment as a clerk-typist with the Treasury Branch. She has held every position in the office, and is presently a Credit Assistant. Elsie will have been employed by the Treasury Branch for over 25 years.

Orest started working for his uncle (Alexis T. Hnatiuk), at Two Hills Motors, as an apprenticing mechanic. Later, he worked for Dehid Motors. In September, 1963, he attended S.A.I.T. to complete his first year apprenticeship. In 1965, he attended N.A.I.T. to complete his auto mechanics course. He worked for John Deere Ltd., as a Heavy Duty Mechanic for seven years, and in 1972, received his heavy duty license. For two years, he worked for Bil-Mac Construction and Oilfield Maintenance Ltd. In 1977, he found employment with the Department of Transport in Viking. On days off, he drove school buses for Roland Theroux, Metro Lypka, and Metro Rybak.

Clarence's graduation, 1981 - Cindy, Clarence, Elsie and Orest Choban

Orest and Elsie have been blessed with two children, Clarence, born September 19, 1963, and Cindy, born on May 2, 1968. Clarence graduated from Two Hills High School in 1981, and is employed with the Department of Transport, in Vegreville. Cindy attends Two Hills High School, and teaches Ukrainian dancing. Both Cindy and Clarence are participants in Sopilka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and in Ken Kachmar's school of Ukrainian Dance and Culture.

Orest and Elsie are active participants in the Two Hills community. Orest, who is a member of the Lion's Club and C.B. Club, is also a voluntary fire fighter, and sings in the Greek-Orthodox Church Choir. Elsie is a member of the Two Hills Ukrainian Dancers' Club, and the Historical Association. She enjoys sewing and making wedding cakes.

CHOMIK, Nick and Anna

by daughter Mary (Petesky)

In 1903, Nick Chomik immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine with his father Tanasko, mother Frozina, two sisters, Edokia and Katrine, and three brothers, Harry, George and Metro.

They settled at Musidora, where Tanasko and his sons started to break land and farm. A few years later, Mary and William were born. Tanasko died in 1941 and Frozina in 1945.

Nick, learned the English language by attending night school. He took a homestead in the Musidora area, next to his father. In 1910, he met Anna Zawadiuk, who came from the Ukraine and was living with her sister, Mrs. Eli Schmilar. Nick and Anna married in 1911. Later they bought a store in Lavoy. There, Nick's brother Metro, and sister Mary, attended Lavoy School which was in operation for a whole year, while the school at Musidora (Chornik School) operated during the summer months. A few years later, Nick and Anna sold their store and moved to the homestead at Musidora. Anna became Post-mistress and operated from her home. Mail was brought to the post office by team driven by a Mr. Roberge.

In 1927, the C.P.R. came through, and the post office was transferred to Musidora. In 1919, drought hit the Musidora area and money became scarce. Nick worked at the coal mines in Wabamun, while Anna and her family looked after the farm. Since the winter was very cold and there was a shortage of hay and straw, Anna was forced to haul feed from Norma, Alberta.

In 1926, Nick bought land in the Two Hills area. He continued expanding his farming operation until 1954, when his youngest son, David, took over.

In 1959, Anna passed away at age 67. Nick moved to Vancouver but in 1971, he returned to Alberta. In 1972, Nick passed away, at age 83.

Nick and Anna Chomik had a family of eight children: Margaret, Mary, Rose, Helen, Nick, Bill, Mike and David.

Margaret married Peter Petrashchuk. They had four boys: John, Bill, Edward, and Elmer. Margaret and Peter operated a trucking business in Willingdon. Peter passed away at a young age. Margaret met Bill Strapel and remarried. They have one son, Ronald. Margaret and Bill were in the auto wrecking business in Terrace, B.C. In 1983, they retired in Edmonton.

Mary married Mike Petasky. They have one son, Ronald. After completing her hair dressing course, Mary operated a shop in Two Hills, Myrnam, Elk Point, and Bonnyville. Mike was a qualified mechanic in the garage business. They moved from Chilliwack, B.C. to Alberta and retired in Vegreville.

Rose married George Zahaua. They have three children: Lillian (Mrs. Len Kohn), George, and Georgina (Mrs. Taras Saranchuk). Rose and George farmed at Innisfree, Mannville, Lamont, and Mundare. They are presently semi-retired on a farm in the Mundare area.

Helen married Paul Petrosky. They have four children: Donna Lee (Mrs. John Mitchell), Alberta (Mrs. Karl Norhaugen), Alexa (Mrs. Francois Nedeau), and David.

Nick and Anna Chomik in front of their first house on their farm in Two Hills, 1924

Helen worked as hairdresser, seamstress, and librarian at Elk Point, where Paul worked as Secretary-Treasurer for the Town. Paul and Helen retired in Chilliwack, B.C.

Nick Jr. married Anne Repchuk. They have five children: Gary, Fay, (Mrs. Ken Felesky), Debbie, (Mrs. Ken Gehring) and twins Trevor and Tyrena. Nick Jr. was a District Agriculturist in Ryley and Vegreville. Upon retirement he went into private business in Wetaskiwin.

Bill married Rose Serna and had two children: Diane (Mrs. Nick Gelety), and Arthur. Upon returning from the army, Bill farmed at Two Hills. Later he sold his farm and went into garage business in Bonnyville. He is now in the hotel business.

Mike married Lillian Steblyk. They had four children: Bill, David, Maryann (Mrs. Brian Lacoursiere) and Lori. Mike farmed in Innisfree. He sold his farm and went into dairy business in Two Hills. A few years later, he opened a plant in Lloydminster. Then he sold the dairy plant and went into heavy construction. In 1982, Mike passed away at age of 55.

David married Elizabeth Archinuk, and they have five children: Peggy, (Mrs. Dannis Hauca), Sharyn, Dennis,Carol and Janice. David took over the family farm, specializing in dairy, and after many years in the business, he sold out and is presently operating a hotel at Grande Prairie. No family members of Nick and Anna Chomik are presently residing in the district, but all have fond memories of life in Two Hills.

CHOMIK, David and Elizabeth (nee Archinuk)

David is the youngest son of Nick and Anne Chomik. He was born at home in Two Hills on March 30, 1934, and was raised on the farm. David spent his early school years at Nizir and Two Hills Schools. He attended the

Vermilion School of Agriculture where he took his Grade IX. However, he had to give up his schooling because assistance was needed on the family farm.

On October 30, 1954, David married Elizabeth Archinuk, daughter of Mary and John Archinuk of Brosseau. Elizabeth, who was born on February 14, 1936, attended St. Laurent School where she completed Grade VIII. After taking Grade IX-XI in Two Hills, Elizabeth spent most of her youth working with her parents on the farm.

David and Elizabeth were blessed with five children all born at Two Hills Hospital. The oldest daughter, Peggy, was born on January 21, 1957. A second child, Sharyn was born on June 23, 1958. Their third child Dennis arrived March 26, 1960. Their fourth and fifth children were Carol, born on February 11, 1964, and Janice, born on December 10, 1965. The three eldest graduated from Grade XII at the Two Hills High School,while the two younger girls graduated from E.W. Pratt School in High Prairie.

The David and Elizabeth Chomik family. Front row, (L to R) - David, Janice and Elizabeth; back row - Sharyn, Carol, Dennis and Peggy. This picture was taken on Ukrainian Christmas Day, January 7, 1982.

For the first five years, Elizabeth and David operated the family farm with his parents' assistance. On July 1, 1959, David's mother passed away. In the fall of that year David's dad moved to Surrey, B.C., where he lived until his death on December 8, 1972. David and Elizabeth continued their mixed farming operation until the spring of 1962. At this time David started his dairy operation. He bought his first ten Holstein cows and started to build a dairy barn comprising of thirty station stalls.

For the next ten years David shipped fluid milk to the local milk plant. Later he expanded his herd to 75 milking cows. He had to build a loose housing barn with a herringbone milk parlour and a milk bulk room because of his increasing herd. Milk was shipped to the N.A.D.P. in St. Paul, Alberta, because of the closure of the local milk plant. All this time David and Elizabeth continued with their grain and forage operation as well.

While living on the farm both Elizabeth and David were actively involved in the community affairs of Two Hills and district. Both were members of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church and are still active in the church. They were also members of the Farmers' Union. David was active in the Two Hills Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce. He represented the district as a delegate for the Wheat Pool and also as a director of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool. During this time Elizabeth was the President of the Ukrainian Women's Association for two years, the 4-H Clothing leader for five years and a Sunday School teacher.

During the 28 years of David's farming career, he was always interested in experimenting. In the spring of 1978, David sold his family farm and invested in the hotel business. Subsequently, he has owned several hotels in Alberta. At the present time David and Elizabeth are operating the Trumpeter Motor Inn in Grande Prairie.

CHORNEY, John and Anne

by Anne (nee Jacura) Chorney

I, Anne Chorney (nee Jacura), daughter of John and Mary Jacura, formerly of Brosseau, was born in our farm home at Lac Sante (Big Fish Lake).

During the summer months, neighboring children came to swim in the lake while their mothers brought bags of dirty clothes and laundered them in the lake.

At age six, I attended Mamaestie School which now is a community centre. In one year I had four teachers: Mr. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Gautier, and Mr. Springbat. A Mr. Stera, Mr. Kordoski, and Mr. Cherniawski followed later. I completed Grade VIII in 1935, and passed to Grade IX, with top standing in my grade. Because of a financial situation, however, it was not possible to continue my education.

My dad was a school trustee and spoke English fluently.

I well remember the winter when I was in Grade IV as I was very ill for almost two months, with mumps and a bad cough. Mother applied iodine to my neck to keep the swelling down, made me drink hot milk with butter, and kept my neck wrapped. Instead of rushing to the doctor with any little ache or pain, home remedies such as these were used.

We didn't have a car in those wagon and buggy days. When I was a young girl going out to dances, we either walked five miles or asked neighbor boys for a ride in the box of their borrowed pick-up trucks.

In those days a young girl had to know how to do everything: making cheese, sauerkraut, and even soap. I helped pick rocks, stook grain, crush it for chop, fan or clean it for seed, and split wood. It wasn't easy for there were no rock pickers, combines, electricity, or natural gas for heating in those days.

In 1944, Reverend Campeau married John Chorney and me at Brosseau Catholic Church. John was born at Bellis in 1916 and attended Irondale School until he was ten years old. In 1926, he moved with his parents to the Brosseau district where he attended Champlain School and completed his Grade IX.

The Chorney brothers were musical and had a band of their own. Tom played the accordian, John the violin, Steve the guitar, and Bill the banjo. In 1947, John left farming and started a trucking business which he con-

Chorney wedding, 1982. Top row, (L to R) - John and Anne Chorney, Brenda Chorney, Marilyn and Bob Chorney (bride and groom), Grant and Dave Chorney; bottom row - Paula and Greg Chorney.

tinued until his retirement in the late fall of 1981.

We have two sons, Dave Anthony born in 1945, and Bob Allan in 1957.

Dave is married and is living on a Sherwood Park acreage with his wife Brenda (nee Taylor) and their three children: Grant, Paula, and Greg. Dave and Brenda were married in 1967. Dave is detective with the city Police Department, and has been with the force for 20 years.

In 1982, Bob married Marilyn (nee Woroschuk) and lives in Edmonton. Bob has his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Commerce degrees. He was manager for Phoenix Club but now is employed with a chartered accountant firm.

CHRAPKO, Lawrenti and Caterina

by Olga Eglinski

In 1901, Lawrenti Chrapko (1860-1927) and his wife Caterina (nee Zaharia (1868-1929), with their three sons, Ivan, Vasilie and Simeon, left their family and friends in the Village of Berhomet in Bukovina, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada, hoping for a new and better life. They arrived in Strathcona, N.W.T. in July, 1901.

A fourth son, Onufrey, was born before they set out on a journey to the area, now known as Hairy Hill, Alberta. Here they stayed for two years, and then came east to Pozerville, in the Two Hills area, settling on a homestead.

Their main objective was to set up a shelter and clear land to provide for their family. Four more children: Marafta, Kalyna, Maria, and Nicholai were born to them on this homestead.

Lawrenti and Caterina faced hardships and misery, but hard work, courage and perseverance made them succeed. Unfortunately, an epidemic in 1911 took two of their little girls, Marafta and Kalyna.

These two people of sturdy constitution and great determination, endured their frustrations and disappointments, all for the sake of a better life for their children and their descendants.

CHRAPKO, John A. and Elizabeth (nee Severyn)

by Roxy Chrapko

John Chrapko, the first son of Laurentie and Caterina Chrapko, was born on January 7, 1892, in Bukovina, Austria. John attended school for one and a half years before leaving for Canada. Since there were no schools near the homestead at the time, that was the extent of John's formal education.

John worked on the farm as well as on the railway and in the mines. In 1911, he met and married Elizabeth, daughter of Mike and Mary Severyn of Ispas, Alberta. The couple moved to their homestead in the Rannock district, north of Musidora. Several years later, the Chrapko family moved to a new homestead north of Two Hills.

John was a councillor for the M.D. of Sobor in the late 1920s and early 1930s. In the early 1950s, John and Elizabeth raised and sold turkeys. At this time, John designed his own chicken plucker which he used in his operation.

On January 27, 1958, Elizabeth Chrapko passed away from diabetes. John retired from farming, leaving the farm to his youngest son Mike. He lived in Two Hills until he passed away on November 15, 1972.

John holding Terry, Guido John A. Chrapko, Nick (back) and Ron, 1958

John and Elizabeth had seven children and 11 grandchildren. Their children are Metro, William, Steve, Alec, David, Mike and Victoria.

Metro, who was born in 1912, passed away in 1925, and is buried near his grandparents at Paraskavia Cemetery.

On March 5, 1914, William was born. He left home at an early age in search of employment. William never married and resides in Brooks, Alberta.

On May 19, 1916, Steve was born. He grew up on the homestead and also left home at an early age. Steve remained single and lives in Camrose.

Alec was born on the homestead on January 22, 1918. He attended school in Duvernay and completed his eighth and ninth grades in Two Hills. During the war years, Alec enlisted in the Armed forces and gained his mechanical and electrical technology there. His other achievements

Baba Elizabeth (Severyn) Chrapko and Doris (David's wife), her daughter-in-law, 1945

were plumbing, steam fitting and radio. Returning to Two Hills he was employed by several businesses, and in the latter part of his life operated his small shop on the east end of town. Being innovative and ingenious he was kept occupied until his health and vision failed. Alec remained single by choice and retired to the Two Hills Lions Eventide Home, where he passed away on January 15, 1979.

David was born June 8, 1922.

The only daughter, Victoria, was born November 26, 1927. On July 29, 1945, she married Mike Drozda. They have two sons and two daughters: Jacob, John, Deanna and Donna.

Mike was born on January 31, 1932, in the Vegreville Hospital. He attended primary classes in Duvernay and completed his grade IX in Two Hills. He then started farming with his father and his brother David in 1958. After his father's retirement, Mike was left to operate the farm. Hardworking and prosperous he remains single.

CHRAPKO, David J. and Dora (nee Homeniuk)

by Rocky Chrapko

David, son of John and Elizabeth Chrapko, was born June 8, 1922. In his early days on the farm, David had a bike and was the envy of every boy in the neighborhood. Later he courted a lass named Dora, from Hamlin, in an old Model T Ford. Dora was the daughter of Nick and Mary Homeniuk, and on October 14, 1945, they were married near Willingdon. For several months the newlyweds lived with David's parents. They then moved to their own house on the SE 15-56-12-W4th. Dora and David worked for many years, farming three quarters of land that they owned. They milked cows for many years, and raised turkeys on a large scale.

David and Dora worked at Larry's Produce for a number of years. In 1967, David purchased and operated a gravel truck, along with his son Ronald. Later, a transport truck was franchised and operated between Edmonton and Saskatoon, hauling bread and flour. Later the route included Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

After the truck was sold in 1971, Dora began working at Northwood Auxiliary Hospital in Edmonton. David joined her at work in the same hospital. When Dora became ill in 1976, they returned to Two Hills where a house was purchased. David found employment at Highland Produce, and a short time later became caretaker at the Lion's Eventide Home in Two Hills. Dora, now fully recovered, found evening employment cleaning offices.

Presently, David is working at the Two Hills Hospital and Nursing Home, while Dora is caretaker at the Lions' Eventide Homes.

The Chrapkos raised four sons: John, Nick, Ron and Terry, and are grandparents to eleven grandchildren.

John was born August 30, 1946, and on June 28, 1969, he married Lorraine Boychuk. One son, Tad, and one daughter, Leeann, are their children. John attended school in Two Hills, and pursued his education to become a pressure B welder. John and Judy, his wife, live in Two Hills and are proud parents of daughter Amberleigh.

Nick, who was born July 12, 1948, married Ilene, daughter of Roland and Irene Theroux of Two Hills on August 30, 1969. (see Theroux history)

Ronald was born April 2, 1953, and on June 30, 1973, he married Roxcellia, daughter of Nick and Sanchria Darda of Hairy Hill. Ron and Rocky have a daughter Tanya, and a son Timothy. They live in Mundare, where Ron is an elevator manager with United Grain Growers and a driver instructor.

Terry was born August 11, 1958. On August 31, 1980, he married Cheryl, daughter of Sidor and Jenny Fedoruk of Brosseau and raised two sons, Daniel and Clayton. Terry is a licensed mechanic employed at Superior Gulf Service in Two Hills.

Terry, Cheryl and family have moved to farm near Two Hills.

CHRAPKO (Theroux) Mary and Moise

by Rocky Chrapko

Mary, daughter of Laurentie and Caterina Chrapko, lived with her parents on the farm until her marriage to Moise Theroux, on May 9, 1927.

The couple farmed on the NE 28-55-12-W4, until they moved to Plamondon, Alberta. Moise and Mary had seven children, three of whom passed away at an early age: Raymond, Eli, and Yvonne.

Rose was born February 20, 1928. She married Robert Sastner and lived in Fort McMurray. Rose and Robert had 12 children: Joyce, Grace, Sheila, Patricia, Barbara, Marie, Benny, Robert, Lenard, Douglas, Cathy, and Gordie.

Lillian was born November 14, 1930. She married Ernie Caskey who was with the Edmonton Police Force. Their children are: Cynthia, Gail, Ernest, Kenneth, Valerie, Leeann, and Kevin. Ernie retired in January, 1985. All live in Edmonton.

Olive was born on May 8, 1934. She married Ed

Rawlayk, and they have six children: Debra, Jerry, Holly, Kevin, Marcia, and Susan. Their son, Eddie, passed away as an infant. The couple live in Calgary, where Ed is a car salesman.

Ethel was born November 26, 1938. She married Larry Marchuk, and they have six children: Terry, Karen, Dan, Jackie, Darren, and Larry. They live in Edmonton, where Larry is a car salesman, and Ethel manages Francine's.

CHRAPKO, Nickolai and Carrie (nee Sonstenes)

by Olga Eglinski

Nickolai Chrapko was born in 1913 in Pozerville, now the Two Hills District, where he attended school. Nick left home at a very young age to make a livelihood for himself and to help his parents.

Since he was very adept mechanically, his services were always in demand and much appreciated, whenever he chose to work.

Eventually Nick took a job in Whitecourt, Alberta, where he was the mechanic for a large lumbering company.

After serving four years with the Royal Canadian Mechanical Engineers, he married Carrie Sonstenes, in 1947.

Nick and Carrie moved to Magrath, Alberta, where the Spring Coulee Dam was being built. Later they came back to Two Hills to help his brother Vasilie in the machine shop. Moving to Edmonton, Nick was employed by Cana Construction until his retirement in 1975. Nick and Carrie have one son, Lawrence.

Carrie and Nick Chrapko, 1984

CHRAPKO, Onufrey and Louise (nee Alexander)

by Olga Eglinski

Onufrey was born in 1901, after the family's arrival in Strathcona, N.W.T. He grew up in the Postal District of Pozerville where he attended school and worked to assist the family.

Onufrey worked at jobs in various places. He loved to play practical jokes, and make people laugh. During the

Onufrey Chrapko, 1930

1920s, Onufrey entertained the local people by showing silent movies in his hall, which in 1928, was used as a classroom while a new school was being built.

Nothing daunted Onufrey. He could do anything he set his mind to, repairing harnesses, sewing machines, tanning hides and doing carpentry work. He also panned for gold in the North Saskatchewan River.

In 1930, Onufrey opened a small grocery store in Duvernay at the south entrance to the Brosseau-Duvernay bridge which was being built at the time. Onufrey married Louise Alexander. Selling his store to John Boychuk he moved to southern Alberta, where he and his wife dedicated their life to religious studies and teaching. Louise passed away in 1983, and Onufrey continues to reside in their home in Innisfail.

CHRAPKO, Simeon and Eudokia (nee Cherniwchan)

by Olga Eglinski

Simeon Chrapko (1898-1983), the third son of Lawrenti and Caterina, was born in the Village of Berhomet, Bukovina, Ukraine. He immigrated to Canada with his parents at two years of age. The family settled on a homestead at Pozerville (Two Hills district) and here Simeon attended school briefly.

At an early age Simeon sought employment to help his family get established, as times were difficult and money was scarce. With determination and hope for a better life, he accepted whatever employment he could get to earn mone—working on railroads, telegraph lines, and for various farmers.

In 1924, Simeon married Eudokia, daughter of Speridon and Irene Cherniwchan of Wahstao, Alberta, and together they set out to carve a living out of the wilderness. Although life was difficult and money was hard to come by, they had the courage and fortitude to overcome the hardships. With strife and toil, the

Simeon and Eudokia Chrapko on their 50th wedding anniversary, 1974

Chrapkos made a living from the land they settled on and raised a family of three sons and three daughters:

John, their first born, passed away prematurely in 1955.

Olga married William Eglinski and they have four children and nine grandchildren.

Mary married Alec Boyko and they have four children and three grandchildren.

Mike married Inge Burke.

Rose married Alec Michalchuk. They too, have four children and one grandchild.

Nick, the younger son, took over the family farm when Simeon and Eudokia retired to Vegreville in 1970. To date, Simeon and Eudokia have 30 descendants. Simeon passed away unexpectedly in June, 1983.

CHRAPKO, Vasilie and Helen (nee Demetruchuk)

by Rocky Chrapko

On February 17, 1896, Vasilie, son of Laurentie and Caterina Chrapko was born in Bukovina, Ukraine. At age five, he immigrated to Canada with his parents.

As a young man Vasilie was employed on the railway and in the coal mines at Bittern Lake, Alberta. Since their was no school near the homestead, he learned to read and write from a man with whom he worked when he was 18. In 1916, Vasilie worked in a railway terminal where his job was to build up steam pressure in locomotives.

In the early 1920s, Vasilie married Helen Demetruchuk of Willingdon who was born in 1902. Vasilie operated his own machine shop in Two Hills and built his own school bus in 1949. This was the first such bus in the Two Hills area, and for seven years, Vasilie bused children to the Two Hills school. In his machine shop he also built the first press iron cutter which was on display at the fair at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, in 1964. In 1969, Vasilie retired from his business and turned his farming operation over to his son Peter.

For several years Helen was ill and remained in hospital in Edmonton, until her passing in 1971. During her illness Mrs. Martha Eliuk cared for the children while Vasilie was at work.

Vasilie and Helen had a family of two sons, Peter and George, and five daughters: Mary, Katie, Victoria, Sandra, and Martha. They were proud grandparents of 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mary, born August 12, 1923, attended Two Hills school and married William Bezovie on November 20, 1947. Their six children: are Richard, Douglas, Betty, Debbie, Barbara, and Darlene.

Katie, born on June 2, 1925, married Ed Poloway. They have three children: Janice, Debra, and Kelly who reside in Vancouver.

Victoria, who was born September 18, 1927, attended Two Hills School, and later married Alex Raddysh on April 30, 1960. Heather Dawn and Joan Lynne are their children. They live in Vancouver.

Peter, born February 13, 1929, attended Two Hills school. Peter, a welder by trade, and his wife Mary have three children: Valerie, Russel and Wayne. They reside in Coquitlam, B.C.

Sandra, born September 11, 1930, attended Two Hills school. She married Terry Samoil and raised two children: Trevor and Tracey. The family resides in Delta, B.C.

Martha, born June 12, 1932, attended Two Hills school, and later married Dave Campbell in 1954. They are parents of four children: Pam, Wendy, and twins Kim and Carey. Mission, B.C. is where they presently live.

George, born March 29, 1936, attended Two Hills school and later became a welder. George married Shirley and they have three children: Judy, Wade, and Teresa who live in Fort Saint John, B.C.

Vasilie and Martha moved into the Lions' Eventide Homes in Two Hills where they lived for several years. On December 7, 1980, Vasilie passed away leaving those who knew him with happy memories.

Wm. Chrapko and Martha by their house in Two Hills, 1965

CHRAPKO, Todor and Anasthasia (nee Lakusta)

Todor Chrapko was born in the Village of Zawale, County of Sniatyn, Western Ukraine, in the year 1862. In 1893, he married Anasthasia Lakusta, born in 1868, in the same village. Their first child, Nick, was born in 1894, Mary in 1897, and Thomas in 1899. Hearing rumours about the vast land in Canada where immigrants were able to buy 160-acre homesteads for ten dollars, Todor and his wife, along with relatives, D. Nickiforuk and J. Odynski families, packed their clothing, bedding, kitchen utensils and tools, and immigrated to Canada.

In June, 1903, they boarded the train for Hamburg, Germany, where they set sail for Canada. After arriving in Halifax, they travelled by train across Canada to Strathcona, Alberta. N. Solowan met them at the station and transported them with horses and wagon, to William Nickiforuk's homestead at Beaver Creek about 40 miles east of Strathcona. From here Todor walked to Strathcona where he worked for a month or two. Three other relatives and he travelled with Mr. Lakusta's team of horses, 45 miles east to the district of Lanuke in search of suitable land. His chosen homestead (NE-26-54-12-W4th) was a nice spot beside the Vermilion River, with haymeadows and large tracts of forest. On this land he built a simple sod-covered hut, called a "burdei".

While they were living at Wm. Nickiforuk's place, another daughter, Annie, was born in the spring of 1904. At this time, Todor bought a wagon, two oxen, two cows and a calf. In June, 1904, he was able to move his family and belongings to their homestead. After settling in their "burdei", Todor built a two-room log house where the winter was spent. To settle his debts on the purchase of oxen, cows, and wagon, he walked 85 miles to Strathcona where he worked on the railroads. The nearest town at this time was Vegreville about 25 miles away, a three-day return trip with oxen and wagon.

In 1916, Jessie was born. When she and Annie were of age they attended Nizir School.

In the years that followed a church was built in the district and in 1914, the Lanuke Hall.

The few settlers that could read, would read books and newspapers to the others. As well, they staged plays and later formed mandolin and guitar orchestras where Annie played the mandolin, and Tom the guitar.

In 1912, the eldest daughter, Mary, married Michael Delawski, a miner, and lived in Edmonton. They had three boys and three girls.

In 1926, after Mary's mother died of a heart attack, they moved to the farm where they lived for two years with her father, who died in 1928. In 1929, they moved to their own farm where Michael worked for four years, passing away in 1933. After 13 years of farming they sold their land and moved to Edmonton. Mary is in a nursing home in the city.

In 1923, Nick married Anna Nickiforuk and they had two boys and two girls. Nick worked on his father's homestead as well as on his own farm, (SE-35-54-12-W4th), adjoining his father's homestead. In 1925, Nick opened up a country store just two miles southwest of his father's place but three years later the store was sold and the family moved to Vancouver, B.C., where two acres of land were purchased on Lulu Island. In 1940, another store was opened and operated until Nick's retirement in 1970. He passed away in 1977. In 1985, his wife Anna, and their youngest son and family, live in the family home.

Chrapko family, June 22, 1919. Front row, (L to R) - John Delawski, Todor Chrapko, Ann Delawski, Anasthasia Chrapko; back row - Nick Chrapko, Michael Delawski, Mary Delawski (Chrapko), Annie Chrapko and Jessie Chrapko.

Thomas attended school in Vegreville, then completed Normal School in Saskatchewan and became a teacher. It was compulsory then that he teach in Saskatchewan for two years. In 1918, during the flu epidemic, he returned to Alberta where he continued teaching. In 1925, he married Alice Luciak and raised one girl and one boy. He taught until his retirement in Edmonton, passing away in 1980. Wife Alice died in 1984.

In 1924, Annie married Emil Chanasyk, and raised a family of three boys and two girls. The Chanasyks farmed on his father's homestead at Musidora for a year before moving to their farm at Derwent. In 1936, they moved to Port Kells, B.C., where Emil worked in the logging camps until his retirement. He passed away in 1979. His wife Annie lives in Langley.

Jessie married Andrew Buk in 1925, and they had a girl and a boy. They farmed two miles southeast of Jessie's parents homestead until Andrew retired. Andrew passed away in Edmonton in 1975, and Jessie in 1982.

CHRISTIANSON, Harold and Beatrice (nee Marko)

In 1944, Harold Christianson married Beatrice Marko, and farmed south of Beauvallon for several years. To this marriage was born a daughter, and two sons, all of whom completed their high school education at Myrnam and continued to live in the Beauvallon area. There are now five grandchildren.

In April, 1970, Harold was manager of the Rannach Community Pasture. In 1974, he had his first assistant, and several others after that time, to help him run the pasture. In September, 1980, he retired.

Daryl, Harold, Dean, Beatrice and Deanna, 1965

CHRUNIK, Peter and Anne (nee Kachmar)

I, Anne Chrunik (nee Kachmar), the second daughter of William and Sophie Kachmar, was born in the Village of Miekisz Novyj, District of Yaroslaw, Ukraine. My mother, sister Mary, brother George, and I at age 10 and in Grade IV, left for Canada. The overall 30-day trip was pleasant. We were happy to see dad after an absence of two years.

Our ship's journey began at the Port of Danzig. Mother's sea sickness frightened us for we thought we'd lose her and never see dad again. The trip from Danzig to London took four days, and the London to Quebec journey took twice as long. I recall being examined in London, Quebec, and then on the train to Montreal. In Montreal, we transferred to a train bound for Winnipeg. Here, hearing people speaking Ukrainian meant an opportunity to buy food to last us on our trip to Vegreville.

I always wondered what Canada was like. Was it just a big city? Did it mean having lots of money and wearing nice clothing? Did it mean food plenty which was lacking in the Ukraine? I recall a time of no bread in the house.

The birth of my brother George, after two sisters, brought much happiness to my parents. For his christening, he had eight Godparents to each of whom was given a loaf of bread - a Ukrainian custom.

Our family always had plenty of food. We planted a big garden and Dad hunted for rabbits and partridges. Later, we had our own pork, beef, chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys.

We arrived in Vegreville on August 30, 1930, at 4:00 a.m. Dad and Mr. Hladky, a neighbor, met us. It took us 3 1/2 hours to travel the 26 miles to his home. After a lovely dinner prepared by Mrs. Hladky, we were taken home. We had supper at Aunt Mary's and Uncle Alex Killick's home.

Our first Canadian school, Wolia, was across the road from where we lived. Our teacher was Mr. Robert McQuillan. Strapping was the punishment for speaking Ukrainian. It was very hard to learn when no one explained in Ukrainian what the teacher was saying. One day I remember that our teacher brought two delicious looking pieces of cake which he wanted us to have but because we didn't understand him, we couldn't have any. After one year, I passed to Grade III, and for two years my teacher was Miss Pearl Steblyk. Then we moved five miles away and our next school was Kiew. Here, in one year's time, I was promoted to Grade V. Grade V teacher was Miss Olga Perich and in Grade VI, I had Mr. George Yuskow.

At age 12, I joined the church choir at the New Kiew Holy Ascension Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church. We sang in concerts, participated in pie socials, bingos, bazaars, and for years acted in dramas. Our dances and parties held in granaries, often lasted until morning.

One year, my sister and I visited an Aunt and Uncle in Thorsby. It was there that I met Peter Chrunik, now my husband. Peter, the son of Mike and Anne Chrunik, (nee Feshak), was born in Thorsby and attended Dnister School. At 15 years of age, he began playing in a band. To earn some extra money, Peter worked in lumber camps.

On November 22, 1947, we were married in the New Kiew Church. We had our wedding banquet in the house with immediate family and friends. The next day, we had a wedding dance for all friends at the New Kiew Hall. The donation received totalled over $300. along with many gifts. Liquor was rationed, so Dad asked neighbors for their ration cards. A week later, we had the same type of reception with a wedding dance at Thorsby Hall.

After we were married, we rented a house on a farm nine miles from Thorsby and later bought the farm with the help of our brother-in-law, John Pona. My parents gave us a truck-load of cattle, truck-load of oats, four horses, some chickens, pork, and jars of fruit. Peter, who had his own horses, wagon and sleigh, got a milking cow from his parents. Milking nine cows supplemented our income.

Six years later, we moved to the Plain Lake District where we bought the NE 30-53-12-W4th from Mr. Steve Kisilewich. Since we didn't have much machinery, my brother George helped us work the land. Raising cattle, hogs, turkeys, and growing grain helped us pay off our debts. In a few years we bought an adjacent quarter, SE 30-53-12-W4th. More land required better machinery, so trying to save money was always a problem. With hard work and good management, we paid for everything we bought.

We were blessed with three children: Joyce, Jerry, and George who attended the Two Hills Elementary and High Schools. Joyce completed five years of University earning a B.Ed. degree. She taught for several years at Willingdon School as a regular classroom teacher, elementary Ukrainian teacher and teacher-librarian. She was band instructor and co-ordinator of the Elementary Ukrainian Program throughout the County of Two Hills. She is now teaching Grade I in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program at Father Kenneth Kearns School in Sherwood Park.

Peter and Anne Chrunik and family - Anne, George, Joyce, Jerry and Peter, 1978

Jerry completed two years of radio and television arts at NAIT, and is now employed by CBC Television in Edmonton as a commercial writer. He is married to Jan Resler of Edmonton, a daughter of Al and Fran Resler of Lake St. Anne. (George also completed two years at NAIT graduating as an architectural technologist. He drafts part-time and teaches Ukrainian dancing full-time in and around Edmonton as well as in Two Hills. He is also a member of the Shumka Dancers of Edmonton and has travelled to Hong Kong, Japan, Hawaii, and throughout the United States and Canada.)

Throughout our married life, we played in a band. Peter played the violin, Joyce the accordion, Jerry the drums and George the bass guitar and clarinet. I composed songs and sang at weddings, Search for Talent, and won first prize at many amateur nights. We played on the Ukrainian Hour on CFCW, Camrose radio station. We also cut two records, one produced with Dan Chomlak and the other with Gaby Haas.

In 1969, we moved to Two Hills to work as caretakers at the Two Hills High School. With a salary of $344.10 a month, two children in school, and one at the University, times were difficult.

In 1978, with our daughter's encouragement and assistance we started an addition to our small house. Four years later, Peter and I retired. For our retirement our children presented us with a new Ford LTD.

We wish our good children much health, wealth and happiness in the future. May God Bless them and help them in every way. As the old saying goes. "Bez Boha Nedo Poroha".

CHRUSTAWKA, Right Reverend Ambrose and Zonia (nee Palamarek)

by Marion Dowhaniuk (daughter)

A pioneer priest, Father Chrustawka was born on December 19, 1901, in the Village of Yahoinitsa Stara, County of Chortkiw in the Province of Halychina, Ukraine. He spent his childhood in the Ukraine with his mother Ksenia, sisters and brother, while his father John immigrated to Canada in 1903. Young Ambrose joined his father before World War I. The remainder of the family arrived in 1923.

Ambrose completed his elementary and high school education at St. Joseph's College in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. In 1926, after completing a theological program he was ordained as a priest in Chicago by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Theophilos.

In 1926, he married Zonia Palamarek, eldest daughter of Dan and Elena Palamarek of Smoky Lake, Alberta. Zonia, born in 1910 in Smoky Lake, attended elementary and high school there.

Reverend Chrustawka's first appointment in the Russo-Orthodox Church was in Szypenitz, Alberta, nine miles northwest of Two Hills. Using the Szypenitz Church as his home base, he also established ten parishes, performing services in Mamaestie, Luzan, Pruth, Myrnam, Two Hills, and other centres.

Father Ambrose was truly a pioneer priest who moved about in a horse-drawn buggy during the summer and a cutter sleigh during the cold winter months. At a testimonial dinner, when he was 74 years old, Father Ambrose said he baptized thousands of children. During the depression he said he was paid with chickens or whatever the parishioners could spare. "I wouldn't ask for money. I was pleased to serve so many people diligently, even when times were bad."

Due to his tireless efforts to bring Christianity into the Ukrainian settlers' homes, ten parishes followed him into the folds of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Canada in 1942. When Father Ambrose decided to leave the district to move to Edmonton, all the parishes he served, joined in presenting him with a brand new car in

Reverend A. Chrustawka, 1968

appreciation for his spiritual services.

While in Szypenitz, Zonia gave birth to four children: Marion, Gloria, Ernest and Ronald. A very talented family, Zonia and the beautiful singing voices of her children formed the nucleus of the church choir for many years. From Szypenitz, Father Chrustawka moved several times in his career, serving in Vegreville, Calgary, Myrnam, Vancouver, Hyas, Bonnyville, and Edmonton. He contributed greatly to the founding of St. Johns Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Edmonton during the early 1950s. In 1955, while serving St. Johns Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, he received in recognition of his 30 years of service the Golden Pastoral Cross from the Canadian Head of the church, Most Reverend Metropolitan Ilarion. In 1963, while serving his Myrnam parish, he was honored by the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church and given the title of "Very Reverend". He was again honored in 1976, by being elevated to the title of "Right Reverend Father," wherein he received a mitre.

June, 1976, marked an important milestone in Father Chrustawka's life, when the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox parishes in Alberta honored their pioneer priest on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of being ordained. In July, 1978, Father Chrustawka retired from active service in the church, but he was requested by the Head of the Presidium of the Consistory of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Canada to take the post of Assistant Priest at St. Johns Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral and to execute his duties during his retirement whenever his health would permit him to do so. On June 29, 1980, Father Chrustawka received for his service to the church, another title, that of "Protopresveter," which, when translated, means "First Among the First".

Father Ambrose died in Edmonton on September 6, 1981, at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife Zonia in White Rock, B.C.; two daughters, Marion Dowhaniuk of Banff and Gloria Ferby of Edmonton; two sons, Ernest and Ronald of Edmonton; eleven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one sister Pearl Wygera of Edmonton.

CHUDYK, Panko and Mary (nee Hryciw)

by Peter Chudyk (son)

Panko was born in the Village of Bowdury, County of Brody, Western Ukraine. He left his homeland in 1903, and followed his brother Andrew and sister Malanka to Canada. Travelling first by ship and then by rail, he ended up in Calgary. Arriving penniless, he set out on foot all the way to his brother Andrew's place at Chipman. After working briefly in coal mines and railroads, Panko settled on the farm of Tom and Mary Hryciw (SE 36-53-13-W4th). The Hryciws had one daughter, Mary, and one son, Richard, living with them. Panko married Mary Hryciw in 1904.

Farming in those years was no picnic. To add to his income, Panko recalled having to cut loads of wood, and then selling them for $2. a load just to make ends meet.

During the course of their married life the Chudyks had nine children:

Pearl married John Hamernyk; Nancy married Korney Frankiw; Anthonette married Peter Hasiuk; Grace married Mike Frankiw; Annie married Dmetro Bateyko; Peter married Katie Zurawell; Sophie married Sam Bateyko; Nellie married Mike Fedyna; and Verna married Jack Ritsco.

Annie Hryciw, circa 1938

Mary died in 1921, and was buried in Plain Lake Cemetery. Panko lived on the farm with his son, Peter, until his death in 1954 and was laid to rest beside his wife Mary.

Panko Chudyk with his daughters, 1947.

CHUDYK, Peter and Katie (nee Horon)

I, Peter Chudyk, was born June 14, 1914, to Panko and Mary Chudyk of the New Kiew district (SE 36-53-13-W4th). Soon after leaving Krasne School, I was called on to take my place on the farm, as my dad was not a young man anymore. After marrying Katie Zurawell on November 4, 1950, we were blessed with a son Stanley, born on January 7, 1957.

My wife Katie was born on February 13, 1911, to

William and Annie Horon. In her previous marriage to Joe Zurawell, one son and one daughter, Billy, and Emily, were born.

Billy married Natalie Lohoway in 1952, and they had four children: Rosemarie, Basil, Michael, and Sandra.

Emily married Victor Cymbaluk in 1957, and they had four children: Joanne, Ricky, Debbie, and Curtis.

Our son, Stanley, married Teresa Beaudette in 1979, and they had one son, Lance.

After some 40 years trying to make ends meet on the farm, my health started failing and I was forced to sell out. I moved to Two Hills in 1973, and am residing there now.

Peter Chudyk family, 1984.

CHUDYK, William and Frances (nee Weleschuk)

by Frances Chudyk

William Chudyk, born on January 15, 1907, attended Old Lwiw School, located nine miles east of Lamont. William farmed with his parents until October 22, 1933, when he married Frances Weleschuk born on May 9, 1913. She was the daughter of Theodore and Rosalia Weleschuk of Wostok.

The Chudyks farmed in the St. Michael area until 1949. They then moved to Duvernay where William still farms.

William and Frances Chudyk's family, 1957. (L to R) - Victor, Eugene, Mike, Frances, Harry and William.

They had six children: Harry, Mike, Victor, Eugene, Rose and Marie. They attended Lwiw, Two Hills, St. Laurent, and Lamont Schools.

Harry, born on April 19, 1936, married Irene, daughter of Alec and Mary Mokry of Plain Lake. They have three children: Kelly (deceased, 1985), Rodney, and Marie. They presently reside in Vegreville.

Mike, born on June 22, 1937, married Teresa, daughter of Joseph and Lucille Hamel of Prince George, B.C. They presently reside in Vegreville.

Victor, born on April 30, 1940, passed away on July 2, 1958.

Eugene, born September 6, 1942, married Olga, daughter of William G. and Mary Serna of Two Hills. Residing in Two Hills, they have one daughter, Evylin, born on April 19, 1983.

Eugene, an upholsterer and farmer has served the Two Hills area since 1964.

Rose, born on June 10, 1944, and Marie, born on June 26, 1949, passed away on January 4, 1947 and December 22, 1949, respectively.

William and Frances Chudyk's family, 1980. Front row, (L to R) - Rodney, Frances, Marie, William and Kelly; standing - Mike and Teresa, Harry and Irine, Eugene and Olga.

CYLURIK, John and Katherine (nee Kisilevich)

by Andrew Cylurik (son)

John Cylurik and his wife, Katherine, the eldest daughter of Nicola and Tekla Kisilevich, emigrated from Brody in the Western Ukraine in 1900. In 1901, they located on a homestead five miles directly east of Old Warwick and just a short distance west of the Polish Church on the hill.

Lacking draft animals and the basic farm implements necessary for working the land, John immediately left in search of employment in the Crowsnest Pass area. He recalled the plight of one mine worker who had hidden his life's savings of over a thousand dollars - a veritable fortune in those days - somewhere in the town of Frank. After the town was buried under tons of rock by the Frank Slide, the miner just sat on a boulder and sobbed like a child for days on end over his loss.

The Cylurik family - Carl, John, Catherina and Andrew, 1920

Upon his return home, John and Katherine turned to the task of making a livelihood on the virgin land. They raised six children: Stanley, Annie, Mary, Julia, Carl and Andrew. Wolia School, which opened in 1910, with a Mr. Fisher as the first teacher, provided elementary education for the children.

Discouraged by the abnormally cold summer of 1919 and the ensuing disastrous crop failure, John and Katherine decided on a change, hopefully, to a better location. This move took them to Elphinstone, Manitoba, in March, 1920. However, after a two-year stay there, they returned to Alberta and lived their remaining years on the original homestead.

John passed away in 1940, and Katherine in 1944. Both are at rest in the Polish Church Cemetery at New Kiew.

CYMBALUK, Harry and Sophia

by Michael Cymbaluk

Harry (Gregory) Cymbaluk, born in 1869 in Bilavci, Brody, Western Ukraine, came to Canada in 1900. In 1901 he bought his first homestead (NW 20-55-17-W4th), 50 miles northeast of Edmonton, which was the closest town. When in 1906, the C.N.R. arrived, the town of Chipman was built ten miles southwest of his farm. Chipman has been known as a Ukrainian community, because it was largely settled by the early Ukrainian settlers who arrived in Canada.

Harry married Annie Babych and had five children: Elsie, Eva, William, John and Peter. Son Peter died as a child. During their stay on the homestead, life was not easy. Harry had to work in Edmonton, digging ditches to get some badly needed money to buy the necessities to begin farming.

In 1905, his wife died, and shortly after he married Sophia Nazarchuk. She was born in Brody, Western Ukraine. In 1910, the Cymbaluks sold their homestead for $800. and purchased a farm (SW 36-53-13-W4th), from Sophia's father, John Nazarchuk, 20 miles northeast of Vegreville in the Plain Lake district.

Their only means of transportation was by horses and wagon. Their first buildings which were of log construction, had straw-thatched roofs. Very often they had to cut and saw wood by hand, and then take it to town where it was sold for $1.50. a wagon box.

Harry and Sophia participated in building the first Krasne School.

In 1918, Harry and Sophia experienced a crop failure due to frost, and in 1919, there was a drought, followed by a long harsh winter. Sometime later a new house was built and some new machinery was bought. Things began to look promising but in 1930, the depression struck. Prices fell and money was scarce. In 1939, World War II broke out, and farming started to improve. Together with their son, Michael, the Cymbaluks bought another farm (NW 12-54-13-W4th), five miles southwest of Two Hills. Living was comfortable, but retirement was short lived. Harry Cymbaluk died in 1946 at the age of 77 years.

After selling her farm, Sophia moved to Two Hills, where she lived until 1971. She passed away at the age of 84 years. Sophia and Harry are buried in the New Kiew Cemetery.

Harry and Sophia Cymbaluk and their family - Lena, Jennie, Michael, and Mary, 1925. (Son Peter is not in the picture because he died at an early age). The farm at that time was 20 miles northeast of Vegreville.

CYMBALIUK, Ivan and Tekla

told by Dmytro Cymbaliuk to Ed Cymbaliuk

Ivan Cymbaliuk was born on January 14, 1867, in the Village of Bilavci, Brody, Western Ukraine. He lived in a small house in the village with his brothers Harry and Petro and sister Anastasia. Ivan Cymbaliuk's parents had a small plot of land but they worked mostly for a wealthy landlord.

Sister Anastasia married Leo Krezanowski and Ivan married Tekla Sturmay.

Tekla, the daughter of Dmetro and Anna (Yaremkiw) Sturmay was born on April 13, 1873. Ivan and Tekla had two sons: Mike born in 1896, and Dmetro born in 1899. In 1900, Leo and Anastasia Krezanowski left for Canada and wrote back telling that land in Canada was plentiful. In 1901, Ivan and Tekla and their two sons, Mike aged three, one year old Dmetro and Ivan's brother Harry left to Canada. They borrowed money for their trip and

Tekla and Ivan Cymbaliuk, early 1920s

brought only the clothes on their backs. Arriving by train in Edmonton, they were met by Ivan's sister Anastasia and brother-in-law, Leo Krezanowski. After living with the Krezanowski family for a short time, Ivan bought a scenic homestead for $10.

Because the Cymbaliuk family encountered hard times, Ivan worked in a brick factory in Edmonton for 50¢ a day. With the money he earned he bought a team of horses and a wagon. Leo Krezanowski also had a team of horses and both he an Ivan worked together breaking the land. By 1910, Ivan broke only 30 acres of land. They had no harvesting equipment, but relied on one rich neighbouring farmer who had a steamer and a thresher; one with a feeder and a blower. The charge for threshing the grain on one farm was $15.

When Father Ivan was out working, the family was left with hardly any food. There were times when they would go to sleep with only a drink of tea.

The Cymbaliuk house had a dirt floor, and the roof was made of poles, covered with sod. Often rain came and caused the mud to fall from the ceiling.

Sons, Mike and Dmetro attended the Lviv School for less than two years.

Ivan and Tekla had three other children: Feshka, Nancy and Paul.

In 1910, the Cymbaliuks sold their land for $1500. and moved to prairie land in the Two Hills District with their children. In 1911, Ivan bought SW 3-54-13-W4th from the C.P.R. for $1700 Together with the sale of his Chipman land and proceeds from the sale of cattle and grain, he raised enough cash for this land. A few months later, he bought (SE 3-54-13-W4th) also from the C.P.R. for another $1700. borrowing the money for his land at 1% interest. Ivan built a small log house on the west quarter. Later he moved his 12 by 14 foot home to the east quarter. That winter, Ivan's nephew, Jack (Petro's son) came to Canada. He, along with the seven Cymbaliuks lived in a small log house which Ivan had moved from Chipman.

When Wolia School was built, Dmetro went to school for one winter. He was 16 years old and finished Grade III. Nancy completed Grade III and Paul Grade V.

In 1914, Ivan, his sons Mike and Dmetro, and nephew Jack, built a larger house which still stands and is occupied by grandson Edward and his family. In 1918, Ivan bought a third quarter of land from the C.P.R.

That same year, Mike married Annie Hryciw and Feshka married Philip Yacey, in a double wedding. Feshka passed way shortly from the flu.

Ivan Cymbaliuk, together with many other settlers, built the new Holy Ascension Church at New Kiew in 1918-1919. Ivan held various positions on the church committees.

In 1919, the year was very dry and there was no crop. Those farmers that stacked their feed, had feed for the cattle, but those who burned their crops had to buy straw from as far as Willingdon and Holden for $15. a load.

After the bad years of 1918 and 1919, Dmetro, still single, decided to get a job to help out. He unsuccessfully searched for a job in Edmonton but found work in a coal mine 47 miles NW of Edson earning $6. to $10. a day. That fall, he bought himself some clothing and a bike, and returned home with $500. in cash which he gave to his parents.

In 1920, the Cymbaliuk family harvested a fine crop. That year Ivan and Tekla also built a log barn and log granary. Their farming flourished as they broke more land, acquired more cattle and farm machinery but not a car.

Dmetro married Sophie, daughter of Ivan and Christine Hryciw in 1927. They raised four children: Olga and her husband Ted Farion live in Devon; Walter and his wife Sylvia (Chmilar) are farming in the Warwick area; Dennis is farming his father's land; Rose and her husband Alexander Fodchuk reside in Edmonton.

Nancy married Tom Kitt. They farmed in the Plain Lake district and retired in Two Hills. They have three sons: Mike and wife Nadia of Two Hills; Bill and wife Patricia, of Two Hills; Steve and wife Audrey in Quebec; and one daughter, Mary and her husband John Mandrusiak in Lamont.

Paul, the youngest son of Ivan and Tekla, married Katherine Samoil. They resided in the Brush Hill district until their retirement when they moved to Vegreville. Paul and Katherine had five children: Daughters, Olga and Bill Diachuk, and Elsie and Art Blasco reside in Edmonton. Lillian and Bernard Schoenburger live in Wainwright. Sons, Nick and Mary (Mayowski) are in St. Paul and Marshall and Katherine (Semeniuk) are in the U.S.A.

Ivan and Tekla lived on the farm with their eldest son Mike and daughter in law Annie. Mike and Annie had seven children.

Ivan passed away in 1943, and Tekla in 1961. They are both buried at the New Kiew Holy Ascension Church Cemetery.

CYMBALIUK, Mike and Anne

by Edward Cymbaliuk

Mike Cymbaliuk, born in 1896, in Bilavci, Brody, Western Ukraine, was the oldest son of Tekla and Ivan Cymbaliuk. In 1901, at the age of three, he immigrated to Canada with his parents and brother Dmetro. They lived with Mike's uncle and aunt, Leo and Anastasia Krezanowski at Chipman for a short time. At the age of

Annie and Michael Cymbaliuk, 1960

12, Mike attended Lviw School for a short time. He spent his early years growing up with his sisters Feshka and Nancy, and brothers Dmetro and Paul. In 1911, the Cymbaliuk family moved to Two Hills District.

On June 2, 1918, Mike married Annie Hryciw, who was born at Beaver Lake on September 27, 1901. She was the daughter of Daniel and Mary Hryciw, who had come to Canada in the late 1800s and settled in the Beaver Lake district. Mike and Annie moved to Two Hills district and settled on the (NE-36-53-13-W4th).

After marriage, Mike and Annie lived with Mike's parents, Ivan and Tekla for six years. Their first son, Philip, was born in 1920, and daughter Alice arrived in 1923. That same year, after relying for some time on threshing by the Predyk and Philipiuk outfits, Mike and his brothers bought their own 22 inch International thresher and Titan tractor for $3100. and threshed their own crop for 2 years. In 1925, they traded the threshing machinery for a 28 inch Rumley gasoline tractor and thresher which cost $4200.

In 1924, Mike and Annie and their two children built a small house and moved out to farm on their own on (SE-14-54-13-W4th), presently farmed by their son Victor and his family. Mike bought his first new Ford car in 1924, for $550.

In 1925, son John was born, followed by Bill in 1929. The children attended Lainuk School.

Another son, Victor, was born in 1935, and Edward arrived a year later. A second car, a new Chrysler Sedan was purchased in 1936. When two daughters, Emily in 1938 and Betty in 1940, were added to the family, Alice had to quit school to help care for them. The children attended Wolia School arriving there by cutter or buggy. When Bill was in Grade IX, the Cymbaliuk children transferred to Lainuk School but when he attended Two Hills High the younger children went back to Wolia for another three years. After finishing high school, Bill moved to Edmonton.

Alice married Marshal Samoil and moved to the Lavoy district. Philip also moved out on his own to Brush Hill.

The Cymbaliuk family attended Mass regularly at New Kiew. Mike held various positions on the parish executive. Each summer the children attended catechism which was taught by the Catholic Sisters. It was at this time that Bishop Savaryn posted the first parish priest in the Lavoy-New Kiew- Two Hills parishes. Mike put much effort into purchasing the first parish residence at Two Hills.

Mike and his neighbor Dmetro Marchak attended many municipal meetings in their efforts to get school bus transportation so that Victor, Edward, Emily and Bettie could attend elementary and High School in Two Hills. The first school bus was home built and driven by Bill Chrapko. In 1951, the year of the big snow storm, Mike and his son Philip drove out to Two Hills with horses to pick up the children.

The Cymbaliuk family was greatly priveleged when the rural areas were serviced with electrical power in 1953. There was a yardlight, a light in every room, but few plug-ins. They never anticipated all the appliances available in years to come. Annie got a refrigerator and freezer to keep her food in and an iron to press clothes.

Alice and Marshall farmed north of Lavoy and then moved to Vegreville. They have one daughter Patricia, married to Teodore Zschepel and live in Edmonton. Son Ken and wife Beverly (Naundourf) live at Fort Saskatchewan and son Lorne lives in Edmonton.

Bill married Polly Debrinski of Ranfurly in 1956. They live in Edmonton where Bill is employed by Edmonton Telephones. They have two sons, Brian and Mark residing with them.

Victor married Emily Zurawell in 1957, and farms south of Two Hills (This land was once farmed by Victor's parents). They have two daughters: Joanne married to Marshal Elko and living in Edmonton; Debbie at home; and two sons, Rick at Vegreville and Curtis at home.

Emily married Floyd Clarkson in 1959, and they live in Fort Saskatchewan. They have two sons and three daughters: Robert, Bradley, Sharon, Jodi, and Pamela.

Bettie married Marshal Horon in 1959 and they live in Vegreville. They have three sons: Wayne and Barry of Edmonton, and Craig at home.

Edward married Irene Luhoway in 1961. Edward and his family live on the farmstead settled by grandfather Ivan in 1911. They have one son Lawrence who farms with his father, and three daughters: Audrey married to Ivan Ginda of Edmonton, and Michelle and Sheryl at home.

Mike Cymbaliuk passed away in 1964, at the age of 67. He is buried beside his parents at New Kiew Holy Ascension Cemetery. John passed away in 1978, at age 53. Annie Cymbaliuk lived with her son Edward and daughter-in-law Irene, until 1981, when she moved to the Two Hills Hillside Senior Citizens Lodge.

CYMBALIUK, Edward and Irene

Edward Steve Cymbaliuk was born on June 8, 1936, at the Vegregille St. Joseph's Hospital. The sixth child of Michael and Annie Cymbaliuk, he spent his early years with his brother Victor.

Edward attended church with his parents and brothers and sisters regularly. He also attended catechism during the summer holidays at the New Kiew National Hall. When he first arrived at Wolia School with his brothers Bill and Victor, he did not speak fluent English and at times stayed after school to clean blackboards for speaking Ukrainian. His first-grade teacher was Mrs. Theroux. In 1943, he attended Grade II in Lainuk, Grade III to V were taken in Wolia and Grade VI in Two Hills.

Edward sang tenor in the New Kiew choir, conducted by Rev. Tarnowsky. He also belonged to the New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Youth and spent many of his youthful days with cousins and neighboring friends.

Edward started Grade IX in 1951, but had to stay home in the fall to help harvest the heavy crop. He graduated from the Two Hills High School in 1955, and entered the Faculty of Engineering in Mount Royal College at Calgary. After completing one semester, he again had to return to help on the farm. He then got a job at Thomas Garage in Vegreville, to earn money to continue schooling. In the fall of 1956, Edward had to help harvest the crop once more and never did return to college.

In 1961, Edward married Irene Luhoway, daughter of Michael and Mary Luhoway of Lavoy. Irene was born on November 16, 1943 at Maloy, Alberta. In 1945, her family moved to the New Kiew and Lavoy district. Irene attended Zaparoze School until Grade III. Then the country school was closed and Irene attended Lavoy school until Grade IX. She also attended High School at Vegreville. Irene was secretary for New Kiew U.C.Y. for many years and sang in the church choir.

Edward and Irene are active members of the New Kiew Parish. Edward holds the position of treasurer of the parish church since 1961, and president of the Hall Association since 1982. Irene is a member of the U.C.W.L. at New Kiew and has held secretarial positions for many years. Edward and Irene and their family still carry all the Ukrainian traditions and customs brought over by their grandparents and parents from the old country. They attend Catholic mass regularly, and the children attend catechism.

Edward and Irene live on the farm originally purchased by Edward's grandfather Ivan in 1911. They live in the house built by his grandfather in 1914. Grandfather Ivan and Father Michael raised many horses on this farm. But the only horses now kept are those that children ride. Modern farm machinery has replaced the first machinery operated by grandfather and father.

Edward and Irene Cymbaliuk and children Sheryl (front), Michelle (behind Sheryl) and Lawrence with Audrey in back, 1978

Edward and Irene raised four children: Audrey born in 1961, acquired her education at Two Hills and performed with the Two Hills Ukrainian Dancers for many years. She was on the executive of the Students Union, the Year Book, and U.C.Y. She graduated in 1979, with a Bachelor of Arts degree and entered post-graduate work in the Faculty of Education. In 1983, Audrey married Ivan Ginda and they have a son Alexander. In 1984, she received her Bachelor of Education degree.

Lawrence, born in 1963, attended school in Two Hills and graduated in 1981. He is presently farming with his father. If Lawrence continues to farm this farmstead, it will have been operated by a fourth generation Cymbaliuk family, truly a rare statistic.

Edward and Irene's two younger daughters, Michelle, born in 1971, and Sheryl born in 1974, are attending the Two Hills High School. They attend catechism regularly and belong to the Two Hills Ukrainian Dancers who performed in Dauphin Ukrainian Festival in the summer of 1983.

CYMBALUK, Paul and Katie (nee Samoil)

Paul Cymbaluk, the youngest son of Ivan and Tekla Cymbaluk, was born in the Wostok district on January 1, 1908. He received his education at Wolia School. Paul married Katie Samoil, the only daughter of Michael and Mary Samoil, on May 31, 1931, and settled on a farm in the New Kiew district. Paul and Katie were both active members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the National Hall at New Kiew. Paul held various positions on the church executive: vice president of the hall and president of the Parish Rectory at Two Hills, each for a number of years.

Katie in turn gave much of herself to the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League and also held executive positions for several years. To this day, she is an active member in the Parish Church of Vegreville.

Paul and Katie raised a family of five children: daughters Olga (Ollie), Elsie and Lillian, and sons Nick and Marshall.

Paul and Katie took up residence in Vegreville in July, 1974. On January 17, 1975, Paul suffered a severe and unexpected heart attack and was laid to eternal rest.

Ollie, the first born, married Bill W. Diachuk of Two Hills in 1952. Currently, Bill is a member of the Provincial Cabinet and represents the Constituency of Edmonton - Beverly. He serves the people of Alberta as Minister responsible for Workers Health, Safety and Compensation.

Ollie and Bill were blessed with six children, three sons and three daughters. In April 1980, they lost their third born son. They also have two grandchildren. For the last number of years Ollie is on staff at the Ukrainian (Edmonton) Credit Union.

Elsie married Attilio (Art) Blasco in 1964. They reside

Paul Cymbaluk family, 1946. Back row - Ollie (Diachuk); middle row - Nick, Paul, Katie, Lillian (Schoenberger) and Marshall; front row - Elsie (Attilio) Cymbaluk.

in Edmonton and have one son and two daughters. Elsie has returned to her profession as a psychiatric nurse at the Alberta Hospital at Oliver.

Attilio is employed with a construction firm as a chief superintendent. The family visits their kin in Italy quite regularly.

Lillian, the youngest of the girls, married Bernard Schoenberger in 1968. They reside in Wainwright, Alberta, with their two sons and a daughter. Lil is currently employed as a Nursing Assistant at the Wainwright Hospital and Bernard teaches in the Catholic school system.

Nick, the eldest son, married the former Mary Mayowski in 1956. Their family consists of one daughter, two sons, and two grandchildren. Nick and Mary have made their home in St. Paul, Alberta, where they operate their welding and radiator repair business.

Marshall married the former Kathy Semeniuk in 1962 and they have made their home in Everette, Washington, U.S.A. They have one son. Marshall and Kathy have their own business, dealing with various International equipment. Kathy continues to practise as a licensed registered nurse. They do enjoy coming back home to Alberta to visit with family and friends.

DADENSKY, Dmetro and Anne (nee Elkow)

Dmetro Dadensky was born on November 6, 1902, in the Village of Semykivci, County of Kolomea, Austria. In April, 1903, at the age of six months, Dmetro immigrated to Canada with his parents, Joseph and Maria (nee Pyrvusiak) Dadensky. The family settled in the Lanuke district.

Dmetro attended Lainuk School where his teachers included Mrs. English, Sydney Barry, and J.D. Sargeant. He helped on the family farm and later worked on his brother's farm. In 1925, Dmetro purchased a quarter section of land, and received title to it in 1929. He also worked on threshing crews in the district.

Anne and Dmetro Dadensky with their children, Paul and Esther, 1940s

While working with a threshing crew at Alec Elkow's farm, Dmetro met his future wife Anne Elkow. Anne was born November 5, 1911, on the family farm at Musidora. She attended Nizir School and also helped her mother with household chores and children.

Dmetro and Anne were married on May 10, 1931. They lived with Dmetro's parents on the farm for four years, and their children, Paul and Esther, were born during this time.

When the Village of Two Hills was being established, Dmetro hauled gravel for the construction of the grain elevators. He also helped to build the Two Hills School.

When Lainuk School was closed, the family moved to Two Hills so that their children could continue their education. Shortly after this move, Dmetro designed and began construction on his feed and chop mill. For six years he ground chop, mixed grain, and expanded operations to include seed cleaning services. The mill was later sold to B. Baron.

Anne was an active member of the Ukrainian Women's Association for 34 years. She enjoys embroidering beautiful Ukrainian patterns on pillows, and tablecloths, as well as cross-stitching. Anne is kept quite busy in the

Four Generations of Dadenskys: Dmetro, Joshua, Michael and Paul Dadensky, 1983

spring and summer when she tends to her large garden.

Paul, born February 9, 1932, graduated from Two Hills High School and followed in his father's footsteps as a farmer. Married to Elsie Malash in 1954, they were blessed with four children: Carol, Michael, Karen, and James. Carol, a teacher, married Gerald Draganiuk and raised a family of two children, Lynne and James. The Draganiuks reside in Edmonton. Michael married Janis Safranka and they have two children, Joshua and Michael. Michael worked for C.N.R. for three years and is presently living with his father and helping with the farm work. Karen married Dale Campbell and the family lives in Grimshaw with their two children, Tyler and Kristie. James worked at the Two Hills U.F.A. before being transferred to Stettler where he is an assistant manager. Elsie Dadensky passed away in 1983.

Esther, who was born on February 25, 1933, attended school in Two Hills before continuing her education at University of Alberta, to become a teacher. She taught for several years including one year in Two Hills. In 1955, Esther married Harry Mosychuk, an Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Edmonton Public School system. The Mosychuk family lives in Edmonton. Esther and Harry were blessed with two daughters, Susan and Patricia, who also live in Edmonton. Susan is married to Nicholas Thompson and is presently working for a travel bureau in Edmonton. Patricia graduated as an architect and after working for one year, she plans to continue her education in architecture and become a teacher in that field.

DANCHUK, Mike and Pearl (nee Elkow)

Mike and Pearl (nee Elkow) Danchuk were born in Alberta—Mike in Morecambe and Pearl in Musidora. Mike lived northeast of Innisfree, Alberta, and attended the Innisfree School, where he was very active in sports, mainly football and baseball, and also participating in the sport of bronco riding.

Since work was unavailable, Mike left home in 1934, and obtained employment with the Canadian Pacific Railway on a bridge construction project that took him all over Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan. In 1937, he returned to Musidora, married Pearl and established residence in Morecambe.

Mike purchased the Cockshutt dealership at Musidora, Alberta, in the fall of 1938, but sold the dealership the following year. Then Mike and Pearl packed up their 1935 Ford V8, and moved to Kaleland, Alberta, where he went to work for the Gillespie Grain Company.

In the years that followed, some hardships were experienced. Weeks went by when roads were impassable due to the snow drifts reaching seven feet in height covering the narrow winding roads. Numerous trips to Two Hills for supplies were cancelled because of severe blizzard conditions.

In 1943, United Grain Growers bought out the Gillespie Grain Company but Mike continued to work with the new company. During their stay in Kaleland, three children: Lorraine, Patricia, and Terrance, were born to the Danchuks.

Mike and Pearl Danchuk and family, 1983. Back row, (L to R) - Dorene and Boris Kindrachuk, Mike and Terry Danchuk, Patricia and Sean Morin; middle row - Sheryl and Lorraine Kindrachuk, Pearl, Arlene and Chealsea Danchuk; bottom row, Brian Kindrachuk and Jason Morin.

After seven years in Kaleland, Mike was transferred to Two Hills, Alberta, taking over two United Grain Grower elevators, and handling all classes of insurance sales. One time, Mike was involved in an accident at the elevator, when a man-lift cable broke and dropped him 30 feet to the ground. Some years later, Mike had a close call when one of the basket bins full of grain bottomed out and dropped inches away where he was standing.

In 1949, Mike went into partnership with his brother-in-law, Alex Rosychuk, and bought the Massey Ferguson dealerhip at Two Hills, a business that lasted until the dealership was sold.

In 1962, Mike and Pearl purchased a half section of land in the Warwick district and became "gentleman farmers" for several years.

During their 24 years in Two Hills, Mike and Pearl were active in the community. The family were members of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church. Mike was a member of the Two Hills Elks Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Council for five years. Pearl was a member of the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association.

In 1971, Mike and Pearl were informed of a transfer to Lac La Biche, Alberta, but their stay there was short-lived. In 1974, another transfer resulted in another move, this time to Bawlf, Alberta.

Mike and Pearl were close to retirement now, and decided that Camrose, Alberta, was the perfect place. In 1978, Mike officially retired. Their new home, which they had been working on for three years was also completed. However, Mike was recalled by United Grain Growers in 1980, to work on closing stations in the surrounding area, mainly on collections and farm supplies.

Of their three children, Lorraine, became a registered nurse, graduating from the Royal Alexandra Hospital School of Nursing. She is married to Boris Kindrachuk, a dentist. Boris and Lorraine have three children: Sheryl, Dorene, and Brian, all living in Edmonton. Patricia, graduated from the Royal Alexandra Hospital as an x-ray technician, but is now a branch administrator for a

United States based office automation company. Patricia has two children, Sean and Jason all living in Edmonton. Terrence, graduated from the University of Alberta in pharmacy and married Arlene Iftody, a teacher. They have one daughter, Chelsea. Terry and Arlene lived in Coleman, Alberta for a number of years, but now live in Redwater, Alberta, where Terry owns his own drug store.

DANYLUK, Peter and Jennie

Peter and Jennie Danyluk came to the Hairy Hill district in 1923.

Peter was born in Whitford, Alberta, in 1900. His mother passed away when he was only one and a half years old. His father, Sandy, remarried and they had a son, George. When Peter was still very young, his father died and his stepmother remarried. They had a family of three boys and one girl: Nick, John, Sam and Anne (Serdiak).

The only education Peter received was his first grade. Times were difficult, and Peter being the eldest, had to leave home to earn his own living mostly as a farm labourer.

Jennie Danyluk, (nee Hirka) was born in the Ukraine which at the time was under Austrian rule. In 1913, there were rumors of war, so her parents, together with a brother and sister immigrated to Canada where they settled in the Boian District. Jennie was not able to go to school, but had to leave home at a very young age to help in various farm homes.

In 1923, when she was 16, she married Peter. They bought a quarter section of land three and a half miles east of Hairy Hill, where they raised three sons and three daughters: George, Bill, John, Mary, Helen, and Rose.

The Danyluks made a living on the farm growing grain, raising hogs, milking a few cows and shipping cream to the creamery. By the mid-forties, the family was grown up and farm land was not available nearby for expansion. So, in 1946, Peter sold his quarter section and bought five quarters in the Elk Point District, where he lived until his death in 1974.

Jennie passed away in 1960. Their oldest son George passed away in 1954.

Mary, (Mrs. Harold Hendren) lives in Savona, B.C. and has a family of three.

Helen, (Mrs. Walter Shankowski) who is retired and living in Bonnyville, has a family of five.

Bill Danyluk, who is a teacher in St. Paul, has a family of one.

Rose, (Mrs. Tony Woloshuk) lives in Surrey, B.C. and has a family of three.

John Danyluk, a pathologist at the Misericordia Hospital, lives in Edmonton, Alberta, and has a family of two.

DEHID, Jan and Isydore

by Elaine Dehid

Jan Dehid was born in 1868 in the Village of Verbiw, Ukraine. In 1893, he married Anastasia Pesunka, a rich widow who had previously been married at the age of 14.

Anastasia Dehid, 1925

She had a great sense of humor and was much taller than her husband.

In 1901, Jan immigrated to Canada, but returned to the Ukraine on July 21, 1902, to bring back his family. Although coming to Canada was a real adventure for Anastasia it proved to be difficult to travel with six small children: Katherine, Annie, Pauline, Sam, and 16-week old twins, Mary and Harry.

Zenko (son), Jan and Harry (son) Dehid, 1922

Succumbing to illness in Paris, Anastasia let her children be looked after by the staff on board the ship. In the summer of 1902, the family arrived in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, where they were met by the Rupchensky family who took them to a dug-out sod house. Jan, then claimed a homestead near Buffer Lake. Anastasia was happy to be close to a lake but regretted washing her clothes in salty water. The buffalo, too, were drawn to this six-mile long lake, only to die by the hundreds. It was quite a site to see the bones strewn along the shore, and gathered by men who saw their value.

Jan and Anastasia faced many hardships. Grass fires were started by lightning and winter blizzards were prevalent. The howling winds drifted the snow and covered the existing buildings. A path to the barn had to be dug and the snow was melted to water the cows. On one occasion when Jan left the homestead for supplies, he ran into a blizzard and was unable to return home. The family subsisted on porridge and milk. When spring approached, Jan arrived with a wagon load of supplies, a welcome sight to behold! Candies were a real treat for the children, but the family never forgot the biggest bologna which they feasted on for several days.

On May 29, 1906, Jan's father, Harry Dehid (mayor of Pidhaitsi) arrived for a visit.

In 1912, because of continuing hardships, and the additional family (Julia, Josie, Isydore and Nick, all born in Vonda, Saskatchewan), Jan decided to move to Warwick, Alberta. Upon arrival, they lived with neighbors, Nickola and Techla Kisilewich until their house - a beautiful structure with an open front porch was completed.

In 1928, Jan returned to his native homeland to visit his brother and sister. After coming back to Canada, he passed away on October 21, 1930, following a brief illness.

Isydore took over the family farm in 1930. In 1932, he married Annie Geleta and they were blessed with three children: Raymond, Marshall and Elaine. Isydore and Annie worked hard on the farm from 1932 to 1944. In the fall of 1944, they purchased the Imperial Oil Agency and moved to Two Hills.

Annie was always busy doing household chores, taking care of the children, running a small dairy operation and working on her handicrafts. Her embroidery-needlepoint, petit point and crocheting, (both Ukrainian and English designs) are true works of art. Her unique bread recipe is delicious and she makes fancy Ukrainian wedding breads called "korovai". As a young girl, Annie participated in Ukrainian dancing. Now many years later, she is proud to watch her grandchildren - Jeffrey and Jamie perform too. For 27 years, Annie has been an active member of the Greek-Orthodox Ukrainian Women's Association

Isydore, Annie, and their family continue to reside in Two Hills.

Marshall, Raymond, Isydore, Annie and Elaine at Isydore and Annie Dehid's 40th wedding anniversary, 1972

DELAWSKI, Michael and Mary (nee Chrapko)

by William Dale

Michael Delawski was born in 1884 in the Village of Kniaze, County of Sniatyn in Western Ukraine. He left his village in 1905 and sailed to Canada. After arriving in Halifax he travelled by train across Canada to a mining town in Southeastern British Columbia where he worked for a few years. Then he moved to Edmonton, Alberta, where he also worked in the mines. During one of his visits to relatives in the Lanuke area, he met a young lady, Mary Chrapko, who was born in 1897, in the Village of Zawalie, County of Sniatyn. They were married in 1912. Their first child, John, was born in 1912 and Ann arrived in 1915. Michael worked in the Humberstone and Bush mines. Their family increased by the birth of Bill in 1920, Rosie in 1922, and Steve in 1925.

Michael built their second house in 1921. He and his wife, Mary, were active in the organization in the Ukrainian Hall. John played the guitar and Ann the mandolin in the orchestra. In 1926, when Mary's mother died, they moved to her father's homestead where they lived a few years. John, Ann, Bill, and Rosie went to Nizir School. In 1928, another daughter, Sophia, was born. Mary's father died in 1928. By now Michael had bought a farm, and in 1929, built a house on the land. This was on the SE and SW 25-54-12-W4th. Sixty acres of that land was in the Vermilion River valley, a nice scenic spot. There were large tracts of forest and hay meadows which provided more than enough hay for their 20 head of cattle and two horses. In breaking the first 18 acres of land, Michael found to his horror that it exposed hundreds of stones. But the fertile soil did produce bountiful crops.

The depression affected many farmers including Michael. After building the house there was no money left to buy the necessary implements to farm the land. Therefore, he had to rent some implements and hire one of the farmers to cut the grain. He farmed the land for only four years before dying of cancer in 1933.

All the children except John attended Pobeda School.

Farmers and their families looked forward for entertainment at the Lanuke hall where stage plays, concerts, and dances were held. Mary and her older children took part in the activities. John played a guitar, Ann and Bill played mandolins in the orchestra. They took part in the Ukrainian folk dances, sang in the youth and adult choirs and acted in the stage plays.

Mary Delawski (Mother), Annie, Mike Delawski (Father), Rose, Steve, Sophie and Billy, 1930.

Mary and her three children farmed the land until 1947, when they sold it and moved to Edmonton. Mary is in a nursing home there. In 1935, Ann married Peter Marianych. They had one girl. Peter worked on the family farm and in 1938 he and his family moved to Lulu Island, B.C. where he worked in the Vancouver shipyards during the war. He became a carpenter and continued working in the trade until he retired. He now lives in Chilliwack. Ann died of cancer in 1970.

During the depression in 1936, John rode the freight train to B.C. He worked on the railroads around Prince Rupert, then in the logging camps on Vancouver Island. In 1940, he married Sonia Harach. They had two girls and a boy. John became a carpenter and worked at the trade until he retired in Coquitlam, B.C.

Bill worked on the family farm until 1947, and moved to Vancouver, B.C. where he worked as labourer on construction crews. In 1949, he bought a truck and went into partnership with a small dry-cleaning firm for one year before going back into construction. He became a carpenter in 1953, and in 1958, married Renee Hibbert. They had three boys, all living in Burnaby.

During the war Rosie moved to Vancouver where she worked in the shipyards. In 1946, she moved to Tacoma, Washington, U.S.A. where she worked in Brown and Haley's chocolate factory. In 1951, she married Gordon Bakke and had three girls and a boy. Gordon was drafted into the armed forces and fought in Korea. After the war he worked in the Boeing aircraft factory in Seattle, Washington. He lives in Tacoma. Rosie died of cancer in 1970.

Delawski family - John, Annie, Billy, Steve, Sophie and Rose, 1930s

Steve worked on the family farm until 1947, then moved to Edmonton where he worked on a golf course. In 1956, he married Alice Dobirsten. They had two girls and a boy. From Edmonton they moved to Red Deer where Steve also worked on a golf course, rising to the position of superintendent. In 1971, they moved to B.C. where he got a job as superintendent of the Burnaby golf course. They live in Coquitlam.

Sophia moved to Edmonton in 1947, where she worked at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. In 1952, she married Joe Hunka and raised two girls and a boy. They moved to Vancouver in 1955 where Sophia worked in the Vancouver General Hospital. Joe worked in Woodward's stores. In 1964, he was transferred to Woodward's new store in Kamloops where they still reside.

DELAWSKI, Stefan and Erena (nee Ferbey)

Stefan Delawski, who served in the First World War, came from a village which was under Austrian rule. When he returned after the war, he married a young widow, Erena Ferbey.

Erena had come from a very poor family and at age 15, an elderly childless widower asked for her hand. There were no children from this marriage and as her husband was ailing, he transferred the house onto her name. Since there were no children, the land automatically reverted to her husband's parents.

Stefan Delawski (1855-1925) and his wife, Erena, and family left their native Village of Kniaze, County of Sniatyn, in the Province of Halychina (later called Galicia) and landed in Halifax, Canada, on May 29, 1907. They arrived at Strathcona by train and travelled to Lanuke by wagon. He stayed with his brother Dmytro-(NW 12-54-12-W4th) until he built his own hut on NE 12-54-12-W4th.

The Delawskis brought all their wordly possessions and herbs with them. Stefan brought a young apple tree on which he had four different types of apple branches grafted. Needless to say, the harsh Alberta winters killed all above-ground branches and as late as 1940, the new shoots grew from the root systems.

Erena Delawski used to make brown soap for the rest of the family by mixing ashes, water and melted fat.

The Delawski house was built of logs and clay. The first room had no ceiling, but there was a short ladder to climb into the attic, which was used as a storage place. The ceilings and walls of the home were clayed so that when the thatched roof burned in the latter 1920s nothing in the house suffered damage.

The oldest daughter, Mary, was married in Europe to Dmytro Danyluk and their son John was born in Europe. Dmytro settled on SE 14-54-12-W4th.

Wasyl homesteaded on SE 2-54-12-W4th.

Annie married Dan Ferby and settled on NE 10-54-12-W4th.

John Delawski bought NW 15-54-12-W4th from Wasyl Krewusik, but he abandoned the land in the early twenties. He went to Drumheller, then to B.C. where he operated a shoe repair shop.

Dressed in their native costumes, as worn when immigrating to Canada, Stefan and Erena Delawski stand in front of their home, in 1924.

Dmytro Delawski settled on NW 10-54-12-W4th, but in 1923, abandoned his land and together with his wife and two girls moved to Drumheller where he worked in the mines.

Barbara married Harry Winnichuk and homesteaded on NE 2-54-12-W4th. In the fall of 1922, they moved out with their three boys to Drumheller where Harry worked for the C.N.R. Harry Winnichuk's real given name was Gregory. Barbara was a twin, but her brother died at birth.

Nick Delawski worked in Vegreville and went to night school. He spoke fluent English and lived at Cadomin. He never married.

Peter Delawski was seven when he came to Canada. He inherited his father's land and farmed it till 1942. Then he moved to B.C. where he passed away in Chilliwack on August 1, 1984.

DELAWSKI, William and Barbara (nee Myroniuk)

William and Barbara were both born in the Village of Knaize, County of Sniatyn, Ukraine. William came to Canada with his parents, in 1904, and Barbara came in 1907. They were married in the year 1911, and farmed SE-2-54-12-W4th.

Barbara and William had four children: Metro, born in 1912, died in infancy; Mary, born in 1916; Steve, born in 1917; and Alice, born in 1925. William Delawski passed away in December, 1943.

Barbara and William Delawski, 1920s

In 1955, Barbara married John Ferbey and moved to Vegreville. John passed away in 1956. She continued to live in Vegreville, enjoying gardening, fancy work, (crocheting, and cross-stitching.) She enjoyed the visits of friends and family, in her home.

Barbara passed away on November 10, 1982.

Mary and Steve Delawski, 1924 (for photo of Alice, see Nazar Kuzio history).

DEMKIW, Steve and Tillie (nee Ludwig)

by Tony Demkiw (son)

Steve Demkiw was born in Brody, Ukraine, in 1888. He was the oldest son of William and Victoria Demkiw. Steve was the first of the family to come to Canada, arriving in Innisfree in May, 1907, on a cattle railroad car from Eastern Canada. He was met at the station by his relatives who had come to Canada two years earlier.

Steve Demkiw and his family celebrating his 70th birthday in 1958

Upon his arrival here he had several jobs on railroad gangs and worked with some bridge building firms. After saving some money he took up a homestead (NE 26-53-11-W4th) about 16 miles north of Innisfree. This area was known as the Post Office of Naughton Glen. There he built a log cabin, bought a team of oxen and a plough, and broke three acres on his homestead. At the same time, he did some ploughing for his relatives and neighbors. A few years later, he bought a stationary threshing outfit without a straw blower which required men to pitch the bundles in and straw out. There were times he went threshing away from home and did not come back for weeks. Mother recalls that one time he was away for one month, arriving back on Christmas Eve, on December 24.

On February 12, 1912, Steve married Tillie, a daughter of Woyko and Julia Ludwig, who was the first of a family of seven children to come to Canada in 1910, at the age of 17. They were married in the New Kiew old church.

The Demkiws raised a family of eight children, three boys and five girls. They all attended the Bushland School, which was three miles away from home. The oldest daughter, Annie, had to walk to school through bush on a path and was very wary of coyotes at the time. Her first teacher was a Mr. Prokopiuk. No teachers wanted to stay long in this school because of the loneliness being in the bush, so Steve being a school trustee and owning a Model T Ford, would make several trips to Edmonton to bring other teachers.

When Steve Demkiw arrived in 1907, he picked up a homestead for himself, one for his father, and one for his younger brother. When the rest of the family arrived a year later, grandfather refused his homestead because there wasn't enough bush on it.

Besides serving on the local Bushland No.2527 School Board as a school trustee for several years, he served two terms as a councillor in the Municipal District of Sobor No.514.

The first horse which Steve bought came from Fort Saskatchewan. A few years later, he bought his first team of bay mares for $900. which was an enormous amount of money in those days.

Steve was a very religious person who helped build the church in the Buchach area. He hauled logs for the church with a team of oxen. Later a new congregation was formed in the Morecambe area where a concrete church was built.

Two of the Demkiw daughters live in Eastern Canada: Annie Stanko in St. Catherines and Julia and her husband Ken Speck, in Lindsay. Three daughters: Mary Myskiw, Jean and her husband Bill Myskiw, Halia and her husband Ben Murch all live in Edmonton. Two sons, Leo Demkiw and Leslie and Rose (Repko) Demkiw live in Edmonton. Tony and his wife Gladys (Langkow) Demkiw and their four children: Gail, Glenda, Ross, and Monica, live on the homestead.

DEMKIW, Wasyl and Victoria

Stepko, the oldest son of Wasyl and Victoria Demkiw, immigrated to Canada in 1906. He arrived in Innisfree to visit his aunt, Maria Babysh, who had previously immigrated to Canada. Stepko stayed with his aunt for a short time before seeking employment on the construction of the Beverly bridge, in Edmonton.

Wasyl and Victoria decided to emigrate from the Village of Boldury, County of Brody, in the Ukraine, due to the poor living conditions. The offer of large sections of land, for only $10., persuaded the family to sell their land in the Ukraine and immigrate to Canada.

After the strenuous voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, Wasyl and Victoria along with their five children, arrived in Halifax, in May, 1908. The overland journey was made by train and the family settled with relatives in Innisfree. Later they acquired their own land, 18 miles north of Innisfree. Wasyl brought enough money to buy oxen, a haymower, and a rake.

Wasyl and Victoria worked very hard to clear their hilly land, which was covered with rocks and bush. Using first a wooden plow, and later machinery, the land was slowly prepared for seeding. The family constructed a mud-plastered, log house, in which they lived for many years. They worked extremely hard to make a new life for themselves, and were happy with their humble beginnings.

Shortly after their arrival, a sixth child, Mary (Mandrusiak) was born.

There was no bridge over the North Saskatchewan River at the time, so their supplies were purchased in Wetaskiwin. The trip by wagon and oxen, took almost two weeks. Tools had to be taken along for emergency. Trips to town were seldom made, unless necessities like salt, yeast and coal oil were needed. The family tried their

Victoria Demkiw, 1868-1961

best to live off the land.

Because there was no school in the area, the children stayed home and worked on the farm. When Bushland School was opened in 1915, their youngest child Mary enrolled. She completed her Grade VII before hard times necessitated that she end her schooling and help the family with the farm work. Wasyl and Victoria never learned the English language; however, all of their children did.

The family attended Buchach Church regularly throughout the years. Visiting of family and neighbors seldom occurred because their only means of transportation was by oxen. Victoria was extremely helpful in assisting others with childbirth and in the preparation of the deceased.

Wasyl and Victoria Demkiw had six children: Stepko, who passed away in 1958; John passed away in 1969; Peter, who is presently living in Vegreville at age 91; Mike passed away in 1975; and Pearl and Mary are living in Two Hills.

Wasyl passed away in 1935, and Victoria in 1961.

DENYS, Wasyl M. and Katerina (nee Bidalach)

by Nick W. Dennis

Wasyl Denys, son of Makovey and Hafia, was born on April 11, 1864, in the Village of Ispas, Province of Bukovina, Western Ukraine, then under Austrian occupation.

There were no schools in the village at the time. Nevertheless, young Wasyl was eager to master the alphabet in order to enlighten himself. This he accomplished with the aid of his older neighbor and relative Kurelo Denys, who had some schooling. Wasyl had an excellent memory and in only three days, learned his alphabets, both Ukrainian and old Slavic.Later on, he learned the Latin alphabet and numerals, too.

At the age of 21, Wasyl was drafted into the Austrian army for a three year stint, serving in the 24th Infantry Regiment. In 1888, the end of three years, being released from army service, Wasyl decided to marry Katerina Bidalach, daughter of Ivan and Eftima, from the neighboring Village of Bahna.

However, Wasyl's military service did not end after his release from the army. Every two years thereafter, the trainees were recalled during summer months for two weeks military maneuvers. In 1906, the age of 42, Wasyl was finally discharged from military service. By this time, Wasyl and Katerina had a family of five living children.

Because Wasyl thought that he could succeed in a small business, he opened a small store in their village home, in 1907. His business venture failed because of credit selling. For this reason he decided his best bet was to emigrate. Wasyl heard of people emigrating from his village to a country called Canada, where large tracts of land were offered free to immigrant farmers. But Wasyl had no cash for the journey, and hated to sell his meagre land holding. Luckily he had a good credit rating with some Jewish people who lent him some money and in 1911, Wasyl sailed alone, to Canada.

Upon his arrival in Canada, he found work on new railroad construction in Northern Ontario, and was hired as a bull cook or the cook's helper. He worked there until the fall of 1912. Although the wages were meagre, Wasyl managed to repay his debt in the old country, and saved enough money to move west to Alberta where he knew of some people from his own and neighboring villages in Bukovina. These settlers settled north of Vegreville, in the Ispas, Hamlin, Wasel and Shandro districts and in the fall of 1912, Wasyl visited them. He stayed with them over the winter, doing odd chores, in exchange for room and board. In the spring of 1913, he found work in Edmonton on the High Level Bridge project. There he worked until fall. Late in 1913, Wasyl returned home to Bukovina with the hope of bringing his entire family to Canada.

Two older daughters of Wasyl and Katerina were already married. Maria, married Makovey Ivanchuk, and Waselena married Hryhory Hackman. Soon after the new year in 1914, their third daughter, Odokia, married Michailo Nahirniak, of the same village. In May of 1914, Wasyl and Katerina arranged to sell their property to their daughter and son-in-law, Waselena and Hrehory. With their three 'younger children: Anna, Hafia and Nikolai, they set for their journey to Canada.

Unfortunately, at Hamburg, Germany, the family was separated because of rigid health inspections. Katerina, with five year old Nikolai, was forced to return to Bukovina, while Wasyl, with his two young daughters, continued to Canada.

Upon arrival in Vegreville, Wasyl met Mr. N. Greckol, who took him to Hairy Hill. From there, he walked 16 miles to A. Yusep's home, and hired him to bring the girls and belongings from Vegreville to Ispas. Wasyl searched for an open entry on a homestead nearby, but none was available at Ispas.

Wasyl filed for a homestead at Hamlin, NW 17-57-13-W4th, the only open entry there. Soon after, in the summer of 1914, the war broke out and the family was to

Wasyl and Katerina Dennis, 1941

remain separated for eight long years. In the fall of 1914, Wasyl managed to build a one-room log house on the homestead. He also cleared and broke a few acres of land.

Since there was no school nearby, the older girl, Anna, was hired by neighbors for farm work. Her pay was negligible, a few pieces of clothes for one year's work. The other girl, Hafia, stayed home.

In 1917, Anna married Peter Shukalek and the couple started farming at Ispas. They had nine children, eight sons and one daughter: John, Metro, Bill, Katie, Alex, Nick, George, Stanley (passed away in 1977) and Henry. Hafia married Peter Yarama in 1921, and they settled to farm at Bonnyville. They had five children, two of them have passed away.

In March, 1922, Katerina and 13 year old Nikolai, arrived in Canada to join husband and father again. In 1928, Wasyl decided to purchase a quarter section of land from the Hudson's Bay Co. at Ispas, SE 8-57-13-W4th, since there was no future for the family to remain on the poor farm at Hamlin.

In 1931, the family moved to a new home at Ispas, where Wasyl and Katerina continued to live with their son, Nick. Nick married Helen Malofe of Wahstao, Alberta, in 1938.

Wasyl passed away August 17, 1944, at the age of 80. Katerina passed away January 28, 1948, at 78 years of age. They are both buried in the Ispas Church Cemetery.

DENNIS, Nick and Helen (nee Malofe)

by Nick Dennis

I was born on August 23, 1908, in the Village of Ispas, Province of Bukovina, Western Ukraine, then under Austrian rule. My parents, Wasyl and Katerina, were not wealthy and, with another small mouth to feed, they realized that the only way out for land-hungry people was to emigrate. My father landed first in Canada by himself in 1911, and after two years, returned to the homeland to bring the entire family to Canada.

Through misfortune and war, the family was separated for eight years. However, I managed to get some elementary schooling in Ukrainian, during the quiet periods of the war. By 1920, I passed my Grade V, but by then, Romania had occupied Bukovina. Instruction in the Ukrainian language in our school was ended and we were allowed only to study in the Romanian language. However, I was not forced to go to school then, as I had my ticket to immigrate to Canada.

Our trip to Canada began by boarding a train in Ispas, Bukovina, in the early morning hours on February 2, 1922. However, because of the delays of our transport through Germany, it took us ten days to get to the port of Hamburg. Four days later, on February 16, we sailed on a small ship for England. After 36 long hours, we arrived in Grimsby, an Eastern port of England and continued by train across England, to the port of Liverpool.

In Liverpool, we were told our ship had sailed three days earlier, so we had to wait 11 long days more, for the next one. My mother and I sailed for Canada from Liverpool, England, via S.S. Vedic on March 2, and landed in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on March 12, 1922, after ten days at sea. From Halifax we travelled by Canadian National train and finally reached our destination, Vilna, Alberta, on March 18. My father took us by sleigh and team of horses to his farm for a happy reunion.

Early in April, 1922, father brought me to Green Lake School-(S.D. No.3908,) three and one half miles south of

Nick and Helen Dennis wedding photo, by Downing Church, 1938

Dennis family - Nick, Helen, Victor, Marcella with husband Ron Bechthold, 1958

Hamlin. My first teacher who was a Mr. Karpoff, placed me with the Grade I beginners. In a week's time, I was promoted to Grade III as there was no Grade II class. In less than two months time, I passed to Grade IV. My teacher was a Mr. Cameron, who taught me for one year. A Mr. Gamache was my last teacher, in Grade V, and it was here that my school education ended, due to our financial condition.

I decided then to help my aging parents on the farm in preference to going out to work. In my spare time, I did some work for neighbors.

After we moved to Ispas in 1931, I took over the family farm. My farming at Ispas, on a heavily-wooded farm, during the depression years, compared somewhat to pioneer life of the first settlers. I remember stooking grain for a neighbor for 75¢ a day but conditions began to improve by 1936.

October 23, 1938, was a happy occasion as I was married to Helen Malofe, daughter of Stefan and Sandra of Wahstao, just south of Bellis.

We had two children: Marcella, born December 15, 1939, and Victor, born March 7, 1942. They both took elementary education at the Ispas School, and senior high in Hairy Hill and Willingdon, graduating from Grade XII.

Marcella was married to Ronald Bechtold on August 8, 1957. They had five children: Linden, Lila, Yvonne, Wilfred and Wanda. Later she remarried to Ron Reeves on December 16, 1978, and they have a girl named Carole. Presently they live in Byemoor, Alberta, where Ron manages a hotel.

Victor took an accounting course and for a number of years, was apprentice-accountant in Edmonton and Grande Prairie, before returning to the farm. Victor took over the farming operation, after my wife and I retired in 1974.

My activities in the community first started with my election in 1936, as a school trustee of Ispas School. I served in this capacity for 12 years. In 1939, I was appointed as secretary to Ispas Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church, and later as secretary-treasurer. I have remained in that capacity for the past 45 years, I was cantor at Ispas Church as well. I also served as director and later president of the Szypenitz Rural Electrification Association, for ten years until my retirement to Vegreville. In Vegreville in (1985), I am on the board of directors of the Vegreville Senior Citizens Club.

In 1973, my wife Helen and I visited Ukraine, the place of my birth. While there, we met many of our relatives, my former neighbors, and even two of my former school classmates. On our tour we visited such cities as Moscow, Lviv, Chernivci, Kiev in Ukraine, and Vienna, Austria.

In 1983, we went on a tour to Romania. We stayed in Karpati Mountain Resort of Brasov and Mamaia Resort on the Black Sea. It was a very enjoyable trip.

DIACHUK, Eli (1868 to 1915) and Dora (nee Wynychuk 1866 to 1951)

Dora and Eli, together with their children immigrated to Canada in 1901, from the Village of Shypynci, District of Chernivci, in the western Ukraine known then as Bukovina. They landed in Halifax and travelled by train to Edmonton. The only available means of transportation to reach their homestead, NW 14-55-13-W4th (Szypenitz), was by rafting down the North Saskatchewan River to Ispas. They had 12 children of whom only seven survived to adulthood. Among these were two sets of twins.

Tragedy befell the family with the passing of Eli in 1915, leaving Dora alone to look after the farm and the surviving children, five daughters and two sons.

Mary married Dan Towpich and they had eight children. They homesteaded in Luzan.

Frozena married Andrew Olynyk, and raised nine children. They farmed at Two Hills and then Lavoy.

Elsie married John Bodnar and they had 11 children including one set of twins. They farmed at Foisy, Alberta.

Ann married Andrew Olynyk who worked for C.P.R. and they had 11 children. They resided in Reston, Manitoba.

Dora and Eli Diachuk (circa 1901)

Kalyna married John Kassian and they had four children. They farmed at Royal Park.

Tanasko was a twin to Elsie but he remained a bachelor immigrating to the U.S.A.

Nick married Helen Drebit in 1926, and they had three children: Victoria, Bill, and Rosie. Victoria died in infancy and Nick passed away in 1935. Helen remarried to Wm. Towpich in 1937. Reference is made to the Wm. and Helen Towpich elsewhere in this book).

Nick and Helen Diachuk with children, Bill and Rosie, 1934

DOCHUK, Theodore and Domka (nee Kupchenko)

Theodore (Ted), the third eldest son of Wasyl and Mary Dochuk (nee Olinyk), was born in 1906, in Bukovina, Western Ukraine. At the age of four, Ted immigrated to Canada with his parents who began homesteading on NE 2-55-12-W4. He attended Nizir School, and as a young man, lived and worked on his father's homestead. He enjoyed playing baseball and learning how to play the violin.

During his stay on his father's homestead, Ted met Domka, the eldest child of John and Katherine Kupchenko (nee Basaraba). Domka was born on July 7, 1910, in Duvernay and grew up on her father's homestead (NE 18-55-11-W4th). She attended Luzan school until the age of 15, then remained at home to help raise her one sister (Mary Kordoski) and four brothers (William, George, Nick and Orest).

Theodore and Domka Dochuk on their wedding day, July 14, 1935

After a lengthy courtship, Ted and Domka were married on July 14th, 1935, in St. Mary's Church, Kaleland, with Reverend Chrustawka officiating. The following spring, they purchased quarter, NW 13-55-12 W4th, and moved into a granary while a two-room log house was being built on the land. Although the land was of poor quality and hardships were many, the prospect of a brighter future motivated Ted and Domka to work hard and by 1949, Ted was able to afford a real luxury - his first car. Just as the family was beginning to prosper, Ted suddenly took ill and passed away on December 7, 1952, leaving Domka to raise seven children who ranged in age from 15 to one year.

With the help of neighbors and relatives who rented the land, Domka, with much determination and commitment to her family, was able to provide for them. In 1963, Domka suffered a stroke which left her partly paralyzed and as a result, she purchased a home in Two Hills and moved there with the three children who still remained at home. Despite her handicap and with the help of her family, Domka continued to live independently until she passed away on June 17, 1981.

Theodore and Domka raised a family of seven children:

Kathleen, born on June 14, 1937, married Joe Orlecki of Luzan. They had three children: Joanne (Ternovoy), George and Glen. Kathleen presently is employed by the Treasury Branch in Edmonton.

Orest, born on September 27, 1940, married Sonia Pruss of Egremont and they have three children: Rhonda, Derek and Stacey. Orest is presently a roofing foreman for Chris and McLean Roofing of Edmonton.

George, born on February 12, 1944, married Martha Koochin of Edmonton and they have three children: Darren, Tonia and Greg. George is an architect and also serves as a minister for the Free Evangelical Church in Willingdon.

Josephine, born on May 20, 1945, married Steve Krawchuk of St. Paul. They reside in St. Paul where Josephine works at the hospital. They have four children: Randy, Richard, Glen and Lori.

Edward, born March 20, 1948, lives in Two Hills and works for Westmin Resources.

Daniel, born on October 21, 1950, lives in Two Hills and presently teaches at the Two Hills Elementary School.

Virginia, born October 31, 1951, married Brian Chappell of Rocky Mountain House. They have two children: Ryan and Scott.

Theodore and Domka Dochuk also leave behind 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Domka Dochuk and her family on Virginia's wedding day, 1977. (L to R) - Daniel, Josephine, Orest, Virginia, Edward, Kathleen and George.

Maxim and Anna Dowhaniuk, 1925

DOWHANIUK, Maxim and Anna

submitted by Helen (Hunka) Austin, grand-daughter

Maxim came to Canada from Kolomea, Ukraine, in 1902 at the age of 12 years. It was difficult to leave his native land where he could attend school along with his brother and sister.

The Dowhaniuks sailed over the Atlantic by ship and soon after arriving in Canada, they boarded the train along with the many other families on their trip to the West.

Money wasn't too plentiful during those days, so Max found a job working on the railway. Not only did this bring extra money but also gave him the opportunity to learn to speak English.

Anna Nikiforuk, along with her parents, brother and sister, came over to Canada on June 13, 1903. She was only seven years old then. After living at Royal Park for a while, they later homesteaded in Two Hills.

Maxim and Anna met at Easter, and were married November 17, 1910. Their wedding reception was very small, attended only by a few neighbors. They lived with Max's parents over the winter.

In the spring of 1911, they moved to their homestead of 160 acres which Max had purchased for $10. earlier in his life. He had 11 acres out of 160 already broken as well as a two-room log house. Anna did the mud plastering during the spring. The young couple broke more land and dug a water well by hand using a spade and shovel.

By their third anniversary, Max and Anna had 120 acres broken. In 1917, they bought their first car.

In 1926, they sold their homestead at Luzan and bought a half section south of Vegreville. They were the first Ukrainians to settle in that area.

Max served as a school trustee in Duvernay and Imperial School districts. Both Max and Anna were devoted and active in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and taught their children strictly in religious matters.

The couple had 14 children with three dying in 1910. Those who lived and married are as follows:

Mary married Dmetro Hnidan in 1929; their children were Bobby, Roseann and Edward.

The Hnidans who lived in the Crowsnest Pass of Alberta are both deceased.

William married Freda Gienger in 1937, and raised Lorraine, Nancy, and Wayne. The Giengers are living in Burlington, Washington.

Mike is single and lives in Vegreville.

Rose married Peter Hunka in 1936 and their children were Helen, and twins - Eugene and Ernest. They lived in the Ranfurly area. Peter is deceased.

Dmetro married Mary Frankiw in 1956. Their children were Teresa and Darcy. They are living in the Imperial area near Vegreville.

John married Elsie Dearden in 1955 and raised one child, Denise. They are living in Calgary, Alberta

Walter married Lucille Dubuc in 1946, and raised Olga, Donald, Shirley, August, Walter Jr., Jack, Ted and Dale. They lived in the Vegreville area. Now both are deceased.

Elsie married Ted Couillard in 1952, and their children were Paul, Janine, Belle and Alice. They are living in the Edmonton area.

Nick married Nancy Klym in 1949. Their children were Sharon and Gayle. They are living in Calgary, Alberta.

Roy married Cathy Engel in 1953 and raised Milton and David. They are living in Vegreville.

Nestor married Joyce Sorochan, in 1955, and their children were Yolanda, Bradley and Jolene. They are living in Vegreville.

Four boys enlisted in the army. John and Walter served overseas during World War II and John served again during the Korean War. It was a blessing to the family to have them both come home.

Maxim died of cancer in 1947. He is buried at Vegreville, Alberta, at the Riverside Cemetery. His wife, Anna, lived for a time on the family farm before retiring to Vegreville. She was a patient at the Vegreville Auxiliary Hospital where she passed away in July, 1984.

DOWHANIUK, Nicholas and Pearl (nee Kolisniak)

by Walter Dowhaniuk (son)

Nick Dowhaniuk was born in the Village of Zahaipil, County of Kolomea, Province of Halychina, Ukraine (then Austria) on October 2, 1894. His parents were Michael and Anna (nee Kostiuk) Dowhaniuk. His father was a native of Zahaipil, while his mother came from the Village of Kobylytz. Nick's parents had three children: Maxim, Nicholas, and Wasylena.

In the spring of 1902, they left for Canada, about six months after Nick had begun to attend the village school.

The Dowhaniuk family arrived in Edmonton and journeyed east to Wostok where they spent the winter in the home of Nick Lakusta. That winter, four families were crowded into the larger room of the house while the owner lived in the attached kitchen. In the spring of 1903, Michael Dowhaniuk applied for a homestead (NW 32-54-12-W4th) in the vicinity of what later was called Two Hills.

In 1910, a school was built half a mile from the farm house, but Nick could not attend because he was 16 years old and his help was needed at home. Sometime later, Nick applied for his own homestead in the Musidora area, but abandoned it to help and work with his father. He left home in 1911, to work with the railroad "extra gang" in Lacombe, and again in 1913, in St. Albert.

Nick married Pearl Kolisniak, eldest daughter of Wasyl and Wasylena (nee Elkow) Kolisniak in 1915. The Kolisniaks arrived in Canada from the Village of Nazirna also from the County of Kolomea, Ukraine. Pearl was born in 1899, and had two brothers, Andrew and John.

Dowhaniuk family, 1930. Seated - Nicholas, Paraska, Walter, Rose; standing - Annie and Mary.

A school was built in 1901, when Pearl was ten years old, but she was unable to attend because her help was too valuable at home for a pioneer family.

Nick and Pearl lived and worked with his parents and inherited the homestead when Nick's father died in 1919, during the flu epidemic.

Nick was a progressive farmer and expanded his farm by buying two extra quarters of land. He bought his first new car, a 1926 Model T Ford for $850.

During these years he studied at home to learn the English language. With good friends and neighbors such as Bob Watt and Sandy Ferguson, he learned to read and write quite well.

Nick became chairman of the Two Hills School Board in 1918 and served as a school trustee in 1919 and in 1925.

In 1928, Nick was again elected chairman of the School Board and at a general meeting of the ratepayers, a resolution was passed to build the first four-room school in Two Hills. This school was completed in the depression year of 1930, for $20,850.

In 1926, the C.P.R. bought forty acres of this homestead at $30. an acre and a townsite was surveyed on his farm. With the coming of the railroad in 1927, the Hamlet of Two Hills was established, the name adopted from the 1913 Post Office of the area. There are two prominent hills just southwest of the town.

The railroad station was built 200 yards from their farm home, and the Dowhaniuk Family became the first citizens of the new Village of Two Hills.

That same year, using the $1200. he received for the land, Nick and his brother-in-law, John Kolisniak, built the first store in town under the trade name of D & K General Store. In 1937, Nick bought out his partner and rebuilt a new store in 1938, calling it the Red and White Store. The family operated the business until 1957. In 1935, he built a new home facing the main street, and today it is a landmark in the progressive town.

Nick was an active businessman and a loyal citizen of Two Hills. He was instrumental in making land available at a nominal cost for the building of the municipal district and school division offices. His most prime land was offered at nominal prices to construct the first hospital in Two Hills. In 1943, he donated land for the

construction of the first Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and was the Charter President of the Church Association.

Due to his progressive attitude, Two Hills became the largest agricultural business center on this C.P. Railway line, between Edmonton and Lloydminster. Nick also made it possible for Two Hills to have its first golf course within the town limits.

In 1957, Nick and Pearl sold their store and home and moved to Edmonton. Although retired, he invested with his son, Walter, who developed a shopping centre, apartment blocks, and later bought the Alpine Motel in Banff. In 1968, his son bought his shares in the investment company and he fully retired.

Nick and Pearl continued to be active in the church and social life. They were members of the St. John's Orthodox Cathedral, St. John's Institute, Ukrainian Self Reliance League and Ukrainian Pioneers' Association. Pearl was also a member of the Ukrainian Women's Association and worked diligently on many parish committees. She was awarded her twenty-five year pin in 1981.

Pearl and Nick Dowhaniuk, 1965

Nick and Pearl had four children: Walter married Marion Chrustawka. They have two children and live in Banff.

Anne is married to John Boida, and raised two children. The Boidas are retired. Rose married Howard Johnson. They have two children and live in Edmonton. Mary married Dick Lutzak, and had three children. The Lutzaks are both deceased.

Nick and Pearl were truly great pioneers of Two Hills. They were married 67 years and lived a full life, passing away three days apart in Edmonton in March,1983. A massive funeral was held for both in the St. John's Cathedral in Edmonton.

They are survived by three children, nine grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

DOWHANIUK, Walter and Marion (nee Chrustawka)

by Walter Dowhaniuk

Walter was born on April 11, 1922, on the original farm homestead his grandfather bought for $10. His father, Nick, was seven years old when he arrived in Canada in 1902, with his parents. They left Western Ukraine, then known as Austria, to find freedom and prospects of new land, and a bright future for themselves and their children.

Walter was five when the railroad crossed their farmland. He grew up in a period of great excitement, with the building of a new town. His life as a farm boy changed dramatically, as the town encircled their farm house. He attended elementary and high school, and in 1941, he graduated with a high school diploma.

In July of the same year, Walter joined the United States P.R.A. Engineers in the building of the Alaska Highway. In 1943, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy as a wireless telegrapher and received an honourable discharge in 1944. After returning from the navy, his father gave him a quarter section of land, a tradition of his forefather. Walter helped his father in the store, and farmed for two years.

In 1946, he married Marion Chrustawka, eldest daughter of Right Reverend Ambrose and Mrs. Zonia Chrustawka. Marion was born on November 23, 1927, in a Parish house in the District of Szypenitz, and attended public school there. The family moved to Vegreville where Mary graduated from high school in 1946. Very talented in music, she performed in many talent shows, concerts, and played numerous musical instruments. She was a member of the church choirs, as well as a member of the Ukrainian Ladies' Association of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Churches in Two Hills, Calgary, Prince Albert and St. John's Cathedral in Edmonton.

Walter and Marion sold their home and farm, and moved to Calgary in 1947. They bought the Gary Theatre, in partnership with Marion's aunt and uncle, Pearl and Nick Wygera. The following year they sold out in Calgary and Walter built a 350 seat "Lux Theatre" in Two Hills. It was the first such theatre on the Canadian Pacific Railway line, between Edmonton and Lloydminster.

Walter was an ardent sportsman, and he excelled in hockey. He was the playing coach and manager of the Two Hills Eagles for many years, and many young players benefited from his hockey ability experience. From a young lad, Walter worked hard for the community, raising funds to develop a hockey sports com-

Arlene, Ronald, Walter and Marion Dowhaniuk, 1971

plex. He was the firechief, civil defence-co-ordinator, and served on the executive of many local organizations. He was instrumental in the building of the cenotaph for the Canadian Legion, which still exists on the town's main street.

While living in Two Hills, Marion gave birth to Arlene in 1948, and Ronald in 1950. Both Arlene and Ronald attended the Universities of Alberta and Calgary. Arlene graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, and presently is married to Dr. Borys Flak, son of the Right Reverend and Mrs. Flak of Edmonton. They have one son Christopher Anthony.

Ronald is General Manager and Vice-President of Alberta Dow Holdings Ltd., and he also operates the Alpine Motel in Kelowna, B.C. He married Sandra Dales, eldest daughter of Rex and Florence Dales of Edmonton. They have two children, Kim Melissa and Jay Ronald.

In 1952, Walter sold the Lux Theatre because of the upcoming popularity of television, and bought into the National Hotel in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, with his brother-in-law Dick, and Dan Lutzak.

They returned to Alberta in 1955, and settled in Edmonton where Walter sold real estate, automobiles and became a land developer. He formed the company known as Dow Holdings Ltd., and as its president, developed Dow Shoppers' Park and two Dow apartments. He also operated a used-car business known as Dow and Johnson Motors in Jasper Place.

In 1964, Walter bought the Alpine Motel in Banff, and the Banff Motel in 1970. He operated these motels for 15 years, until 1978. In 1976, Walter joined a syndicate and bought the Homestead and Gammon Motels and Restaurant. This same year they developed a 210 room resort hotel known as the Banff Park Lodge. Presently he still retains ownership in the hotel complex.

Marion and Wally (Walter) continue to reside in Banff, and they enjoy their children and grandchildren. In semi-retirement, they spend most of their winters in Maui, Hawaii, and their summers on the Okanagan Lake in Casa Loma, and Kelowna, B.C.

DOWHANIUK, Petro and Paraskewia (nee Chreptiuk)

Petro Dowhaniuk (1866-1952) was born in Zahojpol, Kolomea, Ukraine, now Western Ukraine. He married Paraskewia Chreptiuk (1870-1960), who was born in the same village.

The Dowhaniuks, with their two daughters, Anne, six, and Jessie, three, came to Canada in June of 1903. They sailed from Hamburg, Germany, on one of the Cunard Line ships, and after a rocky ocean voyage, landed in Halifax. The train trip to Edmonton took longer than usual because of the several unexpected stops to make railroad repairs. At one point, the freight train that had preceded their train, went through a bridge. They waited for two days without food while a footwalk was constructed across the damaged bridge. A waiting train transported them to Edmonton.

Petro and his family travelled to Andrew by a team-

Petro and Paraskevia Dowhaniuk, 1937

drawn wagon, where Petro left his family while he searched for land. He settled on the NE 6-55-12-W4th. Here he built a temporary mud-plastered log cabin with a sod roof.

Petro worked in Edmonton and as far as Medicine Hat, at a dollar a day. He and his compatriots made several trips home carrying provisions - often two 50 lb. sacks of flour balanced on the shoulder yoke.

Paraskewia hoed the soil for the first crop of wheat, buckwheat, and the garden. The hemp they grew provided them with oil for cooking and the stalks were made into coarse thread used for rope or woven into material. The two cows provided them with milk and the few hens, with eggs. Saskatoons, raspberries, strawberries, and mushrooms were plentiful.

Petro's homestead had a lake about four hundred feet from their cabin. An Indian trail traversed the homestead. Freight wagons from Edmonton to Lafond, headed by a Mr. Clark, made overnight stops at this lake. Clark traded his wares for some milk, eggs, and feed for horses. The lake site was also used by Indians for their pow-wows. Only once, when Paraskewia walked a distance of 28 miles to the then nearest Post Office, did a group of young braves whoop and wave their tomahawks as they circled the cabin on their Indian ponies. No harm was done other than terrifying the two girls who had hidden in some bushes.

By 1919, Petro had acquired two more quarters of land, SE 7-55 and NW 8-55. He also had a brand new model T Ford and his wife had a new Singer sewing machine.

Petro Dowhaniuk served as a municipal councillor and a school trustee.

In 1920, Petro leased his land and opened a general store in St. Paul de Metis. In 1927, he returned to Two Hills where he built a house on half an acre west of the Lux Theatre.

In 1939, the Dowhaniuks, with their youngest daughter, Sophie, revisited their birthplace in Europe.

Their son, Michael (1906-1955), was the first Ukrainian postmaster in the Village of Two Hills, a post he held for nearly twenty years.

They also had five daughters: Ann born in 1897, Jessie in 1900, Mary in 1903, Rose in 1912, and Sophie in 1915.

Of the 27 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren, there are doctors, nurses, teachers, engineers, architects,

designers, pharmacists, university dean, accountants, and farmers.

What a great tribute to a young couple that braved the ocean voyage into the unknown, experienced the early pioneer hardships, but preserved to make a better life for their offspring!

DRONYK (Drin), George and Mary (nee Sidor)

In 1903, George, (born in 1878,) immigrated to Canada from Bukovina, Ukraine, with his parents, Alexander and Anna, and brother, Iwan. They immediately bought homesteads. George built a dugout on his quarter, (SE 18-55-12-W4th). He then went to work for the CN on the line from Lethbridge to the Crowsnest Pass. When he returned to his farm his friends told him of a young lady, Maria, who had just come from the Old Country to the Soda Lake district. The oldest daughter of Iwan and Eudokia Sidor, Maria, had been a nanny to the minister's children in their village. When the Sidor family came to the Antwerp port of departure, a year-old daughter had to be left behind because of an eye infection. She was never seen again by her family.

After arrangements were made, George and Maria met, and were married in February, 1907. Hard work became a way of life with the couple. They cleared the land, grew crops, leased an extra quarter from the C.P.R. and later bought more land for their five sons. Their dugout was in the middle of the quarter next to a trail that led to Duvernay. Maria often took eggs to George Skakun's store to trade for household necessities. Later, a sod-covered log cabin was built on the southeast corner of the quarter.

Eleven children were born to the couple with the aid of Mrs. Wasyl Meroniuk as midwife. Nick, the oldest, was his father's right-hand man; Iwan died at 15, from a bruise to the leg that never healed. Rosie died at the age of six months during the scarlet fever epidemic that took the lives of children of neighbors, the Antonuiks, the Rusnaks, and many others. Jennie, mother's helper with Eva, helped raise the young ones—Kate, Mike, Elsie,

George and Maria Dronyk, 1946

Dronyk family, 1963. Back row (L to R) - John, Darrell, Dorothy, Harry and Anna Dronyk, Dick Livingston, Steven Dronyk, Kay Howarth, Boris Humen; middle row - Brenda Dronyk, Jennie Livingston, Eva Dronyk, Elsie Humen, Vera, Mike and Gail Dronyk; front row - Susan Dronyk, Wendy Humen and Michael Dronyk.

Johnny, and Steven. Harry worked along with his father and brother.

Social life was a Saturday night dance, weddings and visiting relatives and friends on Sunday. Church services were attended at Szypenitz, six miles northwest, where George was an elder.

Schooling was minimal. Although the school was only two miles away, on the corner of Andriowski's farm, the older children could not attend regularly because of cold weather and work during the summer months.

Newly arrived Canadians stayed with the family and helped on the farm till they were able to find places of their own. The Dronyk's were owners of a gas engine, operated a threshing machine, and did custom work for farmers in the area. Later they bought a more modern outfit, operating it until the combines came into use.

The flue epidemic of 1917 took the life of George's brother, Iwan, and left Maria with a chronic lung ailment.

Nick at a tender age, much to his mother's dread, bought a motor bike, one of the first in the area. With his friend, Nick Petskalny, also on a bike, he used to drive around the countryside. He eventually bought his own land and farmed till he died in 1963.

Jennie worked at an airforce base during the war, then as a nurse's aid at the Misericordia Hospital till her retirement in 1977. She lives with her husband, Richard Livingston, in Edmonton.

Harry served with the Princess Patricia Regiment and saw action in Europe. He married Brenda Holland, one of the first nurses at the Two Hills Hospital. Their children are Barbara, Thomas, and Anna. Harry passed away in 1982.

Eva was with the C.W.A.C. during the war years and later worked as a nurse's aid. She is now retired and lives in Edmonton.

Kate was in the women's division of the R.C.A.F. She married William Howarth. Their children are Glen, Garry, and Greg, and they live in Victoria.

Mike married Vera Humen and farmed till 1949, when he moved to Edmonton where they operated a business for three years. Mike was a driver for the city transit system and did so for 31 years, until his retirement in 1982.

Elsie worked away from home, then married Boris Humen. They have five children: Wendy, Jane, Barry, Willard, and Bruce. Boris retired and they are now back in the Two Hills area.

Johnny worked on the farm, then drove a transport truck. He married Dorothy Wheaton, and their children are Cynthia, Dwayne, Susan, and Darrel. They lived in the Calgary area. Johnny passed away in 1969.

Steven farmed, and was a long distance trucker and surveyor in B.C. He now lives in Edmonton and works for the city.

George and Maria lived on their homestead until 1944, then moved to the Town of Two Hills. Maria passed away in 1960, and George in 1966.

DUBITZ, John and Helen (nee Stefanetz)

Helen (Dubitz) is the oldest of Gregory Stefanetz's daughters. As a young girl, she walked to Szypenitz School, a distance of four miles.

Helen married John Dubitz of Boian in 1935, and lived for eight years in McRae, Alberta. From 1943 to 1946, the couple lived in Boian. They then purchased land, (SW 10-57-13-W4th), in the Ispas district, where they lived until they retired to Two Hills in 1973.

John and Helen Dubitz on their wedding day in 1935

John and Helen Dubitz, 1978

Two children were born into the Dubitz family.

Irene, married Peter Basaraba of Willingdon and had three children: Charlene, Robert, and Vivian.

George married Shirley Euchak and raised five children: Genevieve, Leslie, Benny, Joleen, and Shane.

John passed away in 1983. Helen now resides in Two Hills.

DUKE, Andrew, Clem, William and Donald

by William Duke

This historical biography is dedicated to early settlers of this area; and especially to my grandfather Andrew, one of the first pioneers in the New Kiew district. On March 7, 1901, Andrew aged 41, his 34-year old wife Eva (nee Maruschuk), their children Clem (12 years), Mary (10 years), and Matrunia (1 year) left the Ukraine to join the endless stream of settlers to the new land.

Perhaps it was the oppression by the landlords and serfdom of the Austro-Hungarian and Tsarist Russian Empires, and later the Polish gentry and clergy that spurred countless numbers of people to leave their native homeland for better fortunes in Canada. Or maybe renowned Ukrainian pioneers like Dr. Oleskow, Iwan Pylypiw and Wasyl Eleniak related stories of cheap tracts of vast Canadian soil for only $10. and encouraged young men like Andrew Duke (the third son of five sons) to reluctantly leave his friends, relatives, the church, village and country he loved. To Andrew, it was more of a torture test to say the last farewell, knowing that perhaps he would never return to his beloved land. With tearful eyes the family bid good-bye to their kinfolk in the Village of Shchurowitsi, County of Brody. They then headed west to Lvow and finally to Antwerp, Belgium, where they purchased a steamship ticket for $80. and set sail to Canada.

Both the ocean and land voyages were rough and tedious. Andrew and his family decided not to disembark at Winnipeg but to continue the journey to Calgary and Edmonton via rail. Reaching Strathcona, they were met by Paul Rudyk, a long time friend who operated the Rudyk Block on Jasper Avenue. Upon Mr. Rudyk's suggestion, the Duke family moved to Star and rented a small log cabin for one year. Andrew found employment

Eva and Andrew Duke, 1917

in Stony Plain, but soon moved his family to Farmilia, later known as New Kiew. In June, 1902, he purchased a quarter section of land (NE-10-53-13-W4th) for $10. and began to clear his homestead.

New settlers, namely John Orfino, Anton Sokalski and Steve Pauk helped Andrew to construct a two-room, thatch-roofed cabin which two years later burned and was replaced by a new home. Despite the hardships, Andrew worked elsewhere to supplement his income and buy the essential farm tools, horses and cattle.

The family experienced sorrow when Matrunia died at age one and one-half years; but there was joy when daughter Anna was born on December 23, 1903. The oldest daughter Mary, married Michael Samoil and Anna married Dan Zaozirny. Andrew passed away in 1932 and Eva in 1946. Both were laid to rest in the New Kiew Cemetery.

Clem Duke continued to work on the family farm and at Richard Dinwoodie's place. On August 3, 1909, at the age of 20, he married Anna Babych, a 17 year old girl from the Ukraine who had been employed by the Lavoy Hotel.

The family moved to a new farm (NE-22-53-13-W4th) and built a small house and barn. Here on December 22, 1910, a son, William, was born. A year later, Clem and his family returned to his father's homeplace.

Clem and Anna had seven children: William, Kaye, Nick, Julia, Peter, Paul and Anna.

On January 12, 1922, sorrow hit the family when Clem's young wife Anna passed away. Even though the young children were cared for by the grandparents, life was never the same.

In summer of 1922, Clem bought a Ford car which proved to be quite a novelty. It was the third car in the district. That same year Clem remarried. His second wife was Stefka Strychaliuk who bore him six children: Michael, Mary, Alex, Julian, Elizabeth and Eddie. The Duke family farmed six quarters of land and prospered well. In 1975, at age 86, Clem passed away and was laid to rest in the Vegreville Cemetery.

William Duke attended first grade at New Kiew School in 1917, with Mrs. McLauglin as his teacher. He completed Grade VII under the tutelage of Miss Lena Swekla and continued to farm with his father and brothers.

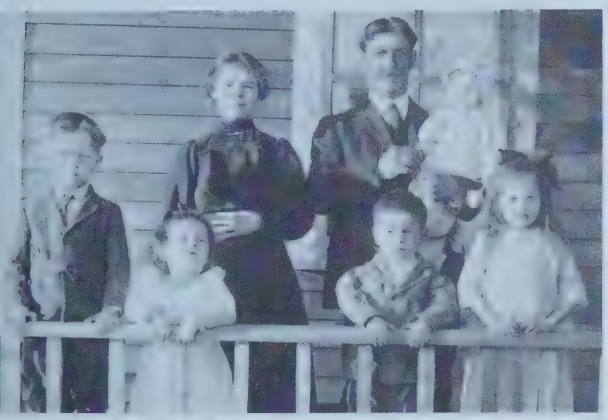
In 1939, he bought his own farm (SW-26-53-13-W4th), and on February 22, 1940, married Mary, daughter of Simeon and Nancy Kitz of Warwick.

They had two children: Donald born on March 19, 1941, and Diane born on October 1, 1946. Donald attended Krasne School from 1947 to 1953, his first teachers being Terry and Olga Soldan and his last teacher, Mike Pawliuk. In 1954, the children were bussed to Two Hills school where Diane started her Grade I class. Both Don and Diane completed their Grade XII here.

Donald Duke left the farm and entered college in Edmonton. He worked for Bata Shoe Company, then moved to Calgary and later to Vancouver where he was employed by Hoffman and La Roche Drug Company and now the Horner Drug Company.

In 1962, Donald married Victoria Sharun, an accountant, born on July 15, 1945. She is the daughter of Peter and Ruby Sharun.

They have two children: Donna Dee born on December 29, 1962, and enrolled in the Faculty of Education at the University of B.C.; and Dean born on January 20, 1964,



Clem Duke family, 1917. Top row, (L to R) - Anna and Clem holding baby Peter; bottom row - William, Julia, Nick and Kathleen.

Clem and Anna Duke's grown family, 1939. Standing, (L to R) - Paul, Nick, Peter, William; seated - Kathleen, Julia and Anne.

William Duke family, 1953. (L to R) - William, Donald, Diane and Mary.

Donald and Diane Duke family, 1983. Standing, (L to R) - Donald, Vicki, Dean, Donna-Dee; seated - Roger, Diane, Jody and Tammy.

and enrolled in the Faculty of Law at the same university.

Donald's sister Diane, moved to Edmonton and worked in a health spa and Woodward's store. In 1969, she married Roger, son of Elphie and Terry Goudreau of Beaumont. Roger was a pilot for R. Angus and Company and now flies for Wardair.

Diane and Roger live in White Rock, B.C. and have two lovely daughters: Jody born on July 20, 1973, and Tammy born on May 27, 1976.

Although the pioneers dedicated their lives to hard work, they still enjoyed the finer things in life. Their educational, cultural and religious aspects of life were met by erecting schools, social centres and churches. They found time to expose themselves and their children to these various institutions and to enrich their lives to the fullest. The families shared each others joys and sorrows. As we recollect our memories and look down into the past, we cannot help but shed a tear for that beautiful heritage that has been handed down to us by our forefathers.

To our parents, grandparents and to all the pioneers of this area—we are most grateful for a job well-done.

DWERNICHUK, William and Annie (nee Stefanetz)

Annie Stefanetz, daughter of Gregory Stefanetz, was born on June 7, 1925, in Duvernay, Alberta. She attended the Szypenitz School.

On June 20, 1943, at the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Szypenitz, she married William Dwernichuk of Pakan, Alberta. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Chrustawka.

William and Annie lived in Redwater before moving to Grande Prairie in 1963. They remained there until 1982, when William passed away. Annie now lives in Redwater, Alberta.

Annie and Bill with their children - Virginia, Donald and Willie Dwernichuk, 1947

The Dwernichuks had one daughter and two sons:

Virginia married Victor Vyrstiuk of Redwater, Alberta, and lives in Redwater. Willie married Joan Barry of Nova Scotia. They live in Williams Lake, B.C. The second son is Donald. They have six grandchildren.

EGLINSKI, Michael and Parasyna

by Victor Eglinski (son)

Michael Eglinski was born in 1893, in a small village called Budelio in Western Ukraine. In 1910, Michael and his older sister, Kalyna, bid their parents, Wasyl and Yelana, one brother Elie, and six sisters, farewell and departed for Canada to seek fortune in the new country. They docked in Halifax and continued on by train to Winnipeg, where his sister remained, but Michael continued westward to Drumheller. Unable to obtain work at Drumheller, he decided to journey north to Duvernay, where he would visit Nick Hryhirchuk, who was then farming SE 4-56-11-W4th.

Michael, being handy with carpentry tools, took up log house building with his friend, Nick, for a couple of years. After this he obtained his own homestead at the Chesterville area, where he stayed for a short time. Michael then moved to the Szypenitz area where he met his future bride, Parasyna, the daughter of Peter and Mary Meryniuk, who came to Canada in 1902, and farmed NE 24-55-13-W4th.

Michael and Parasyna were married in 1916, and for a time farmed with her parents. Later Michael bought from D. Ewasiuk, the country store in Szypenitz, located on SW 26-55-13-W4th. He operated the store and transported his own supplies from Vegreville until 1927. Mike then moved to what is presently the Town of Two Hills. He purchased a parcel of land northeast of Two Hills, west half section of 11-55-12-W4th. While his land was being brushed and cleared for plowing, he worked in the new hotel in the Town of Two Hills.

In 1938, Mike and Parasyna Eglinski left their two older sons to operate their farm, purchased an acreage in Two Hills and started the first dairy in that area. In 1939, Mike was hired by the Town of Two Hills as the first town constable. He also accompanied the R.C.M.P. in many instances as an interpreter. In 1946, Mike and Parasyna decided to sell their dairy and relocate in Edmonton, where most of their children were working.

Mike and Parasyna raised 11 children:

Michael Eglinski's family, 1949. Back row, (L to R) - Alex Eliuk, Bill Kormysh, Bill Eglinski, Dan Daly, John, George and Victor Eglinski; centre row - Martha Kormysh, Olga Eglinski (nee Chrapko), Mary Daly; front row - Dmetro Eglinski, Jeanne Eliuk, Lillian, Parasyna, Michael and Chris Eglinski (nee Todoruk), Olga Eglinski (nee Eskiw), Mary Eglinski (nee Kereluk).

John married Chris Todoruk
Mary married Dan Daly
Bill married Olga Chrapko
Harry was killed in 1943, during the war
George married Olga Eskiw
Jenny married Alec Eliuk
Victor married Mary Kereliuk
Peter died in 1929
Martha married Bill Kormysh
Metro married Dr. Pat Simmons
Lillian married Ray Lalonde

Michael passed away in 1950, and Parasyna in 1968. Both are buried in the Szypenitz Cemetery.

EGLINSKI, George and Olga (nee Eskiw)

George M. Eglinski was born on May 2, 1923, the son of Michael and Pearl Eglinski of Szypenitz. He was born at home, with midwife Mrs. Zelez in attendance.

George started school in 1930, at the Two Hills School, located at that time just west of the present Two Hills Inn. Mrs. McCutcheon, Mr. Laughlin, and Miss Powell were some of George's teachers. He also attended Nizir School with Miss Mary Soldan, Miss Anne Kieryluk and Mr. Shandro as his teachers. In 1938, he completed Grade X.

That fall he threshed in Ispas country for George Werstiuk, and for Nick Kuzio in the Two Hills area, for a total of 52 days at 20¢ an hour. During the winter of 1938-1939, George worked for George Werstiuk for $3. per month. In the spring of 1939, George and his cousin George Adams, hopped a freight train to St. Mary's, Ontario. There he worked on a gravel crusher, for a plumbing firm, and for a power company. He also worked at an ammunitions factory in Welland, Ontario, and for Piggot Construction.

In the fall of 1941, George enlisted in the armed forces. (see War Years)

George came back to the Two Hills area, worked at odd jobs and rented his dad's land, NW 11-55-12-W4th, until he met Olga Eskiw.

Olga, who is the daughter of John and Sophie Eskiw of Two Hills, was born at home on July 2, 1931.

In 1938, Olga attended Frankiw School, which was three miles south of Musidora. She completed her Grade IV in 1941. When her parents moved to Two Hills, on SW 34-54-12-W4th, Olga attended Nizir School, completing her Grade VIII in June, 1947.

Olga and George Eglinski's wedding, 1948

George and Olga were married on June 19, 1948, in the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Vegreville with Reverend Chrustawka officiating. The reception was at John Eskiw's farm in Two Hills. It was a traditional Ukrainian wedding, lasting for three days, with dancing on an open-air platform. All the food was cooked in a "Peech" (an old-fashioned dutch oven).

George and Olga stayed at John Eskiw's place until the fall, when they moved to Edmonton where George worked on construction. In April, 1949, they settled on SW 11-55-12-W4th (Veterans' Land Act) quarter and lived in Michael A. Ponich's law office building, their first farm home.

Patricia Olivia, their first daughter, was born on July 3, 1950, with Dr. Winnitoy in attendance. Pat, who is married to Keith Purves from Newcastle, England, is now residing in Fort Saskatchewan, and working for Native Councilling Services of Alberta. They have three sons: George, Graham and Jimmy.

On May 1, 1953, their first son, Gary O'brien, was born with Dr. Winnitoy in attendance. Gary married Cindy Woychuk of Acadia Valley. They have two children, Corinne and Curtis, and are living in Fort Saskatchewan. Gary is working for Sherritt Gordon.

On December 31, 1959, their second daughter, Valerie, was born at the Two Hills Municipal Hospital with Dr. Derbawka in attendance. Valerie is now married to Ron Retzlaff from Calgary and they have two sons, Dustin and Chad. Ron is employed by Sheritt Gordon and they are living in Fort Saskatchewan.

Their last daughter, Denise, was born on November 17, 1965, in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital with Dr. M.E. Chonko in attendance. Denise graduated in 1981, and is now employed at A.G.T. in Vegreville.

A second son, Clayton, was born on December 29, 1967, (a Centennial baby) at the Two Hills Municipal Hospital with Dr. Chonko in attendance. Clayton is presently in school and working part-time at a chicken farm.

Photo taken on 25th wedding anniversary - June 19, 1973. Back row, (L to R) - Gary, Pat, Valerie; front row - Denise, Olga, Clayton and George Eglinski

In 1970, Olga started taking in foster children and now has her 17th foster child. George had various jobs to supplement his farm income. These included working for the County of Two Hills No.21, when Bill F. Elkow was councillor, for Pawliuk and Sons, on the first water works installations in the Town of Two Hills, roughnecking for Commonwealth Drilling Ltd., and also for C.H. Witham Contractors Ltd. and building Western Chemicals plant in Duvernay. In 1953, George worked for Western Minerals as a battery operator, servicing all their gas wells in the area. He also operated a war surplus store on the farm. George also auctioneered as a side line.

George and Olga farmed all these years, raising pure bred Hereford cattle and Yorkshire hogs. They also rented land, and raised wheat, oats, and barley. George has always been active in community affairs. He was president of Morecambe Rural Electrification Association, director for the Brosseau Mutual Telephones Company Ltd., and member of Two Hills Elks Lodge, Two Hills Lions, and Two Hills Legion. He was the organizer of the National Farmers' Union when they marched on the Provincial Legislative buildings, protesting low farm prices.

In September, 1967, George and Olga were delegates to Toronto for the Conservative leadership convention where Robert Stanfield defeated John Diefenbaker. Bob and Lorraine Bachelet, Laurent Coutu, Norman and Florence Mailloux were also delegates from the Vegreville constituency.

George was the main organizer for the Two Hills Air Cadets 782 Squadron, being its first Commanding Officer. Always politically inclined, he ran twice for county councillor only to be defeated by a narrow margin. On May 7, 1968, George was one of the six candidates for the Federal Progressive Conservative nomination in Two Hills. 3000 delegates forced the voting into three ballots, finishing at 5:00 A.M. on May 8. Don Mazankowski won the nomination. During the same election, George ran as an independent Progressive Conservative candidate in Vegreville where John Batiuk won the nomination.

In 1974, George (Spike) sold his ranch, his machinery, and war surplus business, and moved to SE 18-54-16-W4th, along Highway 16, west of Mundare. In 1975, he went into Real Estate for Canada Permanent Trust. In 1977 he joined Silver Sands Realty and Development Ltd., and became a shareholder in the company. He continues his short line machinery business and dealing in war surplus equipment. In 1977, George went back to Germany, Holland, and England to reminisce about some of the old times of the war days. George and Olga are still farming and are looking forward to retirement when all the children grow up.

EGLINSKI, Harry

by Victor Eglinski

Harry Eglinski was born on August 22, 1921, and obtained his education at Szypenitz, Nizir, and Two Hills Schools.

As a young lad, he worked in the coal mines at

Pall bearers at Harry Eglinski's military funeral, 1943. Front row, (L to R) - George Kupchenko, George Choban; second row - Nick Choban, Mike Romaniuk; third row - Nick Fedoruk.

Mountain Park.

In 1941, he entered the military force and served with the Royal Canadian Artillery and on July 22, 1943, while on military maneuvers during the night at Port Alberni, Harry met his fatal moment: Harry (GNR) Eglinski, while delivering dispatches during a blackout, from rear to the front of convoy, was killed.

Harry Eglinski's funeral in 1943, was the first military funeral, and I believe the only one in Two Hills which attracted people from all neighboring communities.

EGLINSKI, John and Christina (nee Tudoruk)

by Victor Eglinski

John Eglinski was born on July 12, 1917, and attended school at Szypenitz, Nizir, and Two Hills, and on completion of his school years, John went to work as a ranch-hand for Dick Fife, one of the first ranchers in the area. In 1938, John went to Coleman, Alberta, to work in the coal mines from where he was called up to the Army in 1940. He served until the end of the war.

After the war, John tried farming on the family farm and obtaining additional land from the Veteran's Land Act. After one year, he gave it up and moved to Edmonton, where he obtained a job with the City of Edmonton Engineering Department. The experience John obtained while working in the coal mines, proved to be a great asset to him as he climbed the ladder of success in his new job from Assistant Foreman to Foreman and then to Safety Supervisor in later years.

John was very active in the Edmonton and Alberta Fish and Game Association, where he served on the executive and as chairman for a number of years. For many years, John sponsored the Edmonton Fish and Game Association Perch Trophy. Upon his death in 1980, it was renamed the John Eglinski Memorial Trophy and the name will remain as long as the Association exists.

John Eglinski married Christina Tudoruk in 1949. They had no family.

EGLINSKI, Victor and Mary

Victor was born in 1927, the year of the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the establishment of the hamlet of Two Hills.

Vic attended Nizir and Two Hills Schools until 1944. A year later, he went to Edmonton where he obtained work with Northern Alberta Railways. In 1948, Vic got married to Mary Kereliuk and they raised three sons and two daughters.

In 1957, Victor was appointed storekeeper at McLennan for Northern Alberta Railway. In 1960, he came back to Edmonton as general foreman and later as storekeeper, and held this official position until 1978, when he retired for health reasons.

The Victor Eglinski family, 1970. Back row, (L to R) - John, Harold, Victor and Deborah Eglinski; front row - Douglas, Mary and Yvonne.

ELIUK, Ilia and Paraska (nee Choban)

Ilia Eliuk was born in the Shypynci district of the Ukraine in 1876 where he spent most of his first 25 years. For three of these years he served in the Austrian Army. Being somewhat discouraged by conditions in the Ukraine at the time, and hearing much about great opportunities in a far-off land called Canada, his adventurous spirit brought him to this great land in 1901. Ilia proceeded westward and chose to settle in what became known as the Szypenitz district in Alberta.

It did not take Ilia long to establish his roots in this new land. On April 2, 1902, his purchase of a homestead, SE1/4-22-55-13-W4th, was recorded in the Land Titles Office in Edmonton. Just prior to this purchase, and for some time thereafter, he worked on the railroad to help finance his dream of a farmstead in this great country.

It was during his first or second year in the district that Ilia married Paraska Choban and during the first nine years they lived in a "burdei" (a sod-covered hut). After some nine years, Ilia's father-in-law, John Choban, erected a log house. The house which had two rooms and a porch area, was mud-plastered and whitewashed, a rather spacious and comfortable home for those days.

Ilia never forgot the Ukraine where he was born, but

Paraska and Elia Eliuk, 1928

was dedicated to this new country, and was proud to receive his naturalization papers dated December 15, 1906. He and his wife had seven children, 26 grandchildren, and now of course, many great-grandchildren.

Martha, residing in Two Hills, had two boys and six girls; Mary, residing in Edmonton, had one boy and two girls; Nick, who died on June 2, 1967, had resided at Sylvan Lake, had three boys and two girls; Annie, residing in Edmonton, had one boy and three girls; Zenovia, residing in Edmonton, had one girl; William, residing in Two Hills, had four boys and one girl; and Metro died at the age four. At the present time (April, 1984), William and his wife, Olga, are still residing on a farmstead in the Szypenitz district just one mile from the original homestead.

The early years were challenging. Ilia had made several trips, on foot, to Edmonton and back, a distance of approximately 100 miles each way. Each time he carried back some of the most needed commodities. On one occasion, Ilia and his wife, along with one or two other families, acquired some goods in Edmonton and floated down the North Saskatchewan River on a large raft. Two of the items on the raft were a wagon and a young calf. They landed at a place called Victoria and from there horses were used to bring them home to their farm.

Though denied a formal education in the Ukraine, Ilia realized the value of formal schooling and served as a school trustee of the Szypenitz School District for 18 years. He was also a member of the local Orthodox Church board for many years and found time to serve one two-year term as councillor for the Municipal District of Eagle.

On a spring day on May 2, 1942, at the age of 66, Ilia passed away at the Vegreville Hospital. His untimely death resulted from complications during surgery for a leg amputation. The following year, his wife moved to Vegreville where she lived comfortably in her own home until her passing, at the age of 75, in June, 1960.

Ilia and his wife have passed away, but the roots which they have set have flourished. Like the seeds which are carried by the wind, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have taken roots across Alberta, British Columbia, and the Western United States, and the vision and the dream lives on.

The Eliuk family, circa 1959. Back row - Henry, Olga, William, Lillian; front row - Raymond, Richard and Kenneth.

ELUIK, Martha

My father, Elia Eluik was born in Shypynci, Ukraine, and came to Canada in 1901, as a young man. He worked for several families in Hairy Hill. My mother comes from

Paraska Eliuk with her family, 1959

Martha and John on their wedding day, 1919

Martha and Metro Eliuk family, 1936. (L to R) - Steve and Mary Ribchuk, Metro and Martha Eliuk with Stephania, Dan and Domna Rosychuk.

the Choban family. She was also born in Ukraine and came to Canada with her parents as a young girl in 1902. They were married in January of 1903, and farmed in the Szypenitz district near Hairy Hill. The family had four girls and three boys. On December 13, 1903, I, (Martha) the oldest in the family was born. I attended Szypenitz school only during the summer months, and that was for only four hours a day. Most of the time I had to help on the farm.

In 1919, I met John Grekol and married him. We lived on a farm two miles north of Two Hills and had a family of four children: William Grekol, Vera Olinyk, Jessie Hladun, and Metro Grekol.

My husband John, who contracted tuberculosis, passed away on September 15, 1924. I tried to carry on the farm work but there were many hardships. On October 25, 1925, I married Metro Eluik, who came to Canada from the Ukraine. We farmed for a number of years near Two Hills. We had four girls born to us: Annie Chernaski, Mary Eluik (died at the age of eight years), Jennie Eluik (died at the age of 12 years), and Stella Shyshlak. In 1928, we moved to a Lavoy farm where we farmed for 15 years. In 1943, my husband, Metro, was killed by a train at the Two Hills railroad crossing.

In December of 1945, I moved back to Two Hills and lived with William Chrapko. During this time, I helped to bring up his children along with mine. All are now married. I have 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

William Chrapko passed away in 1980, at the age of 84 years. I am presently 80 years of age and living at the Eventide Lodge in Two Hills.

Metro, Jessie, Zenovia, Stella, Annie, Vera and Bill, 1930s

ELIUK, Kiriak and Mary

by George J. Eliuk

The strongest motivation for Ukrainian immigrants to come to Canada was to get away from the strife and hardships that faced them. As early as the 1890s, the Ukrainian peasant was caught between the grinding poverty, political and national oppression by the large state of Austria in the west, and Russia in the east. The Ukrainian people also did not like the compulsory army conscription.

For the mass of the Ukrainian people, there was no hope that future generations had any chance of escaping this vicious cycle of peasant life. Then came the news of the new land, Canada, where for ten dollars one could file a claim to 160 acres of land.

These humble men and women, foreseeing little hope for a better future for themselves and their children in their native Bukovina, and attracted by the glittering promises in Sifton's immigration literature, ventured into the unknown with high courage.

In 1902, because of the above conditions, Kiriak and Mary Eliuk, with their three children: John, Mary, and Jennie, immigrated to Canada. Dressed in picturesque clothing of their native village, Shypynci, Bukovina, they arrived by means of steamship, train, and finally by raft from Edmonton down the North Saskatchewan River to the Shandro Crossing. Kiriak's family was given shelter by the Nicholai Moisey family (my wife's grandparents), who had their homestead along the banks of the river.

A day later, Kiriak's brother-in-law Alexo Ruptash, took the family to his place by wagon, a distance of 35 miles.

Kiriak Eliuk, 1940

After resting for a few days, Kiriak immediately went to the nearest Dominion land agent and filed for his homestead, the SE 20-55-13-W4th, half a mile away.

Having done this, Kiriak began the task of building a shelter. The first dwelling was a dug-out with a pitched roof, covered with branches of trees and sod. A tiny window and a door completed the first home in the new land.

Clearing and breaking the new land was then undertaken by Kiriak. He was one of the more fortunate settlers who provided himself from the beginning with a plow and a team of oxen. After breaking a few acres he went over the land, several times, with a wooden harrow, tugging and pulling at all stones and roots. The harrowing process also leveled the land. It was seeded by hand. The crop was cut with a scythe and threshed with a flail.

With the help of a steadily growing and increasing family, each year brought Kiriak a more abundant harvest, a little more money, and a brighter prospect for the future. Soon the entire quarter section was transformed into rippling fields of grain.

Kiriak's family had nine children, five sons and four daughters, (three sons died within a year and a half, between 1914-1916): the eldest son John, married Mary Boychuk; Mary married Alex Charek; Jennie married Nick Chobaniuk; Annie was wed to Dick Skakun; Daniel married Mary Grekol, and Alice, the youngest, married John Kelly. They presently live in Lloydminster. She has two children, son Elmer, living in Kelowna, B.C., and daughter Lovette, living in Los Angeles, California.

The Szypenitz Orthodox Church was built under the direction of the most experienced district carpenters. The church was a solid structure, built entirely of hand-hewn logs hauled by oxen from nearby woods. Kiriak and his family never failed to attend all services. In 1917, this church was destroyed by fire, only to be replaced by a brick structure. Kiriak's donation of a candle chandelier still remains in the church today.

The Kiriak Eliuk family prospered through the 1920s but in 1926, came the untimely passing of Mary. Kiriak married Odokia Lupul in 1928. In 1932, Kiriak retired and lived in Hairy Hill until his passing in 1948.

ELIUK, John K. and Mary (nee Boychuk)

by George J. Eliuk

John, the eldest son of Kiriak and Mary Eliuk, was nine years old when his family immigrated to Canada. On their homestead, John and his sisters were expected to help their overworked parents by milking cows, picking roots, and weeding the garden.

When John matured to adulthood, he worked as a farmhand, and also as a construction worker for a number of years, in Edmonton, and Calgary.

He soon learned basic English and familiarized himself with the ways of his new country.

In 1913, John married Mary Boychuk and moved to his own farm, NE 7-55-13-W4th. To keep the farm running smoothly, John and Mary laboured side by side clearing bush, ploughing, seeding, and harvesting.

A community project, to which John contributed, was the construction of the Kaleland Ukrainian Orthodox stone church, which was completed in 1917. John's contribution to the construction was hauling and splitting stones.

John and Mary Eliuk, 1920

John was a good farmer with an insatiable desire for land. He came to this country with great hope for a better future. Only after hard work and sacrifice, he lived to see the rewarding comforts and prosperity for his family.

His wife Mary was an optimist; nothing was ever too hard or too bad for her. Mary was a cheerful woman and a good cook who never wasted a minute.

Mary and John raised nine children:

George, the eldest son, married Irene Shandro. They have two children, Bonnie and Robert, both graduates of the University of Alberta. Robert is the only grandson carrying the Eliuk name.

Katie married John Kowalchuk. They raised eight children: Elsie, Olga, Cecile, Patricia, Michael, Melvin, Albert, and Edward. Katie and John are both deceased.

Anne married Lockey Askeland.

Rose married George Olynyk. They have three children: Gerald, Reginald, and Wendy.

William, Rose's twin brother, passed away in 1972.

Alyce married Melvin Brower. They have one daughter, Donna.

Mary married John Solodzuk.

The John K. Eliuk family, 1960s. Standing - Willie, Rose, Mary, Margaret, Anne, Alice, Lynne; seated - Kate, Mother and George.

Lynne married Bill Skakun. They have two sons, Gary and Wesley. Gary graduated from the University of Calgary with a degree in medicine. Wesley plays in a musical band in Kamloops. Lynne passed away in 1970.

Margaret married Con Lutic and they have two daughters, Charlene and Norene.

John Eliuk passed away in 1964, at the age of 72. His wife, Mary passed away in 1983, at the age of 86.

ELIUK, William and Mary (nee Mazar)

My family and I have many recollections of my parents and grandfather who used to relate stories of the many hardships that they endured, on their arrival in Canada.

My father, William G. Eliuk, was born in 1892, in Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine. In 1910, at age 18, he left his parents, George and Martha, and his five brothers and two sisters, and along with some friends immigrated to Canada.

After working in the Canmore mines for a year, William moved to B.C., where he worked in the Greenwood Mines for two years. He then returned to the Canmore mines for another year.

While visiting some friends in the Szypenitz area, William bought a homestead, NW 31-54-12-W4th, west of Two Hills. In 1916, he married Mary Mazar, daughter of William and Marafta Mazar.

In 1900, William and Marafta Mazar and their one year old daughter Mary, immigrated to Canada. The ocean voyage proved to be quite an ordeal for my mother, as she became very ill. However, being of strong constitution, she survived. After arriving in Montreal, they travelled to Vegreville where they purchased a homestead for $10. At first they lived in a dugout, then in a chicken coop, and later in a mud-plastered, log house with a thatched roof.

My grandfather, William Mazar, was a talented man and considered to be "jack of all trades". Grinding flour with grinding stones, making rugs on a "krosna" (loom), building a "peech" (outdoor oven), fixing harnesses and constructing buildings with the use of pegs were talents only he was endowed with.

Martha and Bill Mazar, William and Mary Eliuk, 1919

Shortly after William and Mary Eliuk's marriage, Marafta Mazar passed away at age 54. Like all pioneers, the family endured many hardships - clearing the land, ploughing with oxen, planting and harvesting crops and constructing buildings. Money was scarce. Some of these buildings still remain intact today.

Grandfather Mazar often walked to Edmonton to buy the essential necessities. Despite their poverty, they showed love and a strong family bond by eating from one dish and singing their favorite songs while they worked. Although their fields were small, land was productive and didn't require any fertilizer. My family enjoyed the land, tremendously. They always found time to entertain many friends and relatives.

I remember going to Szypenitz Church with grandfather in a horse-drawn buggy. He was a very generous man and a great story-teller.

My parents William and Mary Eliuk were community-minded people. They were members of the Szypenitz Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church and later attended Two Hills Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church. In 1965, William and Mary retired to Two Hills.

They raised eight children, three sons and five daughters.

George and Alex passed away in infancy.

Rose of Calgary, married Nick Salyha and they have three sons.

Nick married Rose Rosychuk and they have one son and twin daughters. They live on the family homestead.

Mary married Andy Olineck of Lavoy and they have one son and three daughters.

Vicky of Two Hills married William Pundick and they have two daughters.

Margaret, who married John Suliak, lives in Calgary. They have three sons.

Ann of Edmonton, married Brian Deneen and to them were born two daughters and one son.

William passed away on February 12, 1970, and Mary on November 14, 1983.

Pictured above are Mary and William Eliuk with their five daughters: Mary, Marg, Vicky, Rose, and Anne (Olivia), 1967.

ELIUK, Nick and Rosa (nee Rosychuk)

Nick, son of William and Mary Eliuk, was born in Vegreville on December 10, 1921. He attended school in Two Hills to Grade VIII. At the age of 16, he left school

Pictured above are Nick G. Eluik and family - Nick and Rosa Eluik, Don and Adella Eluik and daughters, Dieter and Gloria Lehmann and sons, Gladys Rauschenberger and sons, 1982. (Gary is missing).

to farm with his dad.

In 1942, he went to work in the shipyards of Prince Rupert, B.C. A year later, he married Rosa Rosychuk, and both continued to farm. To supplement their farming operation, Nick was employed at the Chemical Plant in Duvernay from 1954 to 1972.

Nick and Rosa have three children, one son and twin daughters.

Don and Adella live in Prince Rupert, B.C., where Don is employed by the city. They have four children: Mary Anne, Nicole, Krista, and Teolya.

Gladys married Garhart Rauschenberger, a refrigeration engineer. They have two sons, Darby and Michael, and live in Port Edward, B.C., where Gladys teaches school.

Gloria married Dieter Lehmann, owner of Shefield and Sons Tobacconists. They have two sons, Jason and Derek, and live in Abbotsford, B.C. Gloria works for the family firm.

ELIUK, Steve (1888-1956) and Domka (nee Soprovich)

by George Eliuk

My father, the oldest in the family of Giorgi and Eftima Eliuk, immigrated to Canada in 1901, from Shypynci, Bukovina region of the Ukraine. The Eliuks spelled their name "Iliuk" in the old country and it was in Canada that the name was changed.

Father, Steve Eliuk, had four brothers and two sisters: Sam, Adam, Wasyl, Todor, Jenny (Fegirchuk), and Mary (Lozaruk).

The family settled on their homestead (SW 1/4 20-55-13-W4th) in the Hairy Hill area. At the age of 14, my father had to leave home and work to save enough money to buy himself a $10. homestead. Father worked on the railway in the Lethbridge-Calgary area. He also worked on the C.N.R. when it came through Vegreville.

In 1905, my father bought a homestead in the Hairy Hill-Kaleland area (SE 1/4 6-55-13-W4th). The homestead was situated on the east side of Watt's Lake and the Hairy Hill Post Office and store, ten miles distant, was on the west side. About 1912, a new post office named Island Lake, was established only two miles north of our place. However, the post office was short lived, closing in about 1915 or 1916. When Wattsford Post Office was established in 1919, on (NE 1/4 10-54-13-W4th), we obtained our mail there. The post-mistress there was Mrs. Robert Taylor. When the Kaleland Post Office was opened in 1929, the Wattsford service was discontinued.

Steve Eliuk married Domka Soprovich in 1910. Their first home was a two-room mud-plastered, log house. One room without a ceiling and only a mud-plastered floor was used for storage. The living room had a mud-plastered ceiling and two small windows.

They built a four-room frame house a few years later. Steve and Domka Eliuk raised a family of four sons and two daughters: William of Two Hills; George, Tom, Andrew, and Mary (Hutzkal) of Vegreville; and Helen (Toma) of Willingdon who is deceased.

When the Municipal District of Eagle was established in 1918, Steve Eliuk was elected councillor of Division two in which he resided. He was also elected as the first reeve of the municipality and held this position for a number of years.

I remember father saying that road building equipment at that time consisted of a single-furrow road plow and two and four horse fresnos. Daily wages were $3. per team of four horses and $2.50 for the foreman. In most cases the earnings were applied on the taxes which in 1918 were levied eight to ten cents per acre. These kept increasing to about 40¢ per acre in 1929-1930. During the hungry thirties, many farmers could not pay their taxes and some lost their land.

Steve Eliuk was involved in the Wattsford and Kaleland School districts where he served as trustee and chairman for a number of years.

Steve often recalled when he and many others helped build the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in 1916.

In 1922, he was one of the first residents to buy a car in the district (a Ford) and often found himself driving neighbors on urgent business trips.

About 1928, he was also the first in the district to buy a

Steve and Domka Eliuk, 1952

radio. Neighbors for miles around came over on Sundays to listen to the magic box produce music and give the latest news. For many people it was the first time they heard a radio, which in those years, produced more screeching than actual sound.

Steve and Domka Eliuk retired from farming in 1946, and moved to the Village of Hairy Hill. Steve passed away in 1956, after a lengthy bout with cancer.

At the time of writing (April 1984), mother at age 92, is living in the Vegreville Nursing Hospital.

ELIUK, George and Sarah (nee Hutscal)

I, George Eliuk, was born in May, 1916, to the parents Steve and Domka Eliuk of the Kaleland area. In 1923, I started attending Wattsford School which was situated on the NE 1/4 29-54-13-W4th. We lived four miles from school to which my brothers and I walked daily in the summertime. During the first two years I went to school, our vacations were in July and January so that we didn't have to attend school during the coldest part of the winter. Our one-room school housed 65 Grade I-VIII pupils. Double desks and big pot-bellied stoves that burned either coal or wood were seen in most of the schools at this time.

The school room was very cold in the winter and dusty from ashes, quite often it was very smoky as well. Most of the time, we had no water, sports equipment, or indoor toilets. Our classrooms were equipped with a big two-inch-wide strap and a hardwood yardstick which most teachers used for discipline. During my days in the one-room school, some of the teachers resorted to extensive use of the strap and yardstick to make good citizens of us. However, we respected our teachers.

During one lunch hour one of the pupils sighted a team of oxen, hitched to a wagon loaded with boxes and heading towards the school. It was a hot summer day and the oxen, who apparently were thirsty and tired, pulled the wagon straight into the slough with the driver hollering and trying to stop them. When lunch hour was over the oxen were still resting in the slough.

In 1927-28, when the C.P.R. arrived, the Village of Kaleland was established just one mile north of the Wattsford School. There was an immediate need for a bigger school as there were children from town to accommodate and the board planned for a new two-room school which would include Grades IX and X.

I remember attending a general meeting of ratepayers at which time they had to decide whether they should have Grades IX and X taught in their new school. There were many pros and cons. Those against higher education said that sons were needed at home to help on the farm. They said that their sons would never become preachers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, or other professional people.

Girls did not go to work after finishing school. Most of them stayed home till they got married. Also a bigger school meant higher taxes and more wages for teachers. Finally a two-room school to include Grades IX and X was approved. The new Wattsford School, later renamed Kaleland, was built one mile north of the old school and opened in 1929. After completing my Grade X in Kaleland School, I went to Hairy Hill School for some of

George and Sarah Eliuk, 1953

my high school.

Quitting school in 1934, I helped on my parents' farm until I married Sarah Hutscal of Boian in 1939. We bought a farm, NW 1/4 34-55-14-W4th, which was four miles south of Hairy Hill. In 1946, we sold the farm and bought another farm, NW 1/4 8-55-13-W4th, which is four miles east of Hairy Hill. To supplement farm income, I worked as shipper for the Hairy Hill Livestock Co-op Association for 14 years. I also worked for the Hairy Hill Co-op Store for two years. In 1973, we retired from farming and moved to Vegreville, where I worked for the government for eight years.

We raised a family of two boys and one girl: Walter who married Gloria Babiuk lives on the family farm at Hairy Hill; Stanley married Judy Bidulock and lives on a farm at Warwick. He is a teacher and a farmer and has taught in Edmonton, Two Hills, and Vegreville; Iris married Ray Cadin, a denturist, who lives in Sherwood Park.

ELIUK, William S. and Katie (nee Marusiak)

I was born to Steve and Domka Eliuk on a farm located at SE 1/4 6-55-13-W4th. At that time we had a two-room mud-plastered log house. I still remember the bed mattress which consisted of straw or hay.

In the spring of 1919, I started attending the Berehomet School located on the northeast corner of NE 1/4 24-55-14-W4th. The school was two miles east of the present town of Hairy Hill. I lived with my grandparents, George and Eftima Eliuk. At first I didn't know any English. I attended school only in the summer because there were no classes during the winter.

In the spring of 1921, I walked three miles to the Wattsford School which was located on the northeast corner of NE 1/4 29-54-13-W4th. At this school, we had a one month vacation in July and January. I attended school until 1927, then decided to stay home to help my father on the farm.

William and Katie Eliuk, 1946

On July 16, 1933, I married Katie Marusiak, who was from the Kahwin district. In 1934, we decided to farm on our own and bought a quarter of land, NE 1/4 31-54-13-W4th. It was here that the family began to arrive. First Lena in 1934, then Jean in 1935, Nadia in 1936, and finally Eddy in 1938. He passed away in 1945. We had a three-room log house plastered with mud. All the girls went to the Kaleland School which was located at NW 1/4 33-54-13-W4th. They had to walk two miles to school and in cold winter days, I had to drive them by sleigh.

Finally, our children grew up and went their own ways: Lena married Nick Russ; Jean married Harry Krawchuk; and Nadia married Mike Kitt.

In the spring of 1945, I started to work part-time for the Municipal District of Eagle, maintaining roads. In 1948, I started to work full-time for the Municipal District of Eagle. In 1951, we moved to the Town of Two Hills and rented a two-room shack for $20. a month. Later we purchased a home of our own.

Nadia, Lena and Jean Eliuk, with their pet calf which they pail fed, 1939

In 1952, I worked as road foreman for the County of Two Hills. In the winter I worked as a mechanic overhauling machinery. I continued working here until my retirement in the spring of 1979.

My wife and I like travelling in the summer and ice-fishing in the winter.

ELIUK, Peter and Vaselka

by Fiona Ripka (granddaughter)

Peter and Vaselka Eliuk, along with their two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth came to Canada in 1901. These pioneers were born in Shypynci, Bukovina. Arriving in Alberta, they settled in the Szypenitz district where they bought a homestead for $10. and started farming. This land had a lot of bush and rock which was cleared with a 12-inch brush breaker pulled by oxen. With very little money, they had to keep on struggling.

To house their family, they built a log mud house which had a straw roof and mud-plastered floor.

People settled in groups at this time so they could share their work, food or whatever was needed. To plough the land, one would use oxen. Often other neighbors would offer a steer just to get the work done. People made their own cloth on a loom and sewed their own clothing by hand. Often dresses and shirts were made from sugar and flour bags.

Food consisted of wild meat, prairie chicken, partridges, and berries. A patch of land was prepared where a little garden and some wheat was grown. Wheat was ground into flour and this improved their staple diet.

Peter and Vaselka Eliuk, circa 1945

As there were no roads, people followed the trails on foot to Edmonton, a long and difficult journey resulting in many blisters and aching feet.

The return trip was made via the North Saskatchewan River on rafts built of planks. Purchases would be secured and readied for the slow journey home. After reaching their destination, the rafts would be dismantled and the lumber used for construction of buildings.

Religion played an important role in the lives of the pioneers. Their spiritual beliefs provided strong family bonds and a better neighborly understanding. Social gatherings were prevalent at the Eliuk's residence before a hall was built. The district hall, when built, provided recreational and social outlets. The nearby school allowed their children to obtain an essential education. The store, blacksmith shop, and the Kaleland post office fulfilled the everyday needs of these pioneers. As the years passed by, life was less difficult for our hard-working people.

The Eliuks raised six children and a grandson, Bill Rusnak.

Mary married Nick Rusnak; Elizabeth married William Ewasiuk of Two Hills; Jennie was wed to Dick Ruptash of Vegreville; Pearl married Bill Basaraba of Hairy Hill; Rose married Peter Ewanciw of Edmonton; and Charlie married Olga Kushniruk of Edmonton.

In later years, after giving the farm to their son Charles, Peter and Vaselka retired to Hairy Hill.

Vaselka passed away on May 12, 1960, and Peter on December 9, 1961.

ELUIK, Andrew and Medoria (nee Stefanetz)

Medoria Eluik was born on March 18, 1929, at Duvernay. She attended Szypenitz School.

On January 28, 1946, Medoria was married to Andrew Eluik of Hairy Hill. They have two children: Terry and Ken.

Terry married Jeanette Skorieko and they have two children. The Eluiks are presently living in Fort Saskatchewan.

Ken married Ann Nakonechny and also raised two children. The family presently lives in Edmonton.

Andrew and Medoria farmed at Hairy Hill until 1963. They then bought some land in the Andrew area. In 1978, they moved to Vegreville, where they made their home.

Medoria is a sales clerk while Andrew continues to farm in the Vegreville area.

Andrew and Medoria Eluik, 1977

ELKOW, Alex and Maria (nee Lyzanchuk)

by Mike Elkow

In the early 1900s, Alex and his parents, brothers and sisters, and Maria with her parents, brothers and sisters, arrived in Canada from the Ukraine.

Alex was the oldest son of Wasyl and Vasyllina Elkow. His brothers were Andrew, Nikifor, and Dmetro. His sisters were Helen, Anna and Mary.

Alex's wife, Maria was the second daughter of Fred and Nancy Lyzanchuk. Her brothers were John, Mike, Bill and Joseph. Her sisters were Annie, Sophie and Jessie.

In 1905, Alex applied for his homestead, which was located just one and a half miles from his parents' place.

As the applicant had to show improvements on the homestead, Alex started to clear the land for seeding and erected a house, barn, and other buildings. As was the custom at that time, the neighbors would help each other. They came to help him build the house. Because the buildings were of log construction, they cut down 35 to 40-foot-long trees. Neighbors showed Alex how to build a big house so that not many logs were wasted. Alex told them he did not need a big house because he would not have many children. However, when Alex married Maria Lyzanchuk, they were blessed with 14 children:

John lives in Two Hills.

Annie married Dmytro Dadensky of Two Hills and raised two children, Paul and Esther.

William married Daisy Kozakewich. They live in Edmonton and have three children: Stanley, Janet and Patricia.

Mike married Pearl Mandrusiak. They live in Edmonton with their three children: Brian, Lillian and Noreen.

Pearl married George Werenka and resides in Edmonton. The Werenkas have six children: Thomas, Maxine, Jeanette, Marianne, Angeline and Daniel.

Isabelle married Mike Topolinski and resides in Two Hills. They have two children, Donald and Marlene.

Andrew married Rose Nahamko and they are living on the homestead. They have five children: Debbie, Linda, Dellas, Chrisanne and Shelley.

Dmytro makes his home in Edmonton.

Nettie and her daughter, Kathie, live in Edmonton.

Sophie married Wilfrid McLean. They reside in Thedford, Ontario. They have six children: Daniel, Dianne, Lorraine, Louis, James and Susanne.

Victoria married William Diakiw of Edmonton. They have two children, Garry and Joanne.

Esther married Alex Mandrusiak. They have two children, Barbara and Barry. After Alex's death, Esther moved to Edmonton.

Joseph married Sandra Fedorak, and they reside in Vegreville. They have four children: Elizabeth, Joe, Kenneth, and David.

Marshall married Josie Sokoluk. They have two sons, Jeffrey and James. Their home is Edmonton.

In 1910, these early pioneers built a one-room school, half a mile from Alex Elkow's place and named it Nizir after the place most of the pioneers came from in the Ukraine. Until the year the schools were centralized, Alex and Maria's children attended Nizir School.

ELKOW, Nikifor and Helen (nee Kordosky)

by Steve Elkow

Nikifor Elkow was born in Bukovina, Ukraine. He came to Canada as a little boy at age of seven, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wasyl Elkow. They settled on NE 11-55-12-W4th. In his boyhood days he had to go out and work for his living, mostly on railroad construction projects.

Later in life, at about the age of 21, he acquired the SE 5-55-11-W4th homestead. On May 30, 1915, he married Helen Kordosky and established a home at the above-described homestead. Helen Kordosky, after getting married to Nikifor Elkow, lived only about half a mile away from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kordosky, and her two brothers, William and George Kordosky, and four sisters (one of whom was her twin sister, Lena Lazinchuk).

Nykyfor and Helen Elkow, shortly after their marriage, May 30, 1915

Together, Nikifor and Helen worked very hard on their homestead, cutting trees,opening up land, putting up buildings, and raising a family.

Their family consisted of two sons and four daughters: Joseph (deceased), Steven who is farming in the Willingdon district at present, Mary (Mrs. Kupchenko), Alice (Mrs. Hancheruk), Sophie (Mrs. Lychak), Nadia (Mrs. Kupchenko).

Mr. and Mrs. Elkow, although they were very much occupied with their farming, also had sidelines. Nikifor operated a blacksmith shop on his farm where he did a lot of work for neighbors miles around. Helen was lucky to purchase a sewing machine in those early days. She not only did all the sewing for her family, but she also sewed for her neighbors as well. Whenever immigrants came to Canada, they always used to come to the farmers looking for jobs. The Elkows would accommodate them and offer them food until they were ready to move on again.

Nykyfor and Helen Elkow with M.L.A. Mr. Melnyk on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, 1965

Nikifor Elkow was a great sportsman. He liked hunting, horseback riding, and hunting with his beautiful hound dogs. He also was a nature lover who loved to watch plants grow, picked various berries, and mushrooms. Helen Elkow loved gardening, cooking, and baking for the family. She always believed in home-cooked meals and baked various types of delicious breads in a clay oven.

In 1929, Nikifor Elkow bought his first car. It meant a lot to the family, as he took them out to various places, especially on Sundays. Neighbors appreciated the car too, especially in time of sickness. Often Nikifor took sick people to the Vegreville hospital which was the closest medical centre in those days.

In 1964, together with their family and friends, Nikifor and Helen celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

A couple of years later, they retired to the Town of Two Hills. They lived in their home until May 20, 1982, when Nikifor passed away. Helen Elkow carried on by herself until she passed away on February 24, 1984.

ELKO (Ilkiw), Fred (Fedir) and Wasylina (nee Kostiuk)

Fred, son of Peter and Tekenia Elko, was born in 1870, in the Village of Nazirna, County of Kolomea, Province of Halychina, Ukraine. Fred married Wasylina, daughter of Peter and Rosie Kostiuk. Wasylina was born in 1876, in the neighboring Village of Kobilitz. Neither Fred or Wasylina had an opportunity to attend school.

To escape the oppression and exploitation that existed in the Ukraine at that time, Fred and Wasylina, with their daughters, Mary (four) and Annie (two), left for Canada on Easter day, in 1902. They were accompanied by Mike and Anna Dowhaniuk and their three children: Maxim, Wasiuta, and Nick. (Anna Dowhaniuk and Wasylina Elko were sisters.)

After the two families arrived in Strathcona (South Edmonton), they were transported by an oxen-drawn wagon to Wostok. Here, they were provided with food and shelter by pioneers who were established in this area. After settling in a one-room house, the two brothers-in-

Wasylina and Fred Elko, shortly after their arrived in Canada, circa 1905

law sought work, leaving their wives to take care of the children.

In 1904, Fred Elko and Mike Dowhaniuk acquired homesteads in the Two Hills area. Fred dug a number of wells but was unable to get water. As a result, he abandoned his homestead and moved to SE 36-54-12-W4th, in the Musidora district, where the Fred Elko family was established.

Fred worked on the railroad (extra gang) in the southern part of Alberta. After working he took the train to Strathcona, bought a few staple groceries at the general store, and started to walk home.

Almost every cent Fred earned was spent to purchase basic requirements for the farm: a cow, pig, a few chickens, team of horses, and simple farm implements.

In 1909, a one-room school was built one and one half miles from Elko's pioneer home. It was named Nizir, after the Village Nizirna in the old country. Fred Elko served on the Nizir School Board on numerous occasions. The school was in operation for only one month in its first year. Later, the teachers were available only during the summer months.

By the year 1917, through hard work, farming for the Elko family became more bearable. However, in 1918, a heavy July frost destroyed all crops. In 1919, the "flu" epidemic took the life of Fred and Wasylina's fourth daughter, Katerina. The same year, there was a complete crop failure due to drought. This resulted in shortage of feed for cattle. Almost all winter, Fred, with the help of his older children, purchased and hauled straw from farmers in the Willingdon area. In spring of 1920, about half of the cows died while calving. In 1927, Fred made arrangements with a contractor to supply feed for mules and horses working on the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Wasylina contributed her share by boarding over 30 laborers for over a month.

With the coming of the railway, Fred no longer had to haul his grain to Vegreville. Soon he bought more land and with the help of his wife and grown up family, became a progressive and successful farmer.

Fred was one of the original members of the Musidora Ukrainian Orthodox Church. He also helped to organize and build the Adam Kotsko Ukrainian National Home in Musidora. A supporter of the Taras Shevchenko Bursa at Vegreville, he was also a member in good standing of the Mychailo Hrushewsky Institute in Edmonton.

After a hard life, which pioneers experienced, Fred passed away on October 9, 1946, at the age of 76. Shortly after Wasylina Elko bought a house in Two Hills, where she lived until she passed away on October 31, 1963, at the age of 87.

Fred and Wasylina Elko were blessed with nine children, and 41 grandchildren:

Mary married John Chrapko and they had nine children.

Annie married Woytick Harasewich and raised three children. Annie lives in Two Hills.

Dora married Harry Hryniw and they had six children.

Mike married Annie Tymchyshyn and they had four children. Mike lives at Sherwood Park.

Bill married Mary J. Elkow. They had five children. Mary lives in Two Hills.

Peter, who lives in Ft. McLeod, has five children.

John married Kay Nahaiowski and now lives in Edmonton. They have two children.

Rosie married Mike Pawluski and presently lives in Vernon, British Columbia. They have four children.

Katie married Louis Kutt. They have three children. Katie and Louis live in Edmonton.

Fred and Wasylina Elko celebrating their Golden wedding anniversary, 1944

ELKO, John Frederick and Katherine (nee Nahaiowski)

John, raised in a family of three brothers and five sisters, was the youngest son of Fred and Wasylina Elko. He was born on June 2, 1914, in the Musidora area. John attended Nizir School, one and one half miles from the home place and enjoyed the country, especially the beautiful lake on the farm where he and his friends swam and skated.

John graduated in 1929, from Nizir School, with a Grade VIII diploma, but remained on the farm. He soon

John and Kay Elko, 1982

Dennis and Nelda Elko with their children Carmen and Gregory, 1982

realized that farming was hard work and not profitable, especially during the "hungry 30s".In the winter of 1930, with a little encouragement from the local school teacher, and with the money he made from trapping weasels and muskrats and playing in the dance orchestra, John began studying during his spare time. In 1931, he passed the examinations and after harvesting and threshing, his father made arrangements for him to attend the newly-built Two Hills High School.

After graduating from Two Hills High School in 1934, John prepared himself to become a farmer. However, his parents raised $600. to send him to Camrose Normal School where he received his teaching certificate. In 1935, he began teaching Grades I to IX, at Beatty School in the Innisfree area. His salary was $700. a year. In 1938, when Vegreville School Division was formed, John became principal of the two-room Myroslawna School, where he taught Grades VII to XI for four years.

John enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in the summer of 1940, but taught until the end of the 1942 school term. A war injury caused him to be hospitalized.

After convalescing at the Edmonton University Hospital for over a month, John was hired by C.F.R.N. Radio where he worked for two years. While working there, he met Katherine Nahaiowski whom he married on November 21, 1944.

Kay (Katherine), the fourth of 11 children, raised by Mathew and Anna Nahaiowski, was born on November 15, 1921, on a farm three and a half miles east of Thorhild. While in Thorhild High School, Kay worked after school and on weekends, at the local General Store. She was able to support herself and her younger brothers and sisters financially. On graduating from High School, she obtained a full time job at Walk-Rite in Edmonton.

In the summer of 1945, John and Kay decided to rent a building and start their own radio and electric business in Two Hills. John repaired and built radio receivers and public address amplifiers. In the summer of 1946, their own shop with living quarters at the back, was built.

The Elkos were the first residents of Two Hills to install their own television receiver.

In 1967, the family sold their business and moved to Edmonton where John found employment with the Alberta Government, Apprenticeship Training Branch. He enjoyed the challenging responsibility of developing and updating the apprenticeship-trade-training programs and examinations. John retired in 1979.

During the 22 years that John and Kay lived in Two Hills, they were both active in numerous community organizations. They were members and regularly attended the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church. John served as president of the Two Hills Chamber of Commerce, Minor Baseball Association, and Royal Canadian Legion. In 1967, he was presented with a Legion Life Membership by the Two Hills Branch No.237. John was also an active member of the Two Hills Elks Lodge, Curling and Hockey Clubs.

Kay was an active member of the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association, Royal Purple, Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Home and School Association and Ladies' Curling Club. She was instrumental in the organization of the Two Hills School Band.

Bill and Lynn Elko and their family - Chrystal, Tyson and Chad, 1984

Shortly after John and Kay moved to Edmonton for retirement, they joined the Ukrainian Orthodox St. Andrew's Parish.

Kay and John were blessed with two sons.

Dennis married Nelda Jensen. They have two children, Carmen Denise and Gregory Neil. Dennis, who lives in Lloydminster, works for Dome Petroleum.

Bill married Lynn Newman. They have three children: Chad William, Tyson William, and Crystal Dawn. Bill works for Industrial Power of Edmonton. He and his family reside at Fort Saskatchewan.

ELKO, Mike F. and Anne (nee Tymchyshyn)

I, Mike F. Elko, oldest son of Fedor and Wasylina Elko, was born on November 19, 1904, on the homestead at Pozerville, now known as Two Hills. At that time I had three older sisters.

When I was old enough to go to school, the school was open for only one month of the year. I attended the Nizir School at the age of eight years. My schooling stopped after two years because I was needed to help on the farm. My younger brothers and sisters attended school much longer.

In 1918, during the flu epidemic when many people became sick, my sister died. I wasn't feeling well for only one day, so I helped six of our neighbors who were farmers, with their chores while they were sick.

Mike and Anne Elko, March 7, 1929

In 1920, I went to work in the Camrose area to earn a bit of money. The pay was 45 cents an hour with the extra gang. When I saved enough money, I bought a violin and learned to play it. Later that year I worked on irrigation ditches at Brooks, Alberta. Later, I worked at Coleman Lumber Camp, loading mine props. Then I returned home to help my dad on the farm. In 1923, I went to work on the railroad at Brooks. I also worked on the dam eight miles northwest of Brooks. Next I worked for the C.P.R. east of Kerrobert, Saskatchewan.

Once again I returned home to assist with the farming. I stayed home until I bought my land in the Morecambe area in 1925 from the British Dominion Land Co. With the help of my relatives and friends, we built a house and started clearing some land to put in a crop. It was hard work and the progress was slow, but it was worth it. Everyone helped each other to get started in those days.

When I bought land, there was a school on it named Sherran School. The teacher was a Miss Homenuik. When I was threshing my first crop she brought the children out to watch how it was done. The school was closed in 1929, when a school was built in Morecambe. The last teacher at Sherran School before it closed was Mr. Smith.

Morecambe had a two-room school; Mr. Tomyn and Mr. Kwasnatsia were teachers there when it opened in 1929. In later years, my children attended Morecambe School.

In 1929, I married Anne Tymchyshyn, daughter of Anton and Marenka Tymchyshyn who lived one mile east of my dad's homestead.

We had our hardships as all the people had in those days. Of our five children, our oldest son, Walter, died as a baby in 1931.

Anne and I were always active in church activities and

The Mike Elko family photo taken at Mike and Anne's 50th wedding anniversary, 1979. Back row, (L to R) - Ernie, Tony, Jim, Tom, Alexander, Joe, Gordon, Doug; third row - Cathie, Ray, Doreen, Alice; second row - Ernie, Jo Anne, Mike, Chris; front row - Tammy, Maureen, James and Donna.

community functions by taking parts in different drama plays in the early days. We were both on the executive in men's and ladies' clubs, and always helped when functions were on. I was a school trustee from 1935-1940.

I bought my first tractor in 1938, which made our work on the farm a little easier. Friends and neighbors often got together for dances which were held in granaries. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

In later years we went on many trips west to Vancouver and Victoria, and east to Toronto, Ottawa and Niagara Falls. We went to Peace River, and once our son took us to Fort McMurray. We also went on a trip to Europe with a sister and her husband to visit some of our cousins. Anne went on some trips to the States and to the Holy Land and Rome.

After retiring from the farm, we lived in Fort Saskatchewan for ten years, then moved to the Senior Citizens apartment in Sherwood Park. My wife Anne died June 21, 1983.

Our oldest daughter Alice married Alexander Krewenchuk. Their family consists of: Jim, Tom, Ernie, Tammy, Donna, and Chris. They live in Sherwood Park.

Josephine married Ray Boratynec. Their children are: Gordon, Douglas, Doreen, Tony, and grandson Joshua. They live in Fort Saskatchewan. Joseph lives in Beauvallon. Ernie married Cathie Hickey. Their children are named James and Maureen. They live in Edmonton.

I have four children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

ELKOW, John and Mary A. (nee Gushnowski)

Our father, John Elkow, was born and raised in the Musidora area, where his parents, Andrew and Ann Elkow, farmed. He came from a family of four brothers and four sisters.

On October 17, 1937, he married our mother, Mary of Plain Lake. Her parents, Joseph and Pearl Gushnowski, farmed at Plain Lake. She has one sister and two brothers.

After marriage they started farming on their own about two miles south of Musidora, where they still live. For a start all they had was three cows, two pigs, two horses, and some machinery. As well, they had a blacksmith shop behind the summer house. They lived in a two-room plastered house. For heating they used a coal heater and wood stove, and a coal oil lamp for lighting.

Their main source of transportation was by horse and buggy in summer and in the winter it was by a horse drawn caboose. All the farm machinery was horse-drawn.

Mother raised chickens, turkeys, ducks, and a few geese. Groceries were bought at Musidora, a small hamlet of three stores, in one of which was located the post office. Sometimes, we, older children, would walk to this little hamlet to pick up the mail and buy a few groceries.

Our parents' first car was a 1928 Pontiac. Their first tractor was a McCormick, on steel wheels. As years went by they bought more land. Then came power, telephone, and a new and bigger house.

Mary and John Elkow celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary, 1982

The three older children attended the little one-room Franko School. Father furnished wood for this school during the winter months. Often we helped him with the wood. In winter, the children living a distance from the school, came in horse-drawn cutters, and the horses were sheltered in a small barn. In 1954, the children were bussed to the Two Hills School. Recently the Franko school was moved to the Ukrainian Village, east of Edmonton.

Our parents raised eight children, who are all married. The oldest, Iris, married Marshall Maik. They live in Edmonton and have one son and one daughter, who is married to Bernie Pooke. Joe, the oldest son, married Cecile Tarapaski. They reside in Two Hills and have two children. Lillian is married to Walter Cymbaluk. They live on a farm south of Two Hills and have two children. Rose married Nestor Ambrock. They have two children and live in Edmonton. Darlene married Leonard Kozak. They live in Edmonton and have two children. Elsie married Jim Yeremiy. They also live in Edmonton and

John Elkow family, 1982. Back row, (L to R) - Joanne, Elsie, Darlene, Rose, Iris, Lillian; front row - John, John (Father), Mary (Mother) and Joe.

have two children. The youngest son, John married Sheryl Gorgichuk. They reside in Edmonton and have one child. Joanne, the youngest of the family, married Allan Musiyowski. They live with their three sons on an acreage south of Musidora.

Our parents are never lonely, as someone is visiting them just about every weekend. This includes their 13 grandchildren.

ELKOW, Mike and Mary P. (nee Mandrusiak)

Mike P. Elkow was born in Nazirna, Western Ukraine. He was 12 years old when his parents, Peter and Mary, immigrated to Canada in 1905, arriving by boat in Montreal. They settled just east of Musidora.

In 1902, Mary Mandrusiak came to Canada with her parents. John and Helen also came from Nazirna, Western Ukraine. After spending a few weeks in Montreal, the Mandrusiaks came to Alberta and settled in the Wostok area. Four years later they moved to Musidora and settled on land four miles south of the hamlet. On June 10, 1921, two years after this move was made, Mike and Mary (nee Mandrusiak) were married. They had seven children, of which two, Pearl and Annie are deceased. The others are:

Mary, who married Mac Paulichuk of St. Paul

Helen, who married Nick Kupchenko of Two Hills

Emily, who married Steve Serna of Two Hills

Olga, who married Edward (Bud) Syniuga of Edmonton

Benny, the only son, who married Olga Ewanishan, and they now reside in Edmonton.

Mike and Mary farmed south of Musidora for a few years and then decided to go into business. Mary stayed on the farm while Mike operated a grocery store in Morecambe. The farm work proved to be too much for Mary and they decided to move the store to Musidora. At this time they built the store of stone and it still stands in Musidora. Not long after this move was made, they rented out their farm land and Mary moved to Musidora to live with her husband and help operate the store. The farm was sold later.

Mike and Mary were very strong and sincere church members and were also very active in their community.

The Elkows lived in Musidora for a number of years before deciding to sell their business and retire to Edmonton. After spending a few short years there, they were tired of all the hustle-n-bustle and built a house in Vegreville.

Shortly after they moved to Vegreville, Mike P. Elkow passed away. Mary remained in Vegreville for some time, then sold the house and moved to Two Hills so she could be closer to her family and to her friends and neighbors.

Mike was president for a number of years of the Musidora Ukrainian Orthodox Church and was also its choir director.

He was also president of Ivan Kotlarewski National Hall for a number of years. He prepared and directed plays and dramas, staging them in various neighboring halls thus raising money for the Musidora Church and Hall.

Mike P. Elkow family, 1957. Back row, (L to R) - Steve Serna, Bud Synuiga, Mac Paulichuk, Nick Kupchenko; middle row - Emily Serna, Olga Synuiga, Mary and Mike P. Elkow, Mary Paulichuk, Helen Kupchenko; front row - grandchildren Linda Serna, Donna Synuiga, Tarras Paulichuk, Rosemarie Serna, Orest Paulichuk, and Pat Kupchenko.

ELKOW, Nick J. and Maria

by Maria Elkow

Nick J. Elkow was born on June 12, 1918, to Ivan and Elena Elkow (nee Laschowski) of Musidora. After completing grade school at Chornik and Morecombe Schools, Nick continued to help his parents on the farm. On March 4, 1948, he married Maria Mandrusiak of Musidora and in July of that same year he obtained a job with the C.P.R. at Myrnam. Being a section-man was not an easy task, causing Nick and his family to move quite often. At times living conditions were unbearable but the family had to make adjustments.

Maria, the oldest daughter of Myhailo O. and Anna Mandrusiak, was born in Plain Lake, on April 4, 1926. At the age of four, Maria was orphaned when her mother passed away after a brief illness. Maria could not understand the confusing reality of the tragedy and this left a devastating imprint on her mind that life would never be the same. However, this burden was somewhat eased when Maria's aunt became her step-mother.

Maria attended Fránko School where her teachers were

Maria and Nick Elkow's 35th wedding anniversary, with grandchildren, 1983

Nick J. Elkow family, 1985. Back row, (L to R) - Albert and Marilyn Elkow, Shirlee and Johnny Skoreyko, John and Holly Sue Skoreyko, Gerry and Judy Wilson, Halyna and Dennis Elkow; front row - David, Nick J., and Toma Paul Elkow, Allan and Elana Wilson, Maria and Christy-Lei Elkow.

Mr. Masciuch and Alice Hannochko. Maria's hope to become a nurse failed, when she had to leave school to take care of her younger brothers and sisters.

After their marriage, Nick and Maria lived for a short time with Nick's mother. Shortly after, they moved to Myrnam and then to ten other places in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Nick's final job transfer was to Edmonton where he worked for the C.P.R. until his retirement. On January 1, 1984, Nick and Maria decided to leave the busy city life and restore the family roots on the old homestead where Maria was born and raised, just four miles south of Musidora.

Nick and Maria had four children:

Gloria Shirlee, born June 7, 1945, married Johnny Skoreyko of Andrew on March 7, 1970. They have two children: Holly Sue and John William. Johnny is proprietor of Prince Charles Hotel in Lloydminster. In 1967, Shirlee was sponsored by the Two Hills Lions Club in Miss Canada Beauty Pageant contest. She was crowned Miss North-eastern Alberta. This gave her the opportunity to act as hostess for Expo-1967 and travel to different countries as well as to receive many gifts.

Dennis, who was born on December 30, 1948, married Halyna Prokopchuk of Edmonton on August 7, 1971. They have one son, Toma Paul. Dennis is general manager of Steel Craft Manufacturing Company in Edmonton.

Because of his dancing talent, Dennis joined the Shumka dancers in 1965. After travelling across Canada and to many countries, performing Ukrainian dancing, Dennis and Halyna established the Ukrainian dancing school in Two Hills in 1968 and continued to teach dancing until 1973.

Elbert William was born January 12, 1958. After marrying Marilyn Height of Nova Scotia, on October 29, 1980, the couple was blessed with two children: Christy-Lei Aleby, and David Michael. Elbert is manager of Carpets Complete business.

Daughter Judy was born on August 10, 1955, married Gerry Wilson of Vermilion, on January 29, 1976. They have two children: Allen James and Elena May. Gerry is employed by the Ultra Light Aircraft firm as an agent and instructor.

ELKOW, Steve J. and Ann (nee Kolisniak)

Ann Kolisniak was born on January 6, 1920, the first child of Andrew and Helen Kolisniak of Musidora. When Ann's parents moved to the farm of Andrew's parents, Wasyl and Wsylena Kolisniak, she had to walk three miles to complete her year at Chornik School. The following year, Ann went to Russia School, two miles south of her home. Mr. W. Mosciuch was her teacher. The school name was later changed to Franko School and Ann completed her Grade VIII there.

Ann then stayed home to help her parents with the numerous farm chores. Jobs were very hard to come by at this time and wages for manual labor were as low as $5. per month.

On October 23, 1938, Ann married Louis Lysakowski, son of Mike and Pearl Lysakowski of Musidora. The newly-weds lived with Louis' parents for three years, and then moved to their own farm only half a mile away. Ann's parents gave them three cows and Louis' parents provided them with cattle and horses, as well.

For the next six years, Louis and Ann worked hard and their farm prospered. They had acquired a herd of cattle and enjoyed bountiful crops. Louis however, decided he had to give up farming due to his health problems, and go into business. The farm was sold to Peter Sorochan for $900. and the machinery and other goods were auctioned off. Louis and Ann raised $5000. with which they purchased the Red and White Store in Beauvallon. Starting a business was no easy task without the conveniences we enjoy today. There was no electrical power and as a result, no proper refrigeration; Louis had to cut blocks of ice in winter, and haul them to an ice-house, where he packed them in sawdust. This enabled them to keep meat and ice-cream during the summer months.

Passenger trains at this time came in three times from Edmonton and three times from the east, every week. Fresh meats, vegetables, fruits, and groceries arrived every second day. Farmers came to town to ship cream by rail as well as to buy their groceries and socialize. Everyday there were buggies, wagons, sleighs, and cutters on the street. The barn in town, which as a matter of fact, was located right on the main street, was filled with teams of horses as was the market square. Beauvallon was a busy community with six grocery stores, two hardware

Annie's granddaughters Anne Marie and Marcella enjoyed Ukrainian dancing for many years, circa 1973.

stores, two garages, a hotel, poolroom, and post office. Today, Beauvallon has no stores nor garages operating. Only the Hotel, the blacksmith shop operated by John Pashko, and the post office operated by Mrs. Helen Arechuk, are still doing business.

Ann and Louis had one daughter, Zinnia, born in Vegreville on September 27, 1939. Zinnia attended Beauvallon School until Grade VIII, and then completed her high school graduating from Myrnam in 1957. She attended the University of Alberta and obtained a Bachelor of Education degree. While teaching at Willingdon, Zinnia met and later married Russel Dolinski, who taught high school classes at the same school.

On October 26, 1962, Ann's husband, Louis, passed away at the young age of 50. Ann continued to operate the store for three more years.

She then sold the store to Dick Uniat and moved to Two Hills, where she worked at Andy's Super Market and Double-V-Foodland. Ann then decided to go into business for herself and operated the Two Hills Hotel Cafe for eight years.

After being a widow for 12 years, Ann married Steve J. Elkow in 1973. She continued to work at the cafe until she sold the business, and is now employed at the Two Hills Confectionery.

Ann's daughter and son-in-law live in Edmonton and both are teaching in the Sturgeon School Division. Zinnia is also completing her Bachelor of Arts degree. They have two daughters: Anne-Marie, who has completed her second year of Pharmacy at the University of Alberta; and, Marcella, who is graduating from the Queen Elizabeth High School and planning to enter the University of Alberta this fall in the faculty of Science. Ann is commended for her hard work and for her many years of service to the people in the Beauvallon and Two Hills areas. She claims she has enjoyed working with the public and will continue to do so in her kind and helpful way.

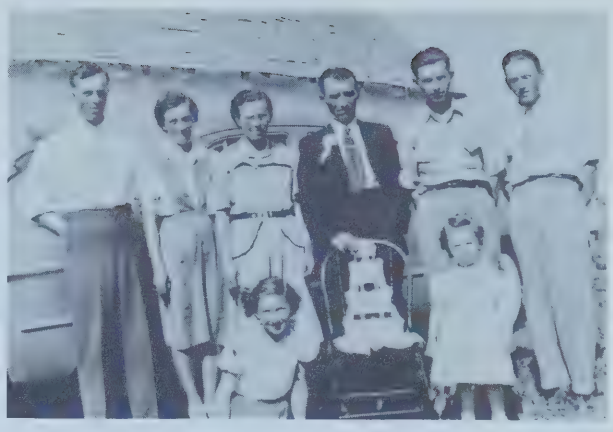
ELKOW, Peter and Mary

Peter and Mary Elkow, along with their young children, left their home in the Village of Nazirna, County of Kolomea, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada in 1907. They settled in the Musidora district. Their children were: Andrew who married Annie Yacobyk; John who married Helen Laschowski; Helen who was married to John Dronyk; Vasuta (John) Mandrusiak; Mike who married Mary Mandrusiak; Annie (John) Lukaniuk; and Dmetro who married Annie Hryhoriak.

Peter died in 1928, and Mary in 1952. Both are buried in the Musidora Cemetery.

ELKOW, Dmetro and Annie (nee Hrehoriak)

Dmetro, the youngest child of the Peter Elkow family, was only seven years old when he came to Canada with his parents in 1907. In 1909, the family moved to a homestead which is now the Nick Elkow farm.



Joe and Mary Laschowski, Annie D., Dmetro P., Bill and Nick Elkow; front row - Josie Elkow and Eva Laschowski, 1951.

On February 15, 1926, Dmetro married Annie Hrehoriak of Musidora. They were blessed with four children.

Mary married Joe Laschowski and raised four children. Daughter Eva married Ernie Sydora; Terry married Valerie (nee Pichota) Laschowski; Sharon married Terry Dmytriw; and Garry married Diane (nee Trach) Laschowski.

Bill and Elsie Elkow have one son, Douglas.

Nick and Frances Elkow have two sons: Darrell and Dennis.

Josie married Jack Proskiw.

Dmetro and Annie's great grandchildren are: Dennis and Dale Sydora, Dustin and Karen Laschowski, Mitchell and Sherman Dmytriw, and Tracy Laschowski.

In July, 1951, Dmetro and Annie celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary, and in February, 1976, their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They lived on the homestead till 1963, when they retired to Two Hills, where Annie still resides.

Dmetro was laid to rest June 6, 1978, in the Two Hills Cemetery.

Dmetro Elkow family, 1970. Back row, (L to R) - Bill and Elsie Elkow, Jack and Josie Proskiw, Francis and Nick Elkow; middle row - Annie and Dmetro Elkow; front row - Douglas, Dennis and Darrell Elkow.

EMES, George and Anastasia (nee Palzat)

George Emes Sr., who was born on April 17,1876, moved to Brosseau in 1917. Anastasia (nee Palzat), his wife, was born in 1906.

George was quite a diversified individual. He once worked in a carnival, farmed at Mamaestie on SE 32-55-12-W4th, and bought the Richelieu Hotel in Brosseau which he operated from 1923 to 1929. He also enlisted in the army and trained troops during World War II. During the depression years, he fished the Northern Lakes. He filed on homesteads in the Pinehurst Lake area, one of which is still owned by his great grandson.

George and Anastasia had six children.

John married Mary Kirby and they had six boys.

George married Mary Nellie Kinsella, and they raised six children.

Mike married Mabel Kerby and they have four children.

Arthur, who married Lillian Bergmen, has six children.

Pearl married Roger Coutu and they have three children.

Hazel married William Smith and they have seven children.

Most of the Emes family reside in Prince Rupert, British Columbia, while Arthur and Hazel are still in Alberta.

George and Anastasia have 32 grandchildren, and 73 great-grandchildren.

ENGLISH, Samuel Rose

Samuel Rose English was a well known farmer-rancher in the Two Hills district. His father Samuel Robert English, was born near Dublin, Ireland, in 1820. The family immigrated to Ontario in 1846. In 1850, he married Margaret Blackwell and settled near Drayton, Ontario, where they raised six sons and four daughters. One of these sons was Samuel Rose English, born in 1855. His early years and young manhood were spent in Ontario but in 1881, when he was 26 years old, he yielded to the lure of the West and journeyed to Manitoba via the St. Paul and Red River route, over which most of the early pioneers passed. He settled first on a homestead near Harding and then Oak Lake in Manitoba.

Anne Jane Speers English and Samuel Rose English, 1898

In 1883, he married Sarah Ann Speers, who gave birth to two daughters, Stella Mae and Viola, before passing away in 1894. Ann Jane Patterson Speers became Mr. English's second wife in 1898. She was a distant cousin of his first wife. Before her marriage, Mrs. English was a teacher and principal of Brooke School near Owen Sound for six years. In 1902, the Englishes moved to Strathcona where they resided for two years before taking up the homestead included in the Lanuke area.

By 1914, Samuel had completed the construction of a beautiful fieldstone mansion located on the homestead quarter SW 24-54-13-W4th.

Sam English took special pride in his beautiful herd of shorthorn cattle and for many years in succession, he was an exhibitor at the Edmonton and Calgary Spring Shows, always meeting with marked success in disposing of animals in the annual sales held in connection with these events. He also took considerable interest in public affairs and was a member of the Oak Lake Manitoba Masonic Lodge, and later a chartered member of the Vegreville Masonic Lodge. He passed away in 1924, at the age of 69, leaving behind his wife, four sons and four daughters.

Mrs. A.J.P. English returned to teaching in 1909, and for the next 20 plus years she taught at the Lainuk School which was then located on Lainuk School District section 13-54-13-W4th and just west of the Soldan estate. It was half a mile north of the "new" but now abandoned Lainuk School. Mrs. English passed away in 1959, at age 85.

First born of their children was Garnet Willard English who lived from 1899 to 1970. He farmed the S 1/2 section 26 and SW 1/4 25-54-13-W4th. Garnet married Beatrice O. Piche of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and they had four children: Bernice, now residing at Calmar, Alberta, and Samuel, James and Reginald, all in the Seattle area of the state of Washington. Garnet served overseas from 1939-45 with the Loyal Edmonton Regt. 1st Division. In 1941, he won first prize in the 1st Canadian division rifle marksmanship matches at Aldershot, England.

Marion Eleanor English, (1901-1980) a school teacher, married George Elliot Baldwin, who was a veteran of the American Emergency Force, World War I. His grandfather's farm was located at Gettysburg. While residing at Lavoy, they raised three children: George Jr., now of Prince George, B.C., Dale of Long Island, New York, and Marion of Centralia, Washington.

Thomas Samuel English (1907-1971), farmed Section 11-54-13-W4th. In 1921, the barn at the English farm burned to the ground. During Tom's ride for help, his horse fell, badly crushing his leg causing an injury that lasted all his life. He married Margaret Lily Isbister of Victoria, a talented pianist and music teacher.

Margaret Edith English (1908-1980), was a registered nurse at the Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary, Alberta. She married Edwin James Ahlstrom of Beauvallon and had three children: Leslie (Lea), Jean of Sherwood Park, and Barbara—Mrs. Lorne Boschman of Two Hills.

George Alexander English is presently living in the Two Hills Hillside Senior Citizens' Lodge. He married Alberta P. Dow, a registered nurse and first matron of

The English family, 1949. (L to R) - George, Tom, Edith Ahlstrom, Mother Anne, Eleanor Baldwin, Garnet, and Dean.

Two Hills Hospital. Alberta passed away in 1982. George served from 1939-1945, with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment 1st Division sent overseas.

Francis Dean English, a pharmacist, retired and is presently living at Lacombe, Alberta. He married Isabelle McLean Reesor, Master of Science who taught nursing at the University of Alberta and was a District Health Nurse in Lacombe.

Dean served from 1941-1945, in the 17th Light A.A. 2nd Division overseas. Presently he is following in his father's footsteps and is district Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4 of the Masonic Lodge of Alberta.

ENGLISH, Thomas and Margaret (nee Isbister)

Thomas, the son of Samuel and Anne English, was born on January 17, 1907, at Pozerville, during the winter of heavy snows.

Tommy took his primary grades in Lainuk School, where he was taught by his mother Mrs. S.R. English. He then attended high school in Vegreville. While there, he belonged to the United Church and was in the Tuxis Group for boys.

After his father passed away, Tommy took over the farm. He hauled grain to Vegreville, Lavoy, and later to Two Hills.

Thomas married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Isbister, on February 14, 1943, another winter with deep snow. Tommy remarked that many of his statistics are recorded in winters of record snowfalls. Margaret recollects the flood of 1943, and the dizzy experience of being surrounded by flowing water as they drove to town in a wagon. She recalls that the next three years were dry, followed by another three years of frost; one heavy frost even killed the buck brush, garlic, and onions.

Tommy and a few neighbor friends drove to Cold Lake one winter to hunt. They stayed with a Mr. Burboe, who supplied them with horses. Burboe set nets in the lake. Tommy enlarged the fishing hole to enable him to water his horses. He left it unmarked. Another fellow who came to water his team, fell in. Luckily he held on to the reins, and his horses, acting instinctively, pulled him out.

Thomas Isbister with granddaughter Muriel Isbister, circa 1945

When he entered the bunkhouse, he rebuked everyone there. However, Burboe, leaning on one elbow, asked, "Now that you have inspected the nets, are they full enough to haul in?"

Tom often helped those in distress. Working well past the logical harvest season, he moved the unwieldy threshing outfit from place to place, obliging those less fortunate than himself.

Tommy was innovative and handy with a welder. Using his own plan, he built a swather and painted it. A Minneapolis-Moline representative commended Tom's remarkable work and wondered why he never exploited his natural gift. "It's his love of the land," Margaret interjected, "and his mechanical interests were inherited from both sides of the family."

His father, Samuel, worked for Harris Machinery as a

Margaret and Thomas English, circa 1969

mechanic and trouble shooter. Thomas Speers, his maternal grandfather, invented the spring that was used on democrats and wagon seats. The patent rights were kept by the company that Speers worked for as this was done on company time.

Margaret's father, Thomas Isbister, and Samuel R. English were married to sisters. They both worked for the same company, Harris Machinery; Thomas as agent, and Samuel as mentioned before. Margaret relates that Mr. Sam, as he was affectionately called, helped his neighbors adjust and set equipment. He was once asked what his name was and he said, "English". "I know you're English, but what is your name?" the interrogator questioned.

Margaret will be long remembered for her musical talent, as she played both piano and organ. She was an organist at the United Church for many years, and this was much appreciated by the congregation. Many children benefited from her music instructions. Margaret, like Tommy, was an obliging woman. She provided organ or piano interludes on special occasions such as prayer services and Remembrance Day observances, expecting no remuneration.

She intended to write a history book on Two Hills, and her research on several families was submitted to the Two Hills and District Historical Association. Although most families later wrote their own resumes, her contribution was helpful, and much appreciated by the Association.

Tommy passed away in 1971 (a winter of heavy snow), and Margaret in September of 1985.

ENGLISH, George and Alberta (nee Dow)

George, son of Samuel English and Anne (nee Speers), was born in the stone house on Samuel's homestead, on June 10, 1915. He attended school in Lainuk from 1922-1927, with his mother as the teacher. He stayed home for two years and returned to finish high school in Two Hills where, Mr. Jack Laughlin, was his only teacher.

George farmed until 1939, when he enlisted in the Canadian army, first with the 19th Alberta Dragoons, in Calgary, and then, the Edmonton Regiment. He went overseas in December 1939, and stayed in England until 1943, when he went to the Mediterranean Front. There he saw action at the landing in Sicily, July 10, 1943, and in Italy on September 1, 1943. George went up the "boot" as far as Ortona where he was wounded December 24, 1943. He was hospitalized until February 1944, when he returned to his regiment in Ortona and stayed with it until January 13, 1945. He came home on "rotation leave" but stayed in Canada. George was sent on a campaign for a Victory Loan drive through Rosetown, Saskatchewan, and was there on VE Day-May 8, 1945. He returned home and was discharged July 22, 1945.

Then, George resumed his life on the farm, on a half section he acquired through VLA, adjacent to his pre-war farms.

On August 1, 1950, George married Alberta Dow in Vegreville, Alberta. She was a well-known personality in the Two Hills area. Alberta trained as a nurse in the Archer Public Hospital, now known as the Archer Memorial Hospital. Following her graduation she nursed

Alberta and George English, 1951

in Athabasca, Hanna, Powell River, B.C., and Lamont. Then she became the matron in the Two Hills Hospital in 1950. After her marriage to George, she relieved in both the Two Hills Hospital and the Eagleview Nursing Home, but did not do regular nursing.

In 1963, George built a new, modern home on NE 24-54-13-W4, where he and Alberta resided until 1982.

George retired in 1976. He enjoys meeting his old war buddies as well as his many new friends, regaling them with all kinds of little anecdotes and jokes. Whether he dreams them up, invents them or hears them from others is a mystery!

Such sympathetic, admirable and esteemed friends are not, like autumn leaves, found everywhere! God bless them!

Alberta passed away on December 25, 1982.

George (being tired of his own cooking) moved to the Two Hills Senior Citizens Lodge, in August, 1984, where he presently resides.

EWANCHUK, Alec and Helen (nee Hryhoriuk)

I, Alec, was the sixth child born to Harry and Mary Ewanchuk of Ispas, Alberta. My parents came from Banalova, Ukraine, and settled on a farm in the District of Ispas.

I went to school at Ispas and lived there until I got married.

My wife Helen, was also the sixth child of John and Kate Hryhoriuk of Toporivci, Ukraine. They live in Duvernay, Alberta. Helen's mother died giving birth and Helen was raised with her cousins, John and Kate Farrus. She attended Boian Marea School and grew up in Hairy Hill until she got married.

We were married in 1941 in Hairy Hill, and after buying land in the Hairy Hill district in 1943, we moved to the farm where we lived for 38 years.

Many years of farming was with horses, but in 1947, I bought a new tractor and threshing machine. Farming wasn't easy then and hard work was a must. Money was

Alec Ewanchuk with his horse Queenie, 1940s.

scarce. We walked to Hairy Hill to buy our groceries, the few that we were able to buy. We raised chickens, many hogs, and milked cows. We grew our own vegetables in large gardens. Our house was a two-room house with a porch and was heated with a wood stove. We carried water by pails to the house for our drinking, cooking, and bathing needs.

Another quarter section of land was purchased from G. Eluik and we called it our "Ponderosa." The cows then had plenty of grazing land.

Years later, we had the water system installed, also built a small addition to the old house which became our bathroom. This was luxury! Later, having power and a telephone was a real treat.

I was secretary for Kaleland Church for 23 years. Our church was a place where we worshipped and prayed for health and an easier living. We still go to bless our Paskas at Kaleland Church.

We raised four children; they all attended Hairy Hill School. Now they are married.

Fiona (Sorochan) lives in Vegreville and is the Assistant Manager of the Vegreville Treasury Branch.

James was manager for Macleods in Vegreville and now is a Supervisor traveller for Macleods.

Ernest attended the U of A. He taught school, and now is a Manager for Financial Collection agencies in Edmonton.

Lana Marie attended N.A.I.T. and graduated as a dental assistant.

We have eight grandchildren, our oldest grandson in his second year of law at the U. of A.

Our old friends from Hairy Hill district remain in our fondest memories of the "good old days". We still own our land in Hairy Hill, but have retired in Vegreville. All we have to do now is count on our blessings.

Ernest, Alec, Fiona, James, Lana and Helen, 1976.

EWANISHAN, Sam and Tatianna

by Walter Ewanishan

Sam Ewanishan and his wife Tatianna came from Poland in 1928, settling at Hairy Hill. The railway had just gone through, and Hairy Hill had been moved over a very few miles to its present location. The "Hairy" part of Hairy Hill was buffalo hair with the buffalo pad nearer to Two Hills, on a hill.

Sam and Tatianna had six children. Only Nick and Olga were born in Canada, at Hairy Hill. Sam worked for A. M. Boutillier Soda Lake Farms, to get ready cash. In 1935, he opened a second-hand store in Hairy Hill. The family moved to Two Hills in 1938, and opened a second-hand store.

In 1939, Walter Ewanishan started an egg-grading station, which Sam Jr. took over. Later his sister Kay continued in this venture along with brother Larry. Larry also went into the poultry business in 1951, and called it "Highland Produce." He and his wife Emily have a son Leonard, and a daughter Wilma, who help them in this work. In 1969, Larry did egg processing, bought an egg dehydrator in 1971, and started drying eggs on November 4, 1971. By 1974, there had been 200,000 pounds of whole egg powder made at his plant. The eggs from Two Hills went all over the world and Larry actually had an order from France.

Walter and Sam Jr. joined the Armed Forces in 1941. Sam was only 17 years old when he left for the Army, and on his return started a restaurant where Wong's Cafe is presently located. He and his wife Helen and their three sons moved from Two Hills. Sam Jr. died in 1973.

Sam Sr. and Tatianna sold their store which was located next to Macleods and named "Avenue Grocery", to Walter and Nick. After some time the brothers moved to a new location, and continued their partnership of 23 years in the Solo store, finally selling to the Co-op in 1973. Nick, his wife Mary, and two children Darrel and Constance moved to Edmonton. This ended many years of serving Two Hills. Nick served as a town councillor for three terms.

Walter and his wife Anne, son Kenneth and daughter Karen Lynn remained in Two Hills. (Walter, who passed away in 1984, was a meat-cutter at IGA. He was president of the Canadian Legion for eight years.)

Kay, who lives in the United States of America, has six children. Olga has three children.

Samuel Ewanishan died in 1966 and Tatianna in 1976. Both rest in Two Hills Cemetery.

EWASHKO, Harry and Pearl

The first record of the Ewashko family in Canada dates back to the year 1914, when Harry Ewashko came by ship from Austria. He homesteaded the (SE 28-53-11-W4th) in the Musidora-Bushland Area, clearing and farming a few acres with horses and plow. He built

Harry Ewashko family, 1983. (L to R) - Pearl (Nick's mother), Nadia (Fundytus), Nick, Olga (Pochynak) and Ann (Bednarski).

several buildings of log construction, some of which still stand today. His wife Pearl came to Canada from Poland. Together they raised a family of four children: Ann, Olga, Nick, and Nadia.

In 1956, Harry and Pearl retired from farming and moved to Vegreville. Harry passed away in 1967. His wife Pearl lives in Vegreville.

EWASHKO, Nick and Pearl

Nick has been a long-time resident of the Musidora area. He was born on May 12, 1933, the third child of a family of four. He does not recall too much of his early childhood, other than an event which took place before Christmas.

His mother bought some nuts and stored them in the cellar, out of the reach of the children. Anyway, the cellar may have been a good hide-out from the children, but not so for the mouse, which ate all the nuts.

Nick went to Bushland School, located on a fraction of his father's homestead. However, in a few years time, the school was moved a mile east. It was during his school days when Nick decided to purchase his first bike. However, it didn't turn out to be the joy ride he intended it to be, as in his first outing, his pant leg caught the bike chain and sent him and his bike sailing.

Dancing was very popular in the early days of Bushland community and has continued to attract the citizens of all ages through the years. Nick recalls attending his first dance with a neighbor's boy and his sister. One supplied the horse and the other the cutters, as most young lads never owned a car. Being shy, the boys spent most of the evening standing by the door, thus, chilling themselves. From this experience, Nick developed rheumatic fever and spent a number of days in the hospital, as well as several months recuperating at home.

It was in his late teens when Nick decided to spread his wings. He and some other young fellows planned to get a job and have a taste of the good life. They boarded a train and set off for Hinton, planning to get work at the

Nick Ewashko's children from his first marriage. (L to R) - Susan, Glenna, Cheryl, Sandra, Rick and Nick, 1983.

paper mill. However, so did hundreds of other Alberta boys. All they found was that there were no rooms in the inns, therefore, they spent the night sleeping on tables in the pool hall. Next morning, Nick returned home to the farm.

Shortly after, Nick took over the farm of his folks and married his sweetheart, Eva Pundick, a fine good looking girl from the Brosseau area. Over the next nine years, they became parents of five lovely children: Ricky, Sandra, Cheryl, Glenna, and Susan. However, his marriage to Eva ended in divorce.

For nine years Nick continued to farm and develop the land in the good old-fashioned way, or should I say, the good old back-breaking way. It meant working many long hours in the fields, picking stones, bindering, stooking, threshing, cutting, and hauling hay, as well as maintaining a supply of wood and keeping up the household chores.

The first modern day convenience was the installment of a telephone. This proved to be a great asset in communication.

Then in 1972, Nick met and married his second wife Pearl, an English girl from High Level, Alberta. Together they have worked hard to bring many changes on the farm, including the addition of a three bedroom house with all the modern conveniences.

They have been blessed with five children: Dennis, Nickie, Colleen, Valerie, and Jennifer.

Children from Nick's second marriage - Dennis, Nickie, Valerie, Colleen and Jennifer (baby), 1982

EWASIUK, John and Rachel (nee Arechuk)

by Rachel Ewasiuk

I, Rachel, was born in the Kaleland district (then Pozerville post office), on July 18, 1906. My parents, Myron and Odokia Arechuk came to Canada in 1902, with their two sons, Bill (five) and Nick (two). I was the third child born in Canada, followed by eight more children. Three of the eight, two brothers and one sister, died at a very early age. One baby sister died before my parents immigrated to Canada.

In 1932, my sister, Genia, married the late George Pashniak for only a year before passing away with a ruptured appendix.

Our mother passed away at the age of 58 in 1933, and we lost our father, who was 74 years old in 1945. In 1979, our two brothers, Trifon (70) and Isaac (58) passed away.

I attended the Wattsford School for four years. Now and then, my older sister, Jennie, and I took turns staying at home to take care of our younger brothers and sisters, while our mother worked in the fields. This was quite a common thing in those days. Children were not penalized for not attending school on a regular basis. As the years went by, the children learned from each other. I was fortunate to learn to read and write in English and Ukrainian.

When I was about 14 years old, I stooked for neighbors and worked by the threshing machine. The threshing machine required two young girls or boys on each side of the feeder to cut the twine binding the sheaves. Another person had to stand in the centre and feed the sheaves into the cylinder.

Rachel and John Ewasiuk, 1925

I married John Ewasiuk on April 29, 1923, and we farmed north of Kaleland Church.

In May, 1924, God blessed us with twin girls. In those days, women did not see a doctor and my babies were born at home. One baby was born with my grandmother acting as midwife, but we had to get a doctor from Vegreville to deliver the other baby. He managed to save the babies and my life. Six months later, the little girls developed whooping cough and died within one week. Unfortunately, in those days there was no such thing as immunization against diseases.

In 1925, my husband and I saved some money to buy a quarter of land in the Luzan district. To start farming on our land, we had to purchase all necessary farm equipment. Money was very scarce, but as the years went by, things improved.

In 1961, John and I sold out and bought a house in Two Hills in which we retired after 36 years of hard work. I still reside in this same house.

In the summer of 1973, we celebrated our golden wedding anniversary. In 1974, John visited his homeland in Ukraine, which he left in 1913, to make a new, and hopefully, better life. He was reunited there with his three sisters and their families.

On September 5, 1980, John, at the age of 86, passed away suddenly of a heart attack. This was a big shock to the family as he was a very active man.

We have five daughters: Mary, Olga, Rose, Lena, and Sonja. They are all married and have their own families to enjoy. I am fortunate to have 16 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

EWASIUK, Wasyl and Elizabeth (nee Eliuk)

by Marshall Ewasiuk

How do you condense almost 100 years of history in two pages of writing and one photograph, for each contributor, to a chronology that takes the form of a book?

The task is awesome, but as someone once said,

"Little drops of water and little grains of sand,
Make a mighty ocean, and a great big land."

So as a little drop of water or a little grain of sand, so is the life of my father, Wasyl Ewasiuk, who was born in Bukovina, Ukraine, on June 3, 1890, and died on May 31, 1972. As a child, he did not know that he would be shaping the destiny of his children in a foreign land across the mighty ocean. At the age of 21, in 1911, he booked passage for Canada, a land of hope and promise, which I am sure he believed until his death. It was an obvious and necessary move: the pre-World War tension, the lack of suitable employment or academic opportunity, a sense of adventure, and the opportunity to build a dream on promises made by lying labor procurers who made commissions in arranging fares for young immigrants by dishonest and devious methods.

At 21, a young man can handle just about anything, except when he is transported over the ocean for a duration of approximately four weeks, dumped off in Halifax, in a strange and foreign environment, with all worldly possessions in a cardboard suitcase, $80. in cash,

Wasyl and Elizabeth Ewasiuk with their eldest son Charlie, 1920

rubber legs from the ocean trip, hungry, tired and no place to go. What was even more devastating was that the locals had a strange way of talking and could not understand my father's native tongue.

If learning and new experiences are essential to an individual's personal growth and the use of one's full potential, my father must have grown more in the first month of his entry to his new-found home, than he did in the previous ten years of his life.

The need to survive is probably our foremost educator and the choice was to adapt and survive or die. Survive he did and very well. Wasyl took on the challenge. He found food, lodging and work and most importantly began to communicate with the inhabitants. Sign language is an international language which later matured and blossomed into speaking and reading the English language fluently. He was a miner, laborer, farmhand, dockworker, cowboy, railroad worker, carpenter, and by now a man of the world.

Wasyl came to his Uncle Kareton's, who had come to Canada a few years earlier and had established himself in the Two Hills area. He worked with him until his interests were directed to courtship of Elizabeth Eliuk. Approximately one year later, they married on February 15, 1917. The young bride was a full 17 years old.

A down payment was made on a quarter section of heavily-treed land. The purchase of eight head of cattle—a small dowery from the bride's father, was the modest beginning of a farming operation which is still being farmed by the youngest member of our family, Marshall.

Armed with much love, hope and faith, the young couple built their first log cabin that summer, cleared and cultivated 17 acres of land.

We talk of the 70s as the formative years of the Women's Liberation movement. From my observation, the liberation movement is a state of mind, and if that is so, my mother was a liberated woman back in 1917, because she chopped trees, and piled branches. She also helped break land, and build, plant and harvest. She was not restricted to a woman's role except that of bearing children. Now, at 84 she is a very strong individual, blessed with numerous talents, many of which are ignored by people who are close to her, because what is common to us, is taken for granted. Her age touches four generations. She has no formal education, but her wisdom gained through the passage of time and experiences would surpass that of noted scholars. Her love of living is undisputed. Ever since I can remember her, she loved being with people, talking to them and helping them. But, what I remember her best for, is singing with people her songs, tragic songs, happy songs and Christmas carols.

And so the story unfolds only to be cut short because of space restrictions. Much of their story, which like every one elses, will remain untold, their heroics unsung. What is significant is that they contributed to the community, the church and our country, and left a continuing legacy to their children.

Members of our family from the oldest to the youngest are Charlie and his wife Mary who live at Smoky Lake. Fiona and her husband Mike Ripka live on a farm in the Two Hills area.

Anne and her husband Bill Gordeyko live on a farm in the Two Hills area.

Walter (Lou) and Joyce live in Edmonton. Marshall and his wife Leona live on the same farmstead that our parents had their modest beginning. There are 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

My only hope is that we can give our children as rich a heritage as our parents gave us. I am proud to be part of this page.

FEDYNA, William and Eva (nee Chmilar)

by Peter Fedyna

Wasyl Fedyna was born on February 4, 1872, in the Village of Brody, Halychina, Western Ukraine. He grew up in this village, helping his parents to farm a small parcel of land. As a single man at the age of 31, he decided to leave his homeland and immigrate to Canada, "The Land of Promise".

In 1903, he arrived in Edmonton, and soon found odd jobs, but his goal was to obtain a homestead. At last, he found a suitable one, in the present New Kiew district (NW 16-53-13-W4th).

It is not known how he met a young widow, Hapka Lysak, who arrived in Canada in 1898, with three children: Julia, Julian, and Nick; and headed to her Uncle Nick Koroluk's farm in the Krakow district near Star, Alberta.

William and Hapka soon married and moved to his homestead at New Kiew. Here they built a sod house, and began clearing some land for cultivation.

Like other early settlers, they experienced many hardships and often were short of money to buy food. Wild game, fortunately, provided early settlers with

William Fedyna family, 1927. Back row, (L to R) - Mike, Annie, Peter, John; front row - Sophie, William Fedyna, Nancy, Eva Fedyna, Emily and Mary.

survival food.

The Fedynas had no means of transportation, so they had to walk all the way to Edmonton for food, such as flour, salt, sugar, tea and coffee. Just as life became easier in 1907, Wasyl's wife, Hapka passed away at the age of 30. She was buried in the first New Kiew Pioneer Cemetery, one mile west of Wasyl's home. The Fedyna children were then raised by their Uncle Koroluk.

While working at the Queens Hotel in Vegreville, Wasyl Fedyna met Eva Chmilar, a beautiful 20 year old girl. Eva, who was born March 16, 1888, in Koniushkiv, Brody, Halychina, Western Ukraine, married Wasyl in 1908.

Wasyl and Eva continued to work hard on their land. The first threshing unit on their farm was powered by steam. Later a threshing outfit was bought in partnership with Sam Geleta and George Yuskow. Then another outfit, a Hart Parr tractor and Twin City Machine was purchased in partnership with William Steblyk. A new 1928 Buick car was bought for $1,800. and a new two-storey house was erected in 1930.

Wasyl Fedyna was an active member in the parish church; he was also the treasurer of the Holy Ascension Parish and a school trustee of the New Kiew School.

Wasyl and Eva were blessed with eight children, three boys and five girls.

Mike married Nellie Chudyk. They live in Vegreville and have three children: Florence, Phyllis and Bobby.

Annie is married to Nick Gizowski of Lavoy and they have three boys: Jerry, Ernie and Bill.

Peter married Nancy Sen of Lavoy and they had two children: Ruby, and Bill deceased in July, 1961.

John married Ann Woloshyn and they have two boys: Arthur and Leonard.

Mary is married to Mike Horon of Vegreville and they have five children: Betty, Larry, Eddie, Sally and Terry.

Sophie is married to William Stecyk of Vegreville and they have three boys: Bill, Kenny and Orest.

Nancy is married to William Gnyra of Innisfree and they have five children: Ronny, Eugene, Lawrence, Lorene and Janie.

Emily was married to Andrew Samoil—(both deceased).

Wasyl Fedyna passed away when he was 82 years of age, March, 1953. His wife Eva passed away on November 21, 1984, at the age of 96.

Family photo, 1964. Back row - Peter and Father Andrew Woloshyn, John, Arthur and Leonard Fedyna; front row - Mother Tatianna Woloshyn, Mother Eva Fedyna, Anne and Vivian Fedyna.

FEDYNA, John and Anne (nee Woloshyn)

by Anne Fedyna

John Fedyna, son of pioneer William and Eva (Chmilar), was born October, 1915, at New Kiew. As one of eight children, he attended New Kiew School, across the road from their home, where he completed Grade VIII. He then stayed home to help his parents with farming.

On October 31, 1939, John married Anne Woloshyn, daughter of Tatianna and Andrew Woloshyn of the New Kiew district. They were married at Mundare Catholic Church by Father B. Baranyk. Anne was born on December 20, 1920, at Lavoy, and attended Zaporoze

John and Anne Fedyna, October 31, 1939

Art Fedyna family, 1984. (L to R) - Stacey, Art, Vivian and Cindy.

School where she completed Grade VIII.

John and Anne built their first home in 1939 on S 1/2 of NE 17-53-13-W4th, and in 1947, built another home with running water, natural gas, power and phone. John kept on farming his father's land and his own land in a mixed farming operation.

John and Anne were members of New Kiew Church and hall and Anne is a member of the U.C.W.L. of the church. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 31, 1964.

Their first child, Arthur Victor, was born April 16, 1941. He is a self-employed businessman in Edmonton, and also farms one and one half quarters of land, SE 29-53-13-W4th, and E 1/2 of SW 29-53-13-W4th in the New Kiew district. Arthur married Vivian, daughter of Julia and Dan Humeniuk of Innisfree, who works at the Canadian Imperial Bank. They have two daughters, Stacey and Cindy.

Their second son, Leonard Terry, was born April 23, 1947. He works at the Agricultural Development Corp. in Vegreville and also farms two quarters of land, NW 4-53-13-W4th and NE 5-53-13-W4th. Leonard Terry married Sheri, daughter of Adeline and Nick Klebanowsky of Lavoy, and live on NW 4-53-13-W4th. Sheri is a hairdresser and works at Alyce's Beauty Salon in Vegreville. They have two children, Shawn, and Shantel.

Len, Sheri, Shawn and Shantel Fedyna, 1984

FERBEY, Dan and Annie (nee Delawski)

Danylo (Dan) Ferbey came to Canada in 1907. Because his parents were very poor, they mortgaged their house to a Jewish merchant in Europe to obtain money for the passage to Canada. In Canada, Dan worked on the railways, and saved enough money to repay the loan.

Danylo married Annie Delawski, and as almost every other man did, he left his young wife at home (NE 10-12-54-W4th). He worked during the summer to earn money, which the young couple desperately needed.

In July, 1909, he saved enough money to get his mother, father, Jennie, Katie, and Jacob to Canada. His oldest sister, Annie, who was married to Harry Garash, and their three children (Bill, Nick, and Mary), came at the same time. Usually when a family left Europe, they wanted all their children with them, whether married or single.

Because of the shortage of wood for buildings and firewood in Europe, the Ferbeys settled on land that was thickly wooded. Fish and wild game were plentiful and the farm had a lot of lakes and muskrats. Indians used to come to trap the muskrats in the area but one of the older ladies cautioned that Plain Lake would soon dry out, which it almost did. However, the waters rose again. With the Indians travelling back and forth, Annie always warned her children that if they were naughty, she would give them to the Indians. Every time we saw Indian wagons, we would hide in the farthest corner under the bed.

Wild partridges were stupid birds. In the fall, they would sit on willows, and if you had a dog and a snare on the end of a pole, the partridges would obligingly stretch their necks out and practically put their heads into the snare.

Many of the settlers kept rabbits for their meat, so the

The Dan Ferbey family, 1926. Standing - Irene, Dan, Annie and Mary, Ferbey; seated - William and Katherine. The checked blanket was home spun and brought over to Canada from Europe.

gardens had to be fenced. When Dan was changing from rabbit to pigeon raising for our summer meat, my brother Bill and I were still pre-schoolers. We had a very tame female rabbit that we didn't want to kill so we kept her as a pet. Shortly thereafter, Mary and Irene were attending school, and before Easter they brought home pictures of bunnies and Easter eggs. At this time, a hen made a nest and laid an egg in it. The rabbit got into the nest to sun herself, and father pointed out that the rabbit laid an egg. It was a long time later that we discovered that rabbits do not lay eggs.

When roads were needed, farmers paid one-third of the tax money in cash and two-thirds of the tax bill had to be worked off in labor. For a number of years, Dan Ferbey was the road foreman.

Dan and Annie had five children:

Mary, born in 1909, married William Buk in 1932. They have one daughter, Sonja.

Irene, born in 1911, married Basil Samoil of Lavoy in 1937. They had four children: Kathleen, a school teacher, married Michael G. Tomyn, a provincial judge, and they have three girls. Emily, a school teacher, married Thomas Powers, also a school teacher. They have one girl and two boys. Basil Jr., a university graduate is working at Yellowknife and is single. Iris married Sven Djufors, a native of Sweden, whom she met while attending the University of Alberta, and they have two girls.

Katherine married Marshall Soldan (see Marshall Soldan's history).

Wasyl (Bill) was born in 1917, and died in 1943.

Leona, who married Bill Titley, lives in Calgary.

FERGUSON, Sandy

Although he was known as Sandy, he was actually named Alexander King Ferguson. Sandy emigrated from Ireland in the early days and settled in the Two Hills district. His two brothers, Andrew (Andy) and William, along with two sisters, Mrs. James Bleakley and Mrs. Dick Fife, arrived at the same time.

They were a close family, helped each other, and others in the district. Sandy helped a great deal in the 1918 flu epidemic, visited regularly, took the doctor on his rounds, and did the chores for many. This was charity in its finest sense, and deserves to be recognized.

Sandy married Annette Vincent, and they had four children: Roy, Linda, Norma and Gary.

Sandy was a celebrated horseman, and claimed that he was never thrown. In the early years Sandy herded horses to Saddle Lake open pasture.

Sandy loved farming but he loved meeting and helping people most of all. During the late 1930s he was a popular grain buyer for the Gillespie Grain Co.

After sustaining an injury, Sandy retired from grain buying and resumed farming operations.

Sandy's benevolence and cheery disposition were missed by the residents of Two Hills when he passed away in the Eagleview Nursing Home in 1980 at the age of 79.

FIFE, Richard and Elizabeth (nee Ferguson)

by Mrs. Birdie Brown (daughter)

Richard C. (Dick) Fife was born in the Peterborough area of Ontario. His great-grandfather John Fife and family came to Peterborough from Scotland in 1820. Dick came west to Edmonton in 1898, and the following year he filed on a homestead (SW 32-54-12-W4th), along the old Battleford Trail in the valley of the Vermilion River. He also purchased the adjoining southeast quarter, on which he built a log cabin, his first home in the West.

Supplies for his ranch were brought down the North Saskatchewan River by scow from Edmonton to the point now known as Duvernay, and then hauled to his homestead. He was one of the earliest settlers in the Two Hills district and for some time his nearest neighbor was Tom Watt, who had settled at a point ten miles farther west in the district later called Wattsford.

Before the Canadian National Railroad came through Vegreville in 1905, the nearest markets for cattle were Wetaskiwin and Edmonton, and the early settlers had to drive their herds overland to one or other of these points for sale. As the number of pioneers increased, Dick helped to organize the first school in the Two Hills area and was trustee for over 20 years.

Elizabeth Ferguson came to Winnipeg from County Antrim, Ireland, in 1912. Later she travelled to the District of Two Hills to care for her ailing sister, Mrs. Bleakley and her family, as well as for the two younger

Elizabeth and Richard (Dick) Fife at the back of their house in Two Hills, circa 1941

Photo taken by Birdie Brown (nee Fife), 1930. Back row - Mr. Fife, Walter Chad, John Fife, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. McLean, Harry Zolmer, Mr. McPherson, Bob Watt; front row - Birdie Fife, Mrs. Fife, Mrs. Watt (her daughter, Sara Watt), Mal and Kate McPherson.

Two original pioneers, Marion and Jack Forbes, circa 1920s

Ferguson brothers, Sandy and Andy. Elizabeth and Dick were married in Winnipeg in 1914, and returned to live in a newly-built frame house near the log cabin.

For many years the Fifes kept large herds of cattle and horses, and a great quantity of hay was cut and stacked on their meadow along the Vermilion River. By this time Vegreville (a distance of 28 miles) was one of the nearest towns and cattle were herded there for sale in the fall. Grain was hauled to the elevators by sleigh and team during the winter, and the frozen Vermilion River served for part of the road for the two-day round trip. Dick and Elizabeth were typical of the pioneers who coped with the many problems faced by early settlers.

Marketing problems were greatly eased with the arrival of the railroad in 1927, and the development of a town, part of which is situated on Dick's homestead. The Fifes were among the founding group of the first United Church in Two Hills and donated the land for its original site. The old Two Hills one-room country school was moved to this location and served as the church building for some time.

After many years of ranching and farming, the Fifes sold their property in the spring of 1949, and moved to Edmonton. Following some months of failing health Mr. Fife died in 1951, and Mrs. Fife in 1971. A son, John, lives in Calgary and a daughter, Ethel (Birdie) Brown, lives in Edmonton. A granddaughter, Joyce, lives in Toronto.

FORBES, John Gordon (Jack), (Pioneer Rancher)

by Rhoda Selthum

Jack Forbes was born in Bruce County, Ontario, in 1869. While yet a young boy, he emigrated with his family from Ontario to Minto, North Dakota. His father, the Reverend A.G. Forbes, was the first Presbyterian clergyman in Minto, N.D. For a few years, young Jack ran his own livery barn and dray service, but soon decided that he wanted to go west up into the North West Territories of Canada.

In 1900, he came west and north by rail as far as Wetaskiwin, then on by wagon trails to Old Vegreville and on to Warwick. He finally decided to file on a homestead there beside the Vermilion River. Having done that, he then returned to North Dakota on April 2, 1901. The following spring he married Marion Elliot. Together they came to the homestead to start their new life in what was then called "The Territories."

They bought tickets to the station nearest their homestead, which was Wetaskiwin. Everything was unloaded, then repacked into covered wagons, and the long trek to the northeast across the Beaver Lake flats began. The mosquitoes were very troublesome and a smudge pail was tied on to the end of the wagon pole to try to keep them away from the horses. They travelled mile after mile, with not a house in sight.

It must have been a difficult journey for the young Mrs. Forbes, who had left a fine home behind in Minto, N.D. They reached their homestead in early May and lived in a tent until a house was built. That summer many trips were made back and forth to Westakiwin for supplies and lumber for the buildings. A small house and a barn were built before winter set in.

By 1907, Jack had proved his homesteading duties. These consisted of a $10. purchase price for one quarter of land, a few acres of the raw land broken up and cultivated each year for three years, and buildings constructed and lived on the homestead for the three years. At the end of that period, a man was free to sell his homestead and move on if he wished.

By this time his herd of cattle and horses had increased considerably and more range land was needed. Much of the land around their homestead was already settled so it meant moving where he could get plenty of wild range land. His next move took them north of the Saddle Lake Reserve, south of where the town of Spedden is today. That must have been a difficult move for them. By this time they had three children: two girls, Juanita and Gertrude, and a little boy, Harold. They attended church on the Saddle Lake Reserve and the minister was Rev. Robert Steinhauer at that time.

The Indians were all very friendly and Jack often had as many as 20 working for him during the haying season. Mrs. Forbes always had a woman or a girl helping with

the house work and she must have needed all the help she could get, having no electricity or running water. Ironing had to be done with flat irons heated on top of the kitchen stove.

Once every fall, the neighboring cattlemen got together and herded their cattle to the nearest railroad station which was Vegreville, about 70 miles away. There were many riders and a wagon or two carrying food and blankets. It would take about two weeks for the trip. The biggest obstacle on this trip was the fording of the Saskatchewan River at Brosseau. The herd would consist of several hundred head and many people came to see this annual event. Of course the wagons crossed on the ferry.

Mention must be made that when the men were away on one of these cattle drives, Mrs. Forbes and the children were left at home. Jack would always arrange with his trusted and loyal friend, George Sinclair, to take great care of his wife and the children until he returned. A few years later, in 1910, while they were still living on the ranch, their young son, Harold became ill. Jack moved his family down to Vegreville where there was a hospital and a doctor. The oldest daughter was six years old and ready for school. They spent that winter in Vegreville. In spite of the best medical care they could get they lost their only son in November, 1910. So when spring came, they moved back to the ranch.

In the spring of 1913, Jack decided to sell out and move back to Warwick where the school was close by and the hospital in Vegreville, 12 miles away. At that time, they had four daughters: Juanita, Gertrude, Rhoda and Lucille. Jack had bought a half section of good farm land a mile away from the old homestead. Once again they lived in a tent until the new four-bedroom house was built. They were comfortably settled by September and shortly thereafter, their son John was born. It was a wonderful day for them September 13, 1913.

They did enjoy living there for a short while. But there was a scarcity of pasture land and no hay meadows, so Jack began looking to the northeast again. He found what he wanted on the George Smith land, a beautiful hay meadow and ample pasture land, which is located on NW 1/4 30-54-12-Wth and surrounding quarters, in the Two Hills district. Once again, lumber had to be hauled from Vegreville, a distance of 25 miles, by horses and wagons, to construct a new house and barns. This was his last move. Many years of hard work followed. There was plenty of water and good hay; each year a large herd of fat cattle was taken from the big corrals to the Vegreville Stockyards.

The hills from which Two Hills gets its name are located on this land. The old Battleford Trail used to run between these two hills; traces of it can still be seen.

By 1939, Mr. Forbes, having struggled with poor health for several years, passed away in July, at the age of 69 years. He was buried in Vegreville Cemetery. Thus ended 39 years of the rugged life of one more pioneer.

War broke out in September, 1939, and son John L. Forbes enlisted the following spring. His wife Leola and children Doug, Jean and Judy moved to Calgary where they could be near Leola's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod. Their son, John Douglas, was in need of medical care frequently and Leola was able to take him to a good doctor there.

Back at the old ranch, no Forbes men were left. Mrs. Forbes Sr. and daughter, Gertrude Domet, stuck together and fought the war years out together on the home front. This was a real struggle. But those two pioneer women, mother and daughter and young Jack Domet, who was only about 13 years old at that time, worked together for the next long five years. By hard work and determination, they managed to pay off the old debts, including the mortgage against the land. By 1945 they held clear titles to all the land.

To those two women, we owe many thanks for the fact that the old Forbes ranch is still in the Forbes name today. Mrs. Forbes Sr. passed away in May, 1953, in Edmonton. Late in 1945, John L. Forbes returned from war service and brought his wife and family from Calgary back to the old home. Then young Dick was born in the Two Hills hospital. For another 33 years, the place was managed by John L. Forbes who passed away in August, 1979. So the old home is still in the Forbes' name and on with the third generation.

I hope they pause briefly once in awhile to say "thank you" to those brave pioneers who made possible the freedom, comforts and security of life we enjoy today.

Family picture taken at Lucille and Leigh's 25th wedding anniversary, 1956. (L to R) - Juanita Strickland, Rhoda Selthum, John L. Forbes, Gertrude Thompson and Lucille Tyner.

FORBES, John L. and Naudya

by Robert Forbes

THE POST WAR YEARS

John L. Forbes returned from World War II in late 1945. In January, 1946, John, Leola, and their children John Douglas, Jean, and Judy moved from Calgary to return to the farm.

With the aid of the Veterans' Land Act, John took a loan from the bank to purchase some land and one of the first "post war" tractors in the area. It was a "post war" tractor because during the war there were no tractors manufactured. The only existing tractors in the area were built prior to the war. They had steel tires, spoke rims, crank starts, and were commonly less powerful. The new tractor which delivered 39 BHP (brake horse power) had rubber tires, weighted solid rims, electric start, and last

John and Naude Forbes, on their trip to Scotland, 1977

but not least, headlights. This tractor was capable of pulling a six-foot plow about seven miles per hour. Compared to the old tractors or the horse team and plow, that was very impressive.

In the winter of 1947, this tractor, a John Deere 'D', arrived by train. Everyone who saw it wanted it, and it became a topic in discussions and argument and therefore had to be moved from the John Deere lot to the farm in the mid-winter.

Between 1947 and 1949, with the help of Scotty Whitford, this tractor worked day and night doing custom spring work for some of the local farmers in order to pay off the loan at the bank. The talented Norman Theroux modified a combine to work more functionally with the John Deere 'D' and soon John and a crew of others were doing custom harvesting in the area.

With technology on the move, the grain that was grown to feed livestock soon became worth more. This, coupled with the fact that cattle prices were low, soon resulted in dwindling herd members. Grain farming became predominant and ranching became the history of an era in the Forbes family.

In 1948, John was hired to work in the local post office and two months later their second son, James Richard (Dick) arrived.

On July 28, 1951, after the untimely death of John's first wife Leola, John was remarried to Naudya Margaret Golonowski.

Between 1953 and 1958, John served as Justice of the Peace in the area. During the same time, Naud bore John two sons, Gordon in 1953, and Robert in 1957. The family was completed with the arrival of their daughter, Heather, in 1966.

On April 18, 1974, John retired from the Post Office but not without leaving his mark in the books. During his career, John was the post master at Two Hills as well as an inspector for the Post Office Department (which required John to monitor operations of all other local post offices such as Willingdon, Myrnam, Brosseau, and Foisy). He also held the positions of vice-president and president of the Post Office Association.

Upon retirement, John fulfilled a long time dream to reinstate ranching on the Forbes farm. Although this herd was to be hundreds short of the herd when John ranched as a youth, he and his friend Bert Tricker, commenced ranching by purchasing an entire herd from retiring farmer Ed Teresio. John enjoyed ranching and farming until he met what was to be his final battle.

On August 15, 1979, after an intense and severe struggle with cancer, John passed away. He left behind his wife, four sons, three daughters and numerous grandchildren. Complying with one of his greatest wishes, the farm is still under the Forbes name and will be for generations to follow.

We can all be very grateful to our pioneers whose hard labor and dedication permit us to enjoy the lifestyle we have today.

The Forbes children in order of age, (L to R) - John Douglas, Jean, Judy, James Richard (Dick), Gordon, Robert and Heather, 1980

FRANKIW, John and Nastia

by granddaughter Rita Achtymichuk

John Frankiw, son of Lucko and Mary Frankiw, was born on August 8, 1904, in the Plain Lake area. He grew up on the Frankiw homestead, (S.W. 31-53-12-W4), seven miles south of Two Hills. In July of 1914, when John was only nine years old, his father passed away as a result of a farm accident. John, his brothers, and sisters had to learn to carry out many responsibilities.

John attended the one-room Krasne School. He had to walk three miles to the school where he completed Grade V. Living with sister Josie, who was married to John Warawa, he attended Buchach School and completed Grade VI. He then stayed home to help with farm work.

In 1926, John's widowed mother, Mary Frankiw,

Mary Frankiw (nee Saskiw) - John's mother, 1929

John and Nastia Frankiw, 1960

married Fred Warawa. She moved from the Frankiw homestead to the Warawa farm which was three miles away. A year later, John bought a quarter of land (NE 31-53-12-W4) across the road from the home place for about $12. an acre. A one-room house was built and John began farming on his own. It was about this time that John started to court Fred Warawa's daughter, Nastia. On November 15, 1929, John and Nastia were married in Plain Lake. They made their home on John's farm. On June 18, 1931, their first son Peter was born. That same year, John purchased their first car, a 1929 Plymouth Chrysler. On May 5, 1933, the Frankiws were blessed with their second son, Eli. In 1935, Peter and Eli welcomed a baby sister, Helen. However, at age one and one half years, she became ill and passed away. The Frankiws had two more sons, Paul born on January 16, 1937, and Lawrence arrived on September 18, 1939. The Frankiws lost a second child in 1941; baby Emil lived only three days after birth.

The four Frankiw boys grew quickly and became a big help on the farm. In 1939, John purchased his first rubber-tired tractor. This new Cockshutt 70 was the first tractor on rubber tires in the Two Hills district.

Peter, Eli, Paul, and Lawrence attended Krasne School. The Frankiw boys were musically talented and played at many school concerts. The boys travelled with Reverend Father Kureo, Bill Kureo, Alex Kureo and Mike Panylyk to play in concerts to raise money for the construction of the present day St. John's Institute in Edmonton. The three young boys performed in places such as Plain Lake, New Kiew, Myrnam, Star, and Lamont. Peter played the guitar, Eli the fiddle, and Paul the drums.

In 1949, John and Nastia built a house in Two Hills. However, they did not move into town until 1959. On November 1, 1972, Nastia passed away at the age of 62 years. John continued to live in Two Hills with his youngest son, Lawrence.

Peter, the eldest son, married Helen Reich in 1954. After briefly living in Barrhead and Camrose, Peter and Helen moved to Fort St. John, B.C., in 1957. Their two sons Douglas and Grant were born here. Peter's main occupation is accounting. His other life activities included playing at dances, being a projectionist and a ham-radio operator. Peter also was mayor of Fort St. John for nine years. In 1981, Peter and Helen moved to Vernon, B.C., where they presently reside.

Eli married Nadie Maximchuk in 1956. They are farming on the homeplace. Eli and Nadie have four children: Alan, Rita, Iris, and Ken. Allan is married to Diane Lazicki and they have one son, Kevin. Rita is married to Steven Achtymichuk.

Paul married Helen Kucher in 1967. They made their home on an acreage near Lloydminister. Paul is a partsman for Noyes RJR Ltd. Paul and Helen have one daughter, Sharilynn, who is presently taking Grade VII in Kitscoty.

Lawrence, the youngest son lives with his father in Two Hills. He is employed with the IGA store in Two Hills.

FRANKIW, Eli and Nadie (Maximchuk)

by daughter Rita Achtymichuk

Eli Frankiw, the second son of John and Nastia, was born on May 5, 1933, in the Two Hills district. Being a healthy and happy boy, he grew quickly. He attended Krasne School which was three miles from home. From a very young age, dad enjoyed music. At the age of seven years, he played in Krasne School concerts. He started playing with Dick Geleta's band when he was about 14

Eli Frankiw's family, 1984. Standing, (L to R) - Ken, Iris, Rita; seated - Allan, Diane, Kevin (grandson), Nadia (Mom), Eli (Dad) and Steven.

years old, first on the drums and then on the accordian. Dad then decided to learn to play the trumpet, which he ordered from Eaton's for $39. When dad received the trumpet, he couldn't create a sound. Thinking something was wrong with the trumpet, he wrote a letter to Eaton's. A reply informed him there was nothing wrong with the trumpet but that it must be the player! Dad kept the trumpet and eventually, with practice, learned the proper lipwork required to play it.

Not only did music keep him busy, but his full-time work was required on the farm. He worked hard and in 1955 built an addition to the one-room house that Grandfather Frankiw had built several years ago.

One weekend in 1955, while dad was playing at a wedding, his eye caught sight of a lovely bridesmaid, Nadie Maximchuk. The beautiful girl later became his bride. They were married in Plain Lake on June 16, 1956, and made their home on the farm that dad was raised on. That summer dad joined the Swing Tones band from Two Hills.

On March 1, 1957, dad and mom were blessed with their first son, Allan.

On August 19, 1958, I (Rita) was born. It was in 1959, that dad decided to trade in his drums for a saxophone. Now he had a new instrument to play. On May 9, 1961, their third child, Iris, was born. Allan and I were thrilled with our new sister. Ken arrived on January 27, 1963, shortly after Iris learned to walk. We four children grew quickly and before long, we were able to help on the farm. We recall the Saturday mornings when we helped to pick rocks. Later, there were bales to haul and the yard to care for.

Occasionally, after helping mom and dad, we were treated to a milkshake in town or even a trip to the city. Dad recalls the time the entire family hauled bales. For a treat, we were promised a trip to the drive-in theatre. However, mom and the four kids fell asleep and dad ended up watching the show alone. Allan, Iris, Ken, and I rode the school bus to Two Hills where we attended school.

Allan graduated from the University of Alberta in 1979, with the degree in electrical engineering. Shortly after he started work with Mobil Oil, Allan met Diane Lazicki whom he married on July 25, 1981. They now have one son Kevin. Allan is presently employed with Westmin.

I (Rita) always wanted to be a teacher. Upon completion of high school, I entered the University of Alberta Faculty of Education. After graduating with distinction in 1980, I taught in Vegreville and Lloydminister. On October 29, 1983, I married Steve Achtymichuk.

Iris also wanted to teach so she entered the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. She too, graduated with distinction in 1983. Iris won several scholarships and awards during her university training. Presently she teaches Grade II in Edmonton Public Schools.

Ken, the youngest, enrolled in the University of Alberta upon completing his high school. He graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree with distinction in 1984. Ken has recently accepted a position with Schlumberger.

Mom and dad are presently living on the farm. Dad still enjoys his music and plays with the Melody Tones from Vegreville. In the Spring of 1981, the band released its first album, recently they put out a second one. Mom enjoys cross-stitch, petit-point and crochet work as well as visiting with family and friends. We all look forward to holidays when the entire family gets together.

FRANKIW, Kornelius and Katherine (nee Kuleba)

Korney Frankiw, born in the Western Ukraine, arrived in Canada in 1903 with his parents and grandfather. He was six years old at the time. The family homesteaded in the Plain Lake area. In 1914, Korney's father died after falling off a hayrack, and thus at age 17, Korney took his dad's place in managing the family farm. In 1916, he married Katie Mysik and to this union were born three children: Phillip, Grace and Julia. In 1923, Katie died in childbirth.

Left with three small children, Korney remarried in 1924 to Nancy Chudyk, who also in 1926 died in childbirth. A daughter Anne was left from this marriage.

Katherine Kuleba was born in 1909 in the Village of Stratyn, Province of Rohatyn, which is now part of the U.S.S.R. Hoping for a better life for her, Katherine's family sent her to Canada. In 1928, she sailed to Halifax, then travelled by train to Vegreville. As she came on her own, there was no one to meet her. But people in the new land were caring and she soon got a job at the Tom Perpilicha farm which is now part of Vegreville. She worked there for room and board. There were many matchmakers in those days and after a month in Canada, Katherine was introduced to Korney Frankiw, whom she soon married. This marriage in October of 1928 was the first marriage in the new Plain Lake Greek Catholic Church. Reverend Baranac of Basilian Fathers of Mundare performed the ceremony. Thus at age 19 Katherine assumed the role of mother to four small children. Then her own family began to arrive: Steve was born in 1929, Cassie in 1931, Joe in 1932, Mary in 1933, Orest in 1936, Kathy in 1945, and Olga in 1952.

The Frankiw homestead which had been in the family for 60 years was farmed by the family till 1963 at which

time it was sold because none of the sons was interested in farming.

Except for Anne who lives in Kelowna, and Grace who lives in Toronto, the Korney Frankiw family resides close to its roots. Son Phillip and Joe reside in Two Hills. Orest, Steve, and Mary (Dowhaniuk) reside in the Vegreville area. Cassie (Pasnak) lives near Ft. Saskatchewan, while Kathy and Olga live in Edmonton.

Korney Frankiw died in 1975, at the age of 78 years. Residing in Two Hills, wife Katherine now has 26 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

FRANKIW, Phillip Family

Phillip Frankiw who left home at the age 21, was called to the Armed Forces in 1939. He took basic training in Camrose and Calgary. He then joined the Winnipeg Grenadiers and was transferred to Prince Rupert for further training. Here he became ill and while his company left to fight overseas, he was transferred from the Prince Rupert General Hospital to the Victoria Military Hospital for three months. From here he was moved to the Little Mountain District Depot for discharge. He received his discharge in April of 1942.

He then came back to Two Hills and worked in the area until 1945, when he bought 80 acres near his dad's homestead. In August of 1945, he married Rose Onieschuk of the Szypenitz area. She was the third youngest of a family of seven children.

Daughter Phyllis was born in 1946, followed by Barbara in 1949. In 1952, Phillip bought more land through Veterans Affairs loan. Daughter Elaine was born in 1953, and Josie in 1959. Son Edward was born in 1961, and Leonard in 1962.

In 1960, Phillip bought another quarter section. He farmed his land until 1976, when he moved to Two Hills to retire at the age of 58.

Today daughters Phyllis (Andriatz), Barbara (Chemy), and Elaine (Berezanski) reside in the Edmonton area. Josie (Farris) lives near St. Paul, while sons Edward and Leonard are at home. The Phillip Frankiw family has four grandchildren.

FRANKIW, Mike and Christine (nee Chudyk)

by Mike Frankiw

In June of 1903, my father, Louis, his wife Marie (nee Sachkiw), his widowed father and his children Korney (six years), Nick (four years), and Justina (one and a half years), set sail from Brody, Bilavci, Ukraine, to Canada for a better life and more land. The sea voyage took 14 days, and Maria and the children were very sea sick. They arrived in Halifax and took the train from there to Strathcona (now Edmonton) where they were met by Roman Warawa, a relative.

The family arrived at the Warawa home in Mundare where they lived for a year. My father and grandfather then homesteaded a 1/4 section each near Plain Lake (32-53-12). There they built a sod hut which was their first house. The nearest town at that time was Vegreville, 21 miles away, where all our business was done.

Mike Frankiw's family, 1979. Back row, (L to R) - Ed and Sally Pankiw, Elaine, Emil and Vincent Frankiw; front row - Douglas Pankiw, Mike and Christine Frankiw, Grant Pankiw.

Father walked to Edmonton to find a job, leaving my mother, grandfather, and the children to run the farm. He found a job working on an extra gang laying railway track. On the farm the family used an axe and grub hoe to dig out the large trees, a walking plow and team of oxen to clear the land. My father then traded his oxen for a team of horses.

In 1904, a son John was born, followed by Nancy in 1907. In 1909, I, Mike Frankiw, was born.

In July, 1914, my father Louis passed away. He was predeceased by his father, who died at the age of 97, and his son Nick. After my father's death it was left to my eldest brother, Korney, and my mother to run the farm.

We children attended Krasne School—a two and a half mile walk from the homestead. It was a one-room school and 64 students attending at one time. I was very good at spelling and won a poetry book as a prize in our weekly spelling matches. I'm proud to say that in my school career I suffered no strappings but I did get some pointers!! After school hours we took lessons in Ukrainian. When I was eight years old I learned to play the violin which I've enjoyed to this day. I used to play at weddings and dances in the area. In those days weddings were held at homes. Dancing platforms would be erected outdoors and I would sometimes play when it was so cold that my fingers became stiff, but I still enjoyed every minute of it. We would have barn dances every Sunday in one of the neighbor's granaries. Catechism lessons were held in the Plain Lake Church, a six-mile walk from home.

To provide us with clothing my mother bought material, and the neighbors who had sewing machines did our sewing for us until my father bought a machine. Justine then sewed all our clothes.

In 1927, when Two Hills got train services, we started to do our business there. Hauling grain to Two Hills was such a quick trip in comparison to the journey to

Vegreville. It took a day to get to Vegreville; we often made two trips to Two Hills in one day and were still home early for chores.

When I finished school I helped on the farm until 1931 when I obtained my own place. It was the adjoining 1/4 section to the homestead (NW 31-53-12--W4th). In 1943, I married Christine (nee Chudyk). We had two children: Emil born in 1943 and Sally born in 1946. Emil is married to Elaine (nee Laniuk) and they have one child, Vincent. Sally married Edward Pankiw and they have two boys, Douglas and Grant. Both my children now live in Edmonton.

I started farming operations with three horses and a one bottom plow. In 1936 I bought a gang plow and another horse. In 1949 I bought my first tractor, a Ferguson. In 1956, I bought a new tractor, an International Farmal which is still operative.

I began farming during the Depression years. My first wheat crop sold for a 21¢ a bushel, and 8¢ a bushel for oats. I sold a 1000 lb. cow and a two-year-old steer of 800 pounds for a total price of $32. Times were very hard then.

My first car was a second hand 1928 Model A Ford Coupe which I bought in 1941. I drove it for 13 years.

My mother died in 1941, leaving Korney the farm. He later sold my father's original homestead and moved to Two Hills, passing away in 1975. Justina married John Warawa and moved to Elk Point. She passed away in 1983. My brother John, who married Nettie (nee Warawa), lives in Two Hills. Nancy married John Sydora and lives in Lavoy. I moved to Two Hills in 1983.

FUNDYTUS, Harry and Nadia (nee Ewashko)

Nadia was born in 1938 in the Musidora area. She is married to Harry Fundytus. They have four children: Dale, Shauna, Kevin, and Michelle.

Dale has a welding business called Lan-Dale Oilfield Manufacture Ltd.

Shauna is a manager in a loan department of the Royal Bank in Edmonton, Alberta.

Kevin works for the Surveying Department for the Government.

Michelle is still in school.

FUYARCHUK, Peter and Mary

Mary, the third child of Harry and Marafta Luciak, was born on July 27, 1916. She received her education in Szypenitz School and helped out on the family farm.

Mary married Bill Boyko of Brosseau on October 4, 1936. Bill, who was born on February 14, 1907, was very well known in the Two Hills and Brosseau area for his carpentry skills. Many homes and buildings, including the Two Hills Municipal Hospital, were built by him. Times were very difficult when Bill started as a carpenter. He worked for 25¢ an hour. As his reputation in carpentry grew, Bill travelled extensively on contracting jobs. His untimely death came September 5, 1952.

Fuyarchuk family, 1984. Standing (L to R) - Ian King, Stan Gordeyko, Peter and Mary Fuyarchuk, James Fuyarchuk, Raymond Eliuk; seated - Beverly Gordeyko, Marcia Gordeyko, Esther King, Margie and Troy Eliuk.

Mary and Bill had three daughters: Esther, the eldest, was born in Myrnam Hospital on June 10, 1944. She married Ian King in 1966 and they now reside in Vancouver.

The second daughter, Beverly, was born on June 22, 1949, in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital. In 1973, she married Stan Gordeyko. After spending three years in Africa, they now live in Calgary with their daughter Marcia who was born on May 29, 1981.

Margaret, the youngest daughter, was born in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital on May 2, 1951. She married Raymond Eliuk in 1975. The Eliuks, who live in Camrose, have a son, Troy, born on December 30, 1980.

On October 21, 1955, Mary remarried to Peter Fuyarchuk who was born May 4, 1915. Peter spent five years in the Royal Canadian Army Services Corps from 1942 to 1947, stationed in Newfoundland. He later became the Imperial Oil Agent in Two Hills. After 28 years, Peter is now retired and is enjoying some leisure.

On June 28, 1957, James was born to Mary and Peter. James put on his first pair of skates and picked up his first hockey stick at the very early age of four. He has never parted with them. Presently he is in Australia, attending the University of Canberra, playing hockey and coaching several teams. He recently took a hockey team to Japan, as head coach.

Mary has always been a very active member of the community. She enjoys crafts, especially embroidering and crocheting afghans. Mary is well known for her creative baking of a "Korovai", Ukrainian wedding bread.

Although the family is scattered, they keep in close touch, and try to get together as often as possible. They still consider Two Hills their home.

GEGOLICK, William H.

by Jean Gegolick

William H. Gegolick, teacher and principal, was born in Vegreville, Alberta, on March 29, 1913. He is the son

of the late Gregory "Harry" Dzogolyk (1885-1951) and Dora (nee Terlesky) (1895-1982). Harry was born in the Village of Hankowitz in the County of Sniatyn, Province of Halychina, 12 miles northwest of Chernivci, Ukraine. Harry was the son of Basil Dzogolyk (1839-1894) and Mary (nee Vikaryk) (1849-1909). Harry's wife Dora was born in Hankowitz, Ukraine. Dora came to Canada in 1899 with her parents John and Lena Terlesky.

In 1906, at the age of twenty, Harry immigrated to Canada. After working for the C.P.R. in Winnipeg, on a farm in Saskatchewan, and for the City of Edmonton where he helped unload the first street car on October 30, 1908, Harry worked for the C.P.R. in Lethbridge. He bought his first quarter section of land 18 miles west of Two Hills from the C.P.R. for four dollars per acre. Over a period of time he was able to purchase three more quarters of land within a mile of the home place.

Harry and Dora Dzogolyk had four sons and five daughters: William, Mary Maron, Anne Semeniuk, Peter, Helen Makowichuk, Rose Gushaty, Walter, Ernest, and Sophie. They were grandparents to 25 children. Descendants now live in Toronto, Vegreville, Boyle, Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver.

William was educated in schools at Norma and Vegreville. In Edmonton he attended Eastwood High School and in 1933 graduated from the Edmonton Normal School. During his teaching years William enrolled at the University of Alberta to complete his third year of education, and specialized in physical education, shop, and bookkeeping.

William's teaching career began at Deep Lake School, 18 miles northwest of Two Hills. After spending four years there he was appointed principal of the two-room schools at Spring Creek, Moose, and Pathfinder before being transferred to Two Hills Junior High School. There he was placed in charge of the junior physical education program and extra-curricular sports activities. He took great pride in his school hockey team which was able to defeat the Vegreville team. Several of his students were able to get jobs in Edmonton because of their hockey ability. William's other activities from 1942 to 1945 included being assessor for the Town of Two Hills, Red Cross work, and organizer for the Canada Savings Bonds campaigns. During several summer vacations William marked Grade IX Departmental examination papers in Edmonton.

In 1952, William moved to Edmonton where he entered into a new field-accounting. For the next ten years he worked for Crescent Motors where he was in charge of twenty-five employees. When the business changed hands he went back to teaching at Meadowlark, Delton, and Scott-Robertson schools until his retirement in 1971.

Since retirement, William has found enjoyment in a variety of activities - Canada census auditing, working for People's Jewellers, clock repair business, collecting antique clocks, Alladin and English lamps, and Royalty chinaware dating back to Queen Victoria.

Aside from his many activities, William and his wife, Jean, have found time to travel to England and Scotland twice, across Canada, throughout the United States as well as spend a number of winters in Arizona.

William and the late Olga Gegolick had two sons, Ronald and Lyndon. Ronald graduated as a mechanical engineer from the University of Alberta. He is married to Kathy Starko. Ronald is a designer for a furniture manufacturing firm. Lyndon graduated from NAIT in Electronics and is working in this field. He is married to Kim Mitchell.

Both sons live in Edmonton.

GELETA, Senko and Maria

by Katherine Harasyn

Senko Geleta and Maria Soldan were born in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl, in the Western Ukraine, then occupied by Austria.

In 1900, Senko and Maria were married. They immigrated to Canada in 1902 with one year old son Mike, John and Maria Soldan (Maria's parents), grandfather Klem Soldan, one uncle, three sisters and three brothers. Arriving in Halifax, on June 13, 1902, on the ship Armania, they then travelled to Edmonton by train. From there they were taken to Warwick where they bought a homestead located on SE-30-53-13-W4th.

Pioneer life was harsh and demanding. Senko often walked an 80 mile trail to Edmonton through muskeg, bush and water in order to obtain a job and earn money for supplies.

Maria stayed home tending the children and working with pick and axe to clear some land for a garden. Their first home was a log cabin with a mud floor. Snakes, wild animals and flies would often make it unbearable to live in the house.

There were no luxuries or food delicacies in those days so the family lived off the land. When the boys were growing up they snared rabbits, prairie chickens and partridges for food. They would also trap weasels and muskrats for pelts, and dig seneca roots which they could sell or trade for supplies and extra food.

Although the family was constantly preoccupied with work, they still found time to satisfy their social and spiritual needs. In 1906, Senko and six other men were instrumental in constructing a Russo-Orthodox Church, one mile west of the homestead. When the church was completed, the family and their friends would gather every Sunday to give thanks to the Lord for what they had. This church has now been moved to the Ukrainian Heritage Village.

Senko and Maria raised eight children.

Mike, who married Mary Tomsha, lived on the family farm at New Kiew and they have one son Lawrence.

John married Nellie Spilak, and lived in Sarnia, Ontario, where two sons, Dr. Percy Gladdy and Leo Gladdy were raised.

Jessie, who married Louie Grushka, lives in Oshawa, Ontario, and has two daughters, Diane and Elsie.

Katherine, who married Alec Harasyn, now lives in Edmonton and has four children: Marshall, Lily, Victor, and Elizabeth.

Annie married Isydore Dehid, and lives in Two Hills where they raised three children: Raymond, Marshall, and Elaine.

Rose married Nick Shmilar and lives in Edmonton.

Dick married Lena Stoski, and lived in Two Hills

Senko and Maria Geleta gathering at their 50th wedding anniversary, 1950. Standing, (L to R) - Annie (Mike) Soldan, Annie (Isydore) Dehid, Lena and Dick Geleta, Jessie (Louie) Grushka, Pearl and Walter Horon, Nick and Rose Shmilar, Kathryn (Alec) Harasyn, Martha (Steve) Nikiforuk, Alec Harasyn, Mary (Mike) Geleta, Isydore Dehid, Diane Brown, Mike Geleta; kneeling or seated - Katherine (Metro) Soldan, Jennie (John) Palylyk, Annie (Bill) Horon, Maria and Senko Geleta, Anastasia Kitz, Bill Horon, Metro Soldan, Mike Soldan, Steve Nikiforuk, John Palylyk; seated - (front row) - Elaine Dehid.

where three children were raised: Sharon, Betty, and Richard.

Pearl married Walter Horon, and lives in Vegreville. The Horons have one daughter, Sheila.

After a life-time of toiling on the Canadian soil, Senko passed away January 27, 1953 at the age of 78; Maria passed away December 21, 1973 at the age of 92. They were interred in the Russo-Orthodox Cemetery, overlooking their homestead, where they worked so perseveringly.

GELETA, Dick Martin and Lena (nee Stoski)

Dick Martin Geleta, second youngest son of a family of eight children of Sam and Maria (nee Soldan) Geleta, was born in New Kiew, Alberta, on November 14, 1915. He was raised on the farm and attended New Kiew School. Completing his Grade IX and X in Two Hills, he was fortunate enough to be sent to Victoria High School in Edmonton where he graduated. In 1936, he registered in the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Alberta but in the following year switched to a two-year Pharmacy course.

Dick's school years were difficult as there was little money, and at times none for books, board and room. His brother Mike, working out at brushing and various other jobs, helped him financially to obtain his pharmacy degree in 1940. Since work was not available at the time, Dick returned home to help the family with farming.

In the fall of the same year news spread that Panko Fedorchuk's drug store in Two Hills was for sale. Dick's brother-in-law, Alex Harrison, who owned and operated a garage, convinced Dick's parents to purchase the stock and set up their son in business. Dick moved the stock-in-trade into the front section of Harrison's garage and put up a "Drugs" sign. For a year he lived with the Harrison family.

In 1941, Dick's father and mother gave him $400. to construct his own building with living quarters at the back. During the ensuing six years, business was slow and money was scarce. His sister Rose, working for him from 1941-1947, helped him considerably. Dick took advantage of every opportunity to supplement his income. Being a music lover, and able to play the violin and saxophone, he organized an orchestra. For 20 years he played at weddings and dances. To further supplement his income he had the telephone exchange switchboard installed in the drug store.

In 1942, Dick was elected mayor of Two Hills and held this office until 1977, at which time his seat was contested for the first time. However, he was re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

Dick's mayorality was the beginning of his dedicated services to the community. It can be truly said that during his 39 years in business and public life, Dick played a leading and often a distinguished part in community organizations, clubs and societies. From 1944 to 1947, he was influential in organizing the Two Hills Municipal Hospital District, culminating in the hospital being built in 1947. Dick became hospital board's chairman in 1950, which office, (except for one and a half years as its vice-chairman) he held until 1979. The following list indicates the range of his life's contributions to the community:

- Mayor of Two Hills for 37 continuous years—a record unmatched in the Province of Alberta.
- Executive member of the Two Hills Chamber of Commerce.
- Member of the Disaster Services Organization.
- Faithful member, with executive positions, of Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
- An active church and community choir member for 39 years.
- Participation in organizing the Centennial Year celebration including the canoe pageant.

Lena and Dick Geleta at a reception held to commemorate Dick's 35 years as mayor of the Town of Two Hills, 1977.

- Promotion of building of the curling rink, arena, Centennial Hall, and Ball Park.
- Member of the Two Hills Fire Brigade.
- Member of Elks Lodge, Royal Canadian Legion, Fish and Game Association, Agricultural Society, hockey and golf clubs.
- Justice of the Peace for 17 years.

Dick's dedicated services to the community were appreciated and recognized. In 1967, the Federal Government, on the occasion of the hundreth anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, presented Dick with a Centennial Medal for his valuable services. In 1974, he was chosen Alberta pharmacist by R.H. Robins Co. to receive, for outstanding services to the community, a Pharmaceutical Hygiea Bowl Award. As well he received a paid trip to the Company's plant in Richmond, Virginia. In 1977, the Town of Two Hills honored Dick at a reception to commemorate his unbroken term of 35 years as mayor. Federal and Provincial dignitaries, representatives from neighboring towns and villages, and many friends from near and far gathered to congratulate him. He received many gifts, plaques and certificates of recognition.

Dick loved sports, and was a good hockey and baseball player. He was also an ardent curler, and participated in many bonspiels. Dick loved and played a good game of golf.

In 1946, Dick married Lena, daughter of Dmytro and Olena (nee Kulyk) Stoski. Lena was born on her parents' homestead (SW 28-53-12-W4th) in the Plain Lake district. She attended Krasne School and helped on the farm. After their marriage, Lena assisted her husband to operate the drug store and, like her husband, became involved in community activities.

For 33 years she was a member of the Ukrainian Women's Association, Lesia Ukrainka Branch treasurer for three years, and recording secretary for nine years. She is a chartered member of the Legion Auxiliary to Canadian Legion Branch No. 237, and for two consecutive three year terms was president. Lena participated in the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Community choir for 36 years. Loving sports, she played ball, curled, and golfed.

Dick and Lena raised three children: two daughters, Sharon and Betty, and one son Richard.

Sharon is married to Keith Cameron. Both have Bachelor of Education degrees and are teaching in Edmonton. They have two sons, Jason and Scott. The family resides in Fort Saskatchewan.

Betty is married to Dr. William Hnydyk. They have a daughter Tiffany and a son Christopher. Dr. Hnydyk has his practise in Vegreville and Betty, a Bachelor of Education graduate, is a part-time music teacher.

Richard, a graduate in civil engineering, lives and works in Calgary.

Sharon, Betty, Lena, Dick and Richard at the 25th wedding anniversary celebration of Dick and Lena Geleta, 1971

During their married life Dick and Lena, sometimes with their children and at times alone, were able to holiday in Alberta and B.C. parks. They toured eastern and western parts of Canada and parts of the United States as well. Dick and Lena also attended many pharmaceutical conventions. They visited Japan, and in 1978 went to Ukraine to visit the birthplace of their parents.

Often when friends asked Dick what his plans were for retirement, his reply was always the same, "I will serve the people of my community until I die." This dynamic and always obliging and pleasant person devoted unselfishly his time and energy, tending to his personal business as well to carrying out his mayorality duties in his easy-going-manner. Dick Geleta passed away in Calgary General Hospital on December 31, 1979, at the age of 64 years. He was buried in the Ukrainian Orthodox section of the Two Hills cemetery and will be remembered by all who knew him.

As token of gratitude and respect, for his many years of outstanding services to the community, the Town of Two Hills, on June 12, 1981, dedicated in Dick's memory its baseball park, naming it the "D.M. Geleta Recreation Park."

In 1980 Lena moved to Vegreville to be closer to her daughter Betty.

GILHOLME, Dick and Justine (nee Kolisniak)

On February 26, 1928, Justine, daughter of Andrew and Elena (nee Hrynyk) Kolisniak, was born in Musidora.

Justine's early childhood days were spent on the family farm in Musidora. She attended Franko School and in 1947, she graduated from Two Hills High School and obtained employment in Edmonton as a bookkeeper. In 1985, she was employed with the Alberta Government at the Home Improvement Branch.

Gilholme Family, 1980. Standing - Dick and James; seated - Margery, Justine and Judith Gilholme.

In 1959, Justine met George Richard (Dick) Gilholme of Edmonton whom she married in 1960. Dick received his Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta, in 1956 and a Bachelor of Education degree in 1965, followed by an Education Diploma degree in 1976. He is now employed with the Alberta Correspondence School in Barrhead.

Their daughter, Judith Helen, who was born in 1961, graduated from the University of Alberta in 1983, with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy. She is presently employed with the Shoppers' Drug Mart in the Callingwood area of Edmonton.

James Cameron was born in 1962. Presently he is attending the University of Alberta, where he is enrolled in the Faculty of Commerce, majoring in accounting and finance.

Margery Anne was born in 1963. She graduated from the N.A.I.T. in Administrative Management in 1983. Margery Anne is employed with Shoppers' Drug Mart, in the Abbottsfield area of Edmonton. She is working toward a management position with the Shoppers' Drug Organization.

The Gilholme family resided in Edmonton most of their lives except for spending a year in Lethbridge and Calgary. They were actively involved in St. Timothy's Anglican Church and the Lynnwood Community League over the years. Justine and Dick are presently making plans to move to Barrhead, where Dick is employed.

GLADE, James and Sophie (nee Smilar)

Sophie Glade (nee Smilar), daughter of Mary and the late Mike Smilar, was born in Musidora on October 14, 1930. She attended Rannock School where she was taught by Mr. John Buk. Sophie married James C. Glade, who was with the permanent Armed Forces, on September 21, 1949.

Sophie and Jim Glade, 1958

They moved to Edmonton after their marriage and while living there, the Glade's had four sons: George born July 28, 1950; Charles born August 3, 1951; Terry and Teddy (twins) born December 13, 1954.

In 1962, the family returned to live in Two Hills. In February 1963, they moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where they now reside.

George and Charles are married and each have two children. Terry lives in Calgary and Teddy in Vancouver.

GOLONOWSKI, John and Mary

In 1907, John Golonowski left his birthplace of Bilavci, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada. He stayed here for two years before returning to his homeland. In 1909, John, along with his wife Mary and three children, arrived in Alberta in hope of prosperity. They settled in the Plain Lake area on a homestead (SW 32-53-11-W4th) and farmed there until John died in the flu epidemic of 1918.

Three brothers, Steve, John and Joe Golinowski, approximately 45 years ago, circa 1939

Pictured above (L to R) - Grandma Demkiw, Steve and Katyryna Myskiw, Florence and John Golonowski (bride and groom), Pearl and Steve Golonowski, Grandma Golonowski, October 25, 1947

John and Mary had five children: Steve, John and Irene (Ludwick) were born in Ukraine; Joe and Ann (Sorochan) were born in Canada. Steve passed away in 1949, John in 1976, and Joe in 1977.

After John's death, the family continued farming the homestead with their mother. In 1920, the oldest son, Steve, married Pearl Demkiw.

In 1921, Steve and his wife moved to the Franko district where they farmed for nine years. In 1930, they bought land from the C.P.R. Because money was scarce, Steve had to mortgage his four horses for the purchase. With the help of his brother-in-law and the four horses, he cultivated the land and soon owned a Model T Ford. In 1934, the hard work paid off and Steve was able to purchase a Fordson tractor (on steel), and a 1932 Model A Ford.

The family was saddened in 1949, when Steve died at the early age of 49. Pearl continued to farm with her son, Emil, until she moved to Two Hills where she resides. Steve and Pearl had four children: John, Nick, Emil, and Naudya.

John attended Bushland School until Grade IX when the needs of the family had to take precedence.

In 1947, John married Florence (the daughter of Steve and Katyryna Myskiw) and moved to Morecambe. Here they bought a hardware store from Bill Kowalchuk. In 1953, John took over the livestock buying station from the deceased John Swanson. In 1959, he sold all his businesses which included the hardware store, B.A. gas station, and his livestock station to Mike Saskiw. The following year, John bought the Westlock Hotel which he still operates with his son, Robert. John was elected to Council in 1977, and in 1980 he was elected as Mayor of the Town of Westlock and re-elected in 1983. John and Florence have two other children, Linda Summers of St. Albert and Russell of Redwater. All three children are married.

Pearl and Steve Golonowski with their son John, 1926

Nick Golonowski was born in 1924, and died two years later.

Emil, attended Bushland School, farmed the homeplace, and attended the Vermilion School of Agriculture in 1947-1948. In 1952, he married Elsie (the daughter of Joe and Nancy Trach). They farmed in the Morecambe area until 1973. At that time Emil relocated to the Westlock area where he bought shares in the Westlock Hotel as well as some land with his brother, John. Emil still owns the home farm. Elsie and Emil have five children: Gary, Cindy, and Connie (who is married) live in Edmonton; Lorraine and Kelly reside in Westlock.

Naudya, the youngest of the family, completed school in Two Hills. She worked in Edmonton and then in Two Hills where she met and married John Forbes in 1951. (See John Forbes History).

All their descendants owe their health, happiness, and prosperity they enjoy in this country, to the great courage and endurance of John and Mary Golonowski.

GOLINOWSKI, John and Annie (nee Zaleschuk)

by Steve Golinowski

John Golinowski Sr., immigrated to Canada in 1907. Three years later, after earning some money, he returned to the Ukraine for his wife Mary, and their three children: Steve, John, and Irene. The family settled on a homestead five miles south and one mile west of Musidora. There, two more children, Joe and Ann, were born.

John's mother Mary Golinowski, circa 1925.

John and Annie Golinowski and their children Mary and Steve, 1950.

John, the second oldest boy, married Annie Zaleschuk in 1927. Later that year, they bought a place of their own in the Plain Lake district, (SW 24-53-12-W4th). Times were difficult in the early thirties and the family almost lost their land. Progressing into the forties, things became better. John and Annie built a new home in 1941 and John bought his first car in 1949, and a tractor in 1951.

John and Annie had two children: Mary born in 1929, and Steve in 1939. After completing Grade X in Plain Lake, Mary went to Alberta College in Edmonton for a year. In 1952, Mary married Ernest Alther of Edmonton. They had three girls.

Steve attended school at Plain Lake and Two Hills. In 1985 he is farming on his father's farm. John Golinowski passed away on June 29, 1976.

GORDEYKO, Bill and Anne (nee Ewasiuk)

Todozi and Rita (Malayko) Gordeyko and their son Steve, age three, arrived in Canada in 1896, from Lashkivka, Kitzman, Bukovina. Kalena Severan, daughter of Harry and Ustana (Makovichuk) emigrated from the Ukraine in 1900.

Steve married Kalena on June 12, 1912, at Kahwin, and homesteaded in Cadron for 16 years. Their family consisted of five children: Ann, born June 12, 1913; John, February 4, 1915; Bill on July 2, 1917; Rita on July 11, 1918; and Elizabeth on February 29, 1920.

In 1928, the family moved to the Two Hills area and after renting land, the present family quarter section of land was purchased.

On July 1, 1945, Bill married Anne Ewasiuk. They lived with Bill's parents (Steve and Kalena) for a couple of wonderful years. The sharing and learning of two different generations was extremely rewarding and enlightening.

In 1946, Steve started work with the C.P.R. in Calgary, where the family now resides. In 1982, Steve and Kalena celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Anne, Lena, Steve and Bill Gordeyko, 1975

Bill and Anne purchased the land from Steve, and continued farming. To them four boys were born: Robert, July 26, 1947; Stan, April 21, 1949; Lorry, December 23, 1950; and Patrick, October 26, 1959.

The boys graduated from Two Hills High School and pursued their own careers. Robert married Deborah Orleski on September 30, 1978. Stan married Beverly Boyko on June 22, 1973. They have one daughter, Marcia. Lorry married Beverly Brown on October 9, 1976. They have one son, Trevor. Patrick has now taken over the family farm.

Bill and Anne still live on the farm but are semi-retired. Some of their fond memories were playing ball. Anne, in particular, remembers playing in the Intermediate Provincial Championships with the Szypenitz ball team. Bill had a great love for horses and it was a very sad day for the Gordeyko household when, in 1957, "Betty" and "Bruin", the last team, was retired. The companionship that developed between farmer and horse could never be replaced by the excitement and the necessity of owning tractors and combines.

The Gordeyko family is overjoyed that Patrick has taken over the family farm which will continue to be a "home" for the family.

GORGICHUK, Axanti and Maria (nee Droozel)

by Andy Gorgichuk

Axanti and his family emigrated from Oshechlibzci, Bukovina, Ukraine, in 1902. Arriving in Canada in the same year they filed on their homestead in the immigration office in Whitford.

Along with Axanti came his two brothers Stephen and Ostafee and their families. Their cousin Lazar and his family also arrived at this time. Although all filed on homesteads, only Stephen claimed one that was close to Axanti. That was in the Pozerville district at the time. Axanti's land location was NW 34-54-13-W4th and Stephen's was SE 34-54-13-W4th.

They were attracted to Canada because of the freedom, the opportunity and possible expansion this new land would provide. Like thousands of other immigrants, this was an opportune time to leave persecution, oppression, and insecurity.

With such vivid memories they were encouraged to improve their status.

Axanti, a carpenter as well as a good horse doctor, was a great asset to his community in both these skillful trades. There were many horse traders roaming about the country and Axanti liked dealing with them. He had the ability of recognizing bad or undesirable traits in a horse that only time and good handling or training could improve. Now and again he still ended up with an unpredictable one. He made good (somohunka) moonshine for which he paid dearly on a couple of occasions. Axanti and Maria never turned anyone away who was hungry or in need of lodging.

Axanti and Maria went through the same hardships that many of the pioneers faced. They faced conditions such as drought, hail, early frosts, extreme cold, and blizzards. Then there was the flu, the depression, persecution, and their share of mishaps and tragedies. However, they were survivors, and managed to assemble a sizable farming operation before their retirement.

Maria and Axanti Gorgichuk, circa 1927

Maria and Axanti had 11 children: John, Bill, Trefon, Nick, Mike, Silver, Annie, Domka, Jennie I, Frozina, and Jennie II.

Axanti built a small log house in Kaleland where he and his wife retired in 1946. Maria born in 1877, passed away in 1960.

After his wife's death Axanti lived with his son Trefon. Axanti, born in 1874, passed away in 1964.

GORDICHUK, John and Annie

by Madeleine Shandruk

John Gordichuk was born on December 25, 1902, a few months after his parents arrived in Canada from Oshechlib, Bukovina, Ukraine. He was the son of Axanti and Mary Gordichuk. John attended school in Wattsford for six years and continued in Vegreville for two more years. He then helped his parents farm, as he was the eldest of the family.

John and Anne Gordichuk, 1946

On July 21, 1921, John married Annie Keryluk who was born in 1904, in the vicinity of Soda Lake, and was the daughter of Peter and Maraftha Keryluk. John acquired 80 acres of land from his father and purchased the remaining 80 acres. He also bought an old breaking plough and in order to supplement his income, he broke land for other farmers. This enabled him to build a garage and feed mill in Kaleland, which at that time, had a large hardware store, two grocery stores, and a post office. After a few years, John sold the garage which eventually became a community hall.

Having a mechanic's license, John worked in various garages in Sudbury, Ontario, and McBride, B.C. During this time, his wife tended the farm and the children. In 1943, he sold his farm in Kaleland and moved to Shalka, where he continued to farm with his younger sons. In 1950, he again sold his farm and moved to the Calder area in Edmonton. John and Annie lived there for a few years, then moved to 11241-84th Street in Edmonton. John passed away in 1969. Annie celebrated her 80th birthday on January 29, 1984, and all her children attended the celebration.

Gordichuk family, 1979. Standing, (L to R) - Madeleine, Marie, Sophie, Fiona; seated - Adam, Andy, Mother, Sylver and Raymond.

Eight children were born to John and Annie. Madeleine Shandruk, born November 20, 1922, resides in Two Hills. They have two children. Andrew, born September 28, 1924, resides in Dawson Creek, B.C. and has five children. Mary Witmer, born June 20, 1927, resides in New Tripoli, Pennsylvania, and has five children. Adam, born May 27, 1929, resides in Kitimat, B.C., and has five children. Sophie Petruik, born October 12, 1930, resides in Hairy Hill and is the mother of three children. Sylver, born October 29, 1932, resides in Edmonton and has three children. Raymond, born May 23, 1935, resides in Swan Hills and has two children. Fiona Swickis, born March 15, 1937, resides in Edmonton and is the mother of three children.

Annie has 28 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

GORGICHUK, Trefon and Lena (nee Lakusta)

by Andy Gorgichuk

On January 26, 1908, Trefon was born to Axanti and Maria Gorgichuk of the Pozerville district.

Lena, the daughter of John and Nastasia Lakusta of Lanuke, was born on June 4, 1916.

Lena and Trefon Gorgichuk, 1940

Trefon and Lena were married in the Pruth Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church on May 12, 1935, by Reverend Chrustawka. Lena gave her love and special care to raise William who was Trefon's two year old son from a previous marriage.

The Gorgichuks lived on the SE 11-55-13-W4th. Like many farmers in their area they raised anything that would enhance living. Trefon, who had a Red River Special threshing machine, custom threshed in the fall to supplement his income. In 1956, Trefon and his son William bought and operated a grain cleaning and chopping business.

Lena and Trefon on their 40th wedding anniversary with three sons - Robert, Eddie and Eugene, 1975

The Trefon Gorgichuk home burned down on the farm in 1959, and Lena and Trefon were forced to buy a house in Two Hills. While in town Trefon operated the farm, helped with the business, and drove a school bus. This latter job he held for 19 years. In 1966, Trefon sold his grain cleaning business to his son Eugene but continued to farm until 1974. At this time he sold his farm and farming possessions and decided to retire.

Trefon and Lena then bought a house in Lamont in 1975, where they lived until 1979. They then returned to Two Hills and are enjoying their retirement.

Lena operated a catering service, was involved with the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion group for ten years, helped the United Church women's group and voluntarily helped many groups that could use her capabilities.

Four boys, were born into family: William born on October 8, 1932; Eugene on August 22, 1936; Eddie on January 5, 1940, and Robert on September 5, 1946.

Eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren are also part of the family.

Lena had recently visited the Ukraine where her roots first originated. She was well received with a high interest displayed in Canada. Lena would like to travel more if Trefon could be convinced to come along.

GORGICHUK, Eftemi and Anastasia (nee Yakulchak)

by Steve E. Gorgichuk

Eftemi and his wife Anastasia (nee Yakulchak) came to Canada in 1902, from Oshychlib, Bukovina, Ukraine, with their three children: Marafta, Mary, and Annie. Arriving in Winnipeg, Eftemi was offered a job as a C.P.R. station agent because he was well versed in the Ukrainian and German languages. He refused this job because he wanted to buy land for farming.

Arriving in the Pozerville District, later called Two Hills, he purchased a homestead, SW-34-54-13-W4th. Eftemi then went to Calgary and found employment with the Canadian Pacific Railway. Later he worked for H.R.M. Pozer and Hank and Tom Watt. At that time the closest post office was Whitford, a long walk of 25 miles. Mother once told us about the time she went for mail and was confronted by a herd of cattle. Climbing a tree, she had to wait until they left.

Eftemi and Anastasia Gorgichuk, 1932

In 1917, Eftemi was one of the pioneers who helped to build the first Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada—the Kaleland Church.

A progressive farmer by 1923, he bought a ten dollar homestead and two more quarters of land for $3,200. A year later, he bought three more quarters from his friend, Fred Shoff, for $11,000.

Eftemi was a good-natured man and a kind-hearted father. When we stooked grain he would offer us tobacco. At 15 years of age I remember helping him to haul grain to Vegreville by team. In the evening he would go to the beer parlor and when I would follow to ask him for some money, he would buy me a bottle of beer and tell me to drink it and get out fast. He allowed us to go to the pool hall, and waited to pay for the games. He always took good care of us because we obeyed him and worked hard.

Eftemi and Anastasia had 12 children: Marafta, 1897-1965; Mary, 1899-1941; Annie, 1901-1978; Bill, 1903-1919; George of Eaglesham, 1905; Nick, 1907-1976; Peter, 1909-1966; Steve, of Two Hills, 1911; John of Two Hills, 1913; Kalyna, 1915-1922; Mike, 1918-1969; and Victoria, 1920-1978.

In 1935, he passed away leaving six quarters of land, 40 acres of hayland and all his farm machinery to his sons. Anastasia passed away in 1939.

GORGICHUK, John and Stephaniea

John Gorgichuk, son of Eftemi and Anastasia, was born in 1913, in the Pozerville district. He is the 11th of 14 children. In 1939, at the age of 26, John moved to Eaglesham and leased a half section of land which he farmed for two years. In 1942, he married Stephaniea, who is the second of 11 children of William and Mary Choban. She was born in 1917, in Two Hills. Both John and Stephaniea were raised within one mile of each other southeast of Kaleland.

After their marriage, John and Stephaniea farmed in Eaglesham for another two years. Here their first son, Marshall, was born in 1943. They then moved back to Kaleland where they operated a general store for two years. In 1944, their first daughter, Jeanette, was born in nearby Willingdon, followed in 1946 by their second daughter, Catherine, who was born also in Willingdon. Moving back to their farm, (NE 28-54-13-W4th) they continued to operate with horses until 1946, when they bought their first tractor and combine.

Phillip, their second son, was born in 1949, followed by their third son, Ronald, in 1951, in Two Hills. John and Stephaniea built their present house in 1952, and were the first people in the district to get power and water works in 1957 and 1959.

Their last daughter, Sheryl, was born in 1957. The first three children attended Kaleland School. In the summer they walked the two miles to school and in the winter

John and Stephaniea, June, 1942

used a sleigh. When bus service was established in about 1952, the children then attended school in Two Hills.

John and Stephaniea retired from farming in 1970, and are presently residing on their farm. Their first son, Marshall, operates a trucking business and resides in Fort Saskatchewan with his wife, Virginia, and their two children, Tina and Rodney. Jeanette, Catherine, Phillip, Ronald, and Sheryl all graduated from the Two Hills High School and went on to further educational training in Edmonton.

Their first daughter, Jeanette, completed a business college program. At the present time she is a business manager for her husband's professional corporation. She is married to orthodontist Dr. Gerald Boychuk, and they along with their two children, Krista and Jason, live in St. Albert.

The second daughter, Catherine, attended university for one year. Presently, she is a part-time employee for Carlton Cards. Catherine is married to Larry Madley, district manager for a chemical company in Saskatoon, where they now reside with their two children, Darren and Jordan. Second son, Phillip, completed instrumentation technology at N.A.I.T. and is employed with Northwestern Utilities as an instrument technician. He is married to Dorothy, and the family including the children Wesley and Saire, live on an acreage southeast of Sherwood Park.

Ronald, the third son, received a degree in physical education with distinction from the University of Alberta in 1973. He also received a Master of Science degree in 1981. Ronald distinguished himself as an athlete by competing on the Canadian National Olympic Handball Team for four and a half years and served on Canada's World Cup Handball Team in 1978. He is presently employed as a sports consultant for Alberta Recreation and Parks in Edmonton. Recently he married Charlotte and they reside in Edmonton.

The youngest in the family, Sheryl, completed her certification as a dental hygienist from the University of Alberta in 1977. She has recently taken a leave of absence from her job to raise her first infant daughter, Lynnsey. Sheryl is married to carpenter John L. Elkow and lives in Edmonton.

John and Stephaniea Gorgichuk's family, 1977. (L to R) - Ron, Phillip and Dorthy Gorgichuk; Larry and Catherine Madley (children Darren and Jorden missing); Sheryl and John Elkow; John and Stephaniea Gorgichuk; Jerry, Jeannette, Krista and Jason Boychuk and Marshall. (Virginia and children Tina and Rodney Gorgichuk missing).

GORGICHUK, Leonard and Claudette (nee Wiart)

by Leonard Gorgichuk

I, the son of Mike and Olga Gorgichuk, was born in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital, on December 13, 1948. Until the age of eight, I lived on a farm three miles west and one mile north of Two Hills.

There were many unstable years for our family. We lived in a two-room log house, with only one room being heated in the winter. My toys consisted of a red wagon, tricycle, barn door rollers, cans, bottles, and for real

Leonard and Claudette Gorgichuk with Leeann (eight) and Travis (six), 1984

excitement my brother Gerald and I would cut up a dead frozen pig with a hacksaw. When I was eight, we finally got a two-wheeled bicycle. We learned to ride it by putting one leg under the bar, as the bicycle was too big for us.

My older brother started school two years sooner than I did. I was to start school at the age of six and one half, but due to a large enrolment I had to wait another year. My first day of school was exciting. When lunch time came, a friend and I went uptown thinking school was over. Someone came looking for us and informed us otherwise. Sometime during January, I remember arriving at school to see it engulfed by flames. During the night our red brick school, along with my only story book, was destroyed. We were sent home for a holiday until a room was available.

In the spring of 1956, we sold the quarter we lived on and moved one-quarter mile east to a quarter of land which had a new three-room house. From then on we began to prosper.

In the summer of 1967, I worked at North American Road Ltd. for $1.97 per hour, driving a packer. I graduated from the Two Hills High School in the summer of 1967. From 1967 to 1969, I attended the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and received a diploma in electronic engineering. Jobs were plentiful so I was employed with the Imperial Oil Enterprises Ltd., on seismographs for $550. per month. After being laid off in the spring of 1969, I worked for Shell Canada Ltd. the following winter.

My father died on the morning of December 13, 1969, so I took over the operation of the family farm, at the same time doing odd jobs to assist paying bills.

In 1974, I married Claudette Wiart, a hairdresser, born and raised in Alliance, Alberta. Leeann Jane was born on May 6, 1975, and Travis Leonard on July 4, 1977.

We now reside in our home we built on SW 1-55-13-W4th.

GORGICHUK, Dionizi and Anna (nee Eliuk)

by Andy Gorgichuk (grandson)

In Oshechlib, Bukovina, Ukraine, Dionizi and his two brothers, and four cousins read the plea, that Canada was inviting settlers. One could get a 160 acre homestead for ten dollars providing that living quarters were built, the homestead was fenced, and that 30 acres of land be broken within three years. As everyone was working for a "Pahn" or landlord to supplement his family's meager living, the regulations for homestead acquisition were really no great challenge.

The three brothers, Dionizi, Eftemi, and Nicoli sold their morges of land, and along with four cousins and their families, sailed for Montreal in the spring of 1902.

From Montreal they travelled by train to Edmonton where they joined a wagon train to Whitford. According to archival records, the land registrar assigned them their locations which were approved on July 18, 1902.

Dionizi married Anna Eliuk and they had one child, Marie, when they immigrated. In Canada they settled on SE 35-54-13-W4th where Dionizi immediately started building a house by using the local aspens. After the walls

Anna Gorgichuk, circa 1920

were up and the roof stringers in place, mud plaster was applied to the wall, and roof was covered with sod. A "shparhut", (mud-walled stove with a flat iron top) was built for cooking as well as heating the house. A "postyl", (type of bed) was built next to the "shparhut". By placing ones feet against this mud walled stove, one could be quite comfortable even though there may be a raging blizzard outside. A "peech" (a dutch oven) was built outside, mainly for baking bread and drying fish. Flour was ground between two flat rocks.

A small log barn, covered in the same manner as the house, kept the yoke of oxen and sow comfortable in winter. Slough hay, which was cut by scythe and stacked by hand, was plentiful. Before a wagon could be afforded, the hay was hauled long distances on a skid.

As their time was always well occupied with necessary improvements such as digging a well and grubhooking the roots, there was not time to feel homesick. Using the resources at hand, they picked wild berries and dried mushrooms for winter supplies.

Fortunately, Dionizi brought from the old country his "droteewka", a wire metal shotgun made by a gunsmith. This was an excellent gun, but was limited by the shot and powder load it could handle. This investment kept wild duck, prairie chicken, grouse and rabbit on the table.

On October 16, 1903, young Dionizi was born. In the spring of 1905, his father caught pneumonia. Eftemi, who had purchased a team of horses took Dionizi Sr. to an Edmonton Hospital, where he passed away.

A few years later, Anna married Toder Skakun and raised three children: Martha, Fred, and Nick.

"Mosha" (Grandma), was a spontaneous horse trader. Once while driving her small team, she stopped to chat with a stranger who was driving a team that she admired. In a short time, her astuteness gained her that team, and she drove home with it. Details of the deal were never revealed.

To supplement their living and that of the growing family, Toder Skakun hauled freight for Fred Shoff, who operated a general store. It was on one of these freight hauls that Toder was attacked near a livery stable and was set loose with his team in Vegreville. The attack proved fatal and the tragedy, although investigated, was never solved.

Once again, Anna was widowed. With five growing children, "Mosha" once again required assistance. Being resourceful, she obtained free labour from vagabonds who required winter lodging. In 1918, Anna married Nick Ursuliak, a widower, who had several children. Their daughter Rose was born in 1919. Nick was a carpenter and helped the children build their homes. Young Dionizi and his sister Mary received no formal education. English was learned from contact with the English children, as well as from their neighbor, Fred Shoff.

"Mosha" Anna lived to see all her children married, except Rose, who was not married when Anna passed away in 1935, at the age of 57.

Anna's trail ended, but not without first feeling the ecstasies of her journey into the unknown; tasting the hardships of an untamed land, the bitterness and grief of death; and at the same time seeing the flourishing progress of the young.

Rest in Peace, Mosha. You indeed had a very heavy row to hoe.

GORGICHUK, Dionizi and Anastacia

by son Andy Gorgichuk

Dionizi Gorgichuk was born in Pozerville, Alberta, on October 16, 1903. His wife, Anastacia, was born on August 2, of the same year in Ispas, Alberta. Both had suffered the loss of their fathers in their infancy, and so their mothers experienced difficulties trying to survive in the undeveloped districts of Ispas and Pozerville. Because of these hardships, neither Dionizi or Anastacia received any formal schooling. At the age of 17, Dionizi's step-father succeeded in having his son attend school for only three days. A mature young man, Dionizi was reluctant to attend and to be in the same line-up as first graders in the school. His contact with the English speaking community improved his communication, and soon he had no problems being accepted.

Anastacia and Dionizi Gorgichuk, circa 1960

A tragedy struck when Dan's step-father died while freighting for Fred Schoff. A few years later,a prearranged courtship by "starosteh" in the traditional Ukrainian style, was set up by the families. With one "starosta", Grandma Severn had accepted $500. as a dowry but Anastacia refused and the money was returned. This was difficult to do, especially when money was scarce.

Anastacia and Dionizi were married in October, 1924, and settled on the SE 34-54-13-W4th in a sod-covered, plastered log house that was first occupied by Dionizi and Anna, his parents. All their children were delivered by midwives, Mrs. Eftamy Gorgichuk, and Mrs. Ahlstrom. For several years, the family's staple food was wild prairie chicken, duck, partridge and rabbit. Domestic animals and fowl which were raised, were for sale. Fish, which were caught with a "keesch" (a woven willow fish trap), were plentiful in every creek. These were cleaned, salted, smoke-dried, and like beef jerky, would keep for years. Some were done in a "peech" (dutch oven) where bread was baked. Wild saskatoons and raspberries were picked and preserved as well. An ice house improved the summer's storage of staple food as well as cream for many an ice cream party. Dan supplemented his income with a wood sawing outfit. However, poker games decimated his earnings. He was obsessed with card games and taught most of the children contract bridge and crib, a good past-time as well as a mental challenge necessary to remember and count.

Dan was foreman on the local improvement projects building grades with horse and frezno. He was also a trustee of the Kaleland School District and often hauled coal to the schoolhouse without remuneration. He willingly helped his neighbors. Digging a grave was never refused, he said, and that if the favor was returned by one shovelful, he would be buried half way to China.

Dan was self-taught to read Ukrainian. Newspapers read were "Canadayskee Farmar" (Canadian Farmer), the "Ookrainsky Holos" (Ukrainian Voice), and Grindstone "Tochylo". These, and a few books about cossacks were the only materials read to the children during the long nights.

Dan loved boxing, hockey, and above all, baseball. Three of his sons were pitchers of some note and attended major sports events.

Anastacia was determined that her children would have the opportunity for an education, something that she and Dionizi were denied. She would have the kitchen table cleaned and books already set for evening study. Further encouragement would come from a persuader (a strapping strap) hanging on a nail! Hardly, if ever, was its use necessary.

Every child in her household had a sense of duty. This was done with little or no objection, regardless of whether it was slopping pigs, milking cows, hoeing, mending fences, or helping with major jobs of stooking or cultivating. Anastacia was indeed a firm but caring person. She curbed Dionizi's desire for playing poker by raiding, single-handedly the "casino" at Kaleland. She also helped a young girl, Anne Shapka, who stayed with

Jeanette, Kerrie, Andy and Shona, circa 1977

the Gorgichuks and was part of their family for several years until she found a job and left. That moment was touching! Jim and Heather Turner of Australia who taught school in Two Hills, accepted Dionizi and Anastacia as part of their own family.

Dionizi's and Anastacia's greatest joy and reward in life was to watch their children complete their high school and enroll at the University of Alberta. They accomplished their goal successfully.

Andy became a farmer and cattleman; Jeanette earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics; Steven, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degree (majoring in Mathematics); Orest, a geophysicist earned a Bachelor of Science degree; Lillian completed three years at the University of Alberta in education, and Frederick Dan was awarded a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Arts degree in Education.

In their quiet and humble simplicity, one can sense the pride that dwells within, from the success of Dionizi's and Anastacia's challenges and convictions.

Dionizi quietly passed away October 9, 1982. Anastacia lives an active life in her own home, and at 81, still tends a fairly large garden.

We thank them both for their patience and perseverance.

Andrew (see Andrew and Margaret Gorgichuk history).

Jeanette was born October 11, 1927. She graduated

Nelson, Milton, Lillie, Cathy and Lynn, 1982

from the University of Alberta and taught home economics in Red Deer and Claresholm. She later moved to Bermuda where she met and married Andy Lay. They have two daughters, Shona and Kim, both talented musicians, and presently live in Austin, Texas.

Stephen (see Stephen Gorgichuk's history).

Orest was born on March 9, 1931. After graduating from university, he found employment with Imperial Oil where he was employed for 33 years. Presently he is on loan to Aramco Oil in Saudi Arabia. He married Louise Clark of Lethbridge and they have two daughters, Allison and Carla. Allison is a University graduate and Carla graduated from N.A.I.T. All four are avid golfers and participated in tournaments and in ski patrols.

Lillian was born on August 29, 1933. After graduating from the Two Hills High School, she enrolled at the University of Alberta where she received her teaching certificate. Lillian taught school in Two Hills for several years and was a substitute teacher in Edmonton. In 1956, Lillian married Milton Boychuk who was employed as boiler engineer at the Chemcell Plant in Duvernay. To

Orest, Louise, Allison and Carla, circa 1979

Frederick Gorgichuk family, 1983. Back row, (L to R) - Mark, Janis, Fredrick, Judy; front row - Glen and Danny.

this union were born three children: Nelson, Lynn and Cathy. Nelson graduated from the University as a computer engineer. Lynn is married to Dallas Carlson and is a manageress of a Western Wear Store. Cathy is presently enrolled at the University of Alberta.

Frederick, born August 29, 1938, graduated from university through the Reserve Officers' Training Program. He taught physical education and was department head at Eastglen High School in Edmonton. Frederick is presently assistant principal of Hillcrest School in Edmonton. He married Judy Jarvis. They have one girl, Janice Lynn, and two boys, Dan and Glen. Janice is a university graduate and is married to Mark Yurick. The boys are still attending school. The family participates and loves all types of sports and recreation. All make their home in Edmonton.

GORGICHUK, Andrew and Margaret (nee Hocke)

Andrew was born on August 22, 1925, to Dionizi and Anastasia Gorgichuk, in a sod-covered, clay-plastered hovel, built by his grandfather. He was attended by a midwife (Mrs. Eftamy Gorgichuk) as were the rest of his brothers and sisters.

As a second generation of Gorgichuks, Andrew is privileged in witnessing the steps of progress and the disillusionments of hardships and failures. He realizes that to account the simplicity of early rural life styles and the sophisticated affluences of today requires more than a mere page of history.

Forgotten are the grandfather's walking plough, and the McCormick 15-30 tractor that broke 90% of the land in this area. As well, the belching steam engine, the threshing machine with its large crew and their crude humor, the large table settings and delicious food, are but a memory.

Commuting by stagecoach is but a recollection now as is the passenger rail and mail service. The shrill whistle of the locomotive on a cold frosty morning once meant that Andrew better shake a leg or be late for school.

Margaret Joachim and Andrew Gorgichuk, 1983

Gone is the "peech" (dutch oven) that baked two dozen loaves of bread at a time. The "burdei" and ice cellars where the barrels of cucumbers and "brendza" (cheese) were stored, have long since caved in and their sites landscaped, and occupied now with more modern structures. The "shalverok" (road work), ice cutting, and wood sawing bees once maintained the community ethic "of help thy neighbor" and the bond of pioneering viable.

Tales on the somber side included the war of World War I and the flu epidemic of 1918-19, resulting in the losses of many.

The drought and the extremely cold winter of 1918-19 also resulted in dead cattle everywhere.

Protest strikes in 1930, indicated dissatisfaction with low prices and the farmers' insignificance when the United Farmers of Alberta was in power.

Accounting such recollections could go on and on.

In 1932, Andrew attended his first day in Wattsford School, later renamed Kaleland. He was placed in a double desk with two other pupils, and received two sticks of plasticine, a box of colored sticks, and a packet of lettered cards. Footprints of the children on their way to school indicated that few families could afford the luxury of children's foot wear.

Preparing for a Halloween party was fun and exciting, but frustrating when competing with those large mouths in dunking for apples. Preparations for a three-hour long Christmas program for our parents was done conscientiously every day after school for two months. Mistakes and forgotten lines were the scourge of the night, and prompters were often louder than the participants.

Carolling groups of children walking from house to house was a harbinger of Christmas Eve. The tradition of young boys scattering grain in the house and wishing their neighbor a happy and prosperous New Year, now disappeared, were once an important custom.

Education, in his generation, was apparent and although he only attended high school, that was the stepping stone for his sisters and brothers who followed.

In 1944, Andrew left school to work in the Coleman mines and in the bushcamps of northwestern British Columbia. Returning to the Prairies he purchased a half section of land in Streamstown where he farmed for one year.

In 1946, he was owner and operator of a gas truck in the Calgary area for a couple of years. Later Andrew hauled gravel and drove transports in winter.

Selling his Streamstown land in 1954, he reinvested in land once more, the SE 35-54-13-W4th, and supplemented his income by driving transports in winter.

The Two Hills district where Andrew established his farm had a colorful history, as it was a trading post and a place to rest weary travellers on the North Battleford trail. The Two Hills post office had its origin here. Implements and supplies for the settlers were sold at Shoff's Place.

In his farming operations, Andrew raised cattle and

Claus Dieter, 1977

Terrance, Emily, Loren, Marsha and Stephen Gorgichuk, 1978

they were trailed north by using a saddle horse and a (Heinz 57) dog, to the grazing reserve of Snake Hills for 15 years.

The farm was eventually expanded to 1600 acres on the Vermilion River, providing plenty of exercise and a living.

In March, 1967, Andrew married Gretel Hocke from Germany, a mother of two sons, Claus and Joachim. Both attended and completed high school in Two Hills. They were involved in 4-H, Air Cadets, and hockey. Claus joined the Regular Officers' Training Plan and at Royal Roads was completing his courses with distinction, when a fatal scuba accident ended his plans and career. His greatest moment came when he was selected into high performance flying.

Joachim enrolled in the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, taking a welding course.

Andrew's personal activity in the district is highlighted by some of the following involvements: 18 years as a Lions' member and President, 1973-74; Lions' Treasurer; active in the formation of the Agricultural Society; first Secretary of the Society; Leader of the Brosseau 4-H for seven years (1968-1975); 4-H County Chairman; Minor hockey coach for six years; President of the civilian committee of the Air Cadets for 12 years; advisor to the Birch Hill Ranch of Saddle Lake for three years; chairman of Farmers' Bonspiel Committee; Director of Szypenitz Rural Electrification Association; originator and Director of the Flying Club; and provided the community with the first airstrip for several years.

The family enjoys skiing, motor toboganning, fishing, and swimming. Andy's personal favorites are horse-back riding, and flying.

It is with reluctance that we are arriving closer to the trail's end. Some of those we loved have already departed, but those that are left to carry on and flourish, we ask the good Lord to give them guidance and His Blessings.

GORGICHUK, Stephen and Emilie

by Emilie Gorgichuk

In 1956, Stephen Gorgichuk married Emilie Chmilar. They were both on staff with the Two Hills School Division, Stephen teaching high school and Emilie teaching at the elementary level.

Both were graduates of the Two Hills High School. Stephen was involved in sports, pitching primarily for the senior Eagles Ball Club as well as for many neighboring ball clubs. One year was spent playing at Renfrew Park for the Leduc Oilers and five seasons were spent with semi-professional baseball in the Peace River area.

In 1957, Stephen and Emilie moved to St. Paul where Stephen was appointed the assistant principal at the Glen Avon School and Emilie taught Grade IV.

In 1959, the Gorgichuks moved to Edmonton where they joined the staff of the Edmonton Public School.

They have a family of three: Terrance graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in Surveying Science; Marsha graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in Business Administration; and, Loren is an honour student in Grade XI at McNally Composite High School.

Many trips are made back "home", visiting the "Babas" and many friends. Much of the leisure time is spent back in the Two Hills area at a lake lot at Lac Santé.

GORSLINE, Gary and Margaret (nee Moore)

Gary is the son of Earl and Florence Gorsline. He was born in Vegreville. As a lad, Gary lived on a farm in the Alida area and attended old Vegreville School, until the family moved to Vegreville. After finishing his schooling there, he joined Canadian Utilities. His job took him to Vermilion, Cold Lake, Bonnyville, and finally back to Vegreville.

In 1954, he met Margaret Moore and in October, 1956, they were married.

Margaret, born in Beaverlodge, Alberta, is the daughter of Allen and Lenabell Moore. The family left Beaverlodge when Margaret was seven and moved to Bluesky, Grimshaw and Manning respectively, where Margaret finished her Grade X. At this time, Margaret and her mother moved to Vegreville where she completed her high school. She attended McTavish Business College and after completing her courses, returned to Vegreville

and worked in the medical records office at St. Joseph's Hospital.

In March, 1957, Gary was transferred to Two Hills to open a district office for Canadian Utilities - later to become Alberta Power. Gary has served 33 years with Alberta Power and was recently honored by his company for 30 years of service. Margaret worked with the Treasury Branch for nine and one half years, until she retired to raise a family.

Margaret and Gary have three daughters: Debbie, Kelly, and Shauna, all of whom were born at the Two Hills Hospital. Debbie in her younger years was a member of Brownies, and took Ukrainian dancing, piano, and figure skating. She is still skating, playing volleyball, curling and teaching figure skating. Kelly and Shauna also were in Brownies and Ukrainian dancing clubs. Both girls are still dancing and in 1983, travelled with the Two Hills Ukrainian Dancers to Dauphin Ukrainian Festival. Kelly is 15, and Shauna, 13, are attending school.

Gary and Margaret are active members of the Two Hills United Church. Gary was on the original committee to reorganize the church in Two Hills and has been treasurer as well as on the Board of Stewards for several years. Margaret has served two terms as president of the Two Hills United Church Women, as well as treasurer and social convener for the past 25 years.

The Gorslines were actively involved in curling for several years. Gary coached little league baseball and hockey for nine years. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and served as president for two terms. He was a member of the Elks, and is currently a member of the Fire Department and a charter member of the Lions' Club.

Margaret has been a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion for 26 years, and is a charter member of the Lioness Club. She has also been active with the figure skating club and the Ukrainian dancers.

GRABAS, John and Stella (nee Trach)

John, the second of six children, was born December 17, 1903, in Kalnykiv, Mostiska, Ukraine, to Mike and Irene Grabas. He attended school in Kalnykiv for three years, where he was taught the Polish and Ukrainian language.

John served in the Polish army for three years, during World War I. After the war ended, he worked at odd jobs. Later he sold his horses and decided to journey to the land of promise, Canada. At the age of 25, he bid farewell to his family and joined his friend Jack Tarapacki for the long journey.

On April 17, 1928, John began his voyage across the ocean aboard the ship Montclare. Arriving in Canada on May 7, 1928, he continued his trip by train and on foot, until he reached Innisfree, Alberta. Here he stayed with friends and worked for his room and board as a farm labourer in the district.

In 1935, John started his own farm operation, renting some land from the C.P.R. Later he purchased his first farm, NW 9-55-11-W4th, which was eight miles north of

John and Stella Grabas on their wedding day, May 30, 1938

Beauvallon.

In 1937, he met Stella Trach and they were married by Reverend Chrustawka, May 30, 1938, at the St. Mary's Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church, at Szypenitz.

Stella, the fourth of ten children, was born on January 18, 1917, at Lac Bellevue, to William and Maria Trach. Stella's mother was a midwife. She also performed witchcraft by pouring wax on water. The pouring of wax formed an outline of the patient's victim. She then destroyed the image by having the patient drink the water into which the wax was poured. This was repeated three times. The patient also had to go to a crossroad and pour water and wax across the road so that the image would disappear.

Like all pioneers, Stella used nature's fruits. Berries were canned for fruit and jams. The meat of prairie chickens, ducks, and pigeons was often eaten. Feathers

John and Stella Grabas family, 1981. Front row - Tracey, Michelle and Allan Grabas; second row - Clarence Choban, Stella (mother), and John Grabas (father), Cindy Choban; third row - Vicky, Edward and Victor Grabas, Orest Choban; back row - Gloria and Mary Grabas, Elsie Choban.

were saved and used for making pillows and quilts. Fish was canned and some of it was dried to be used later. Milk, cheese, butter, and cream were kept cool by lowering them into the well in a big pail. The cellar under the log house was used for storing potatoes, beets, turnips, and carrots, and each year a big barrel of sauerkraut was put away for the winter months.

John and Stella's first home was built of logs, plastered with mud and whitewashed. It consisted of two rooms, one was the bedroom and the other a kitchen-living room. A wood stove was the only source of heating. Jokingly they claimed they always had running water and wore running shoes as they ran to the well to get it! Later on they acquired three quarters of land, and readied for mixed farming. In 1947, they purchased their first tractor, a 15-30 McCormick-Deering.

John and Stella were blessed with a family of four children: Elsie, Victor, Edward, and Victoria.

Elsie was born March 1, 1939, and is married to Orest Choban.

Victor was born February 24, 1942. He married Mary Bilida. They have three sons, and one grandson. The family lives in Edmonton where Victor is a truck driver.

Edward, born October 1, 1945, married Gloria Nestorowich. They have two daughters. Edward, a truck driver, lives with his family in Edmonton.

Victoria was born August 22,1950. She is a hairdresser in Two Hills.

Elsie, Victor, and Edward attended Rannock School until 1954. In 1955 the school was closed, and the children attended Old Beauvallon School for one year. In the fall of 1956, all the children were bussed to New Myrnam School.

In September, 1968, John and Stella sold their land to the government for the Rannach Community pasture. They then moved to Two Hills where they retired. At Two Hills they involved themselves in the local church, gardening and playing cards.

John passed away February 21, 1982, at the age of 78. He was laid to rest in the Two Hills Cemetery. Stella continues to reside in Two Hills where she busies herself with crafts and activities at the seniors' club.

GRASIUK, Harry and Katie (nee Kitt)

by Karen Palichuk

In 1897, Harry Grasiuk and his children came to Canada from Poland and settled in the Beaver Lake area. In 1908, they moved to the Lanuke district where Harry met Katie Kitt, who had children from a previous marriage. A year later, they were married and raised six children of their own: Paul, Fred, Annie, Peter, Mary, and Nick. Harry and Katie lived in the Lanuke area until the time of their death; Harry in 1949, and Katie in 1955.

Harry's son, John, lived with his parents until they passed away. He then lived with his half brother, Fred. John passed away in 1972.

Bill, (Katie's son) who also lived in the area taught in Lanuke and other places. He passed away in 1977.

Paul married Annie Chilebeck and they presently live in Viking.

Fred, who lived with his parents, served overseas in

Harry (standing) and Peter Grasiuk, circa 1929

World War II. After the death of his parents he took over and operated the farm until his passing away in 1980.

Mary married Don Purdy and they presently live in Gunn.

Nick lived with his parents until he enlisted for service overseas from 1939 to 1945. After the war he lived in Uranium City for some time and then moved to Edmonton. He passed away in 1982.

Peter, who was born in 1914, recalls attending Lainuk School when Mrs. English was the only teacher there. He chose to stay on the farm in the Two Hills area. Peter married Annie Cymbaluk of Two Hills and their first daughter, Lillian, was born in 1942; their second daughter, Iris, arrived in 1945. In 1946, Peter and his family moved to the farm where they presently live. Both daughters attended Two Hills School.

In 1959, Lillian married Eddie Palichuk of Plain Lake, where they lived and raised three children: Karen, Darrell, and Gerald. In 1972, the Palichuks moved to Edmonton, where they presently live. Darrell is now farming Uncle Peter's land.

Anne, Evylyn and Steve Grasiuk, 1942

In 1966, Iris married Marshal Soroka of Innisfree, where they presently reside. They have three children: Leah, Charlotte, and Mark who now owns the original Grasiuk homestead.

GREKUL, Elia and Anna (nee Mazar)

Elia Grekul was born in the Village of Shypynei in Bukovina, Ukraine, in 1869. He immigrated to Canada in 1901. In 1903, he married Anna Mazar and acquired a homestead, SE 2-55-12-W4th, which is three miles east of Two Hills. After breaking a few acres, digging a well, and building a sod hut, he left his young bride and sought work during the winter in the Canmore coal mines. The second winter, he worked at Strathmore, digging irrigation ditches and canals. Before returning to his homestead he purchased a pair of broncos from a rancher, and after breaking them in, rode them all the way from Strathmore to Two Hills.

Elia took an active part in the early affairs of the community. Helping to organize the local Nizir School No. 2179, he became the first chairman of the board. He also served several terms on the council of the Muncipal District of Sobor No. 514. During the 1918 flu epidemic, he drove the doctor and a nurse in his Model T Ford to the various stricken families.

Elia and Anna Grekul, circa 1928

The Grekuls raised a family of three daughters and two sons. The oldest, Mrs. Rose Gordey, lives in Two Hills. Mrs. Mary Macen died in Calgary in 1951. Mrs. Margaret Soldan lives just south of Two Hills. The older son, William, and his wife, Mary, live in Edmonton. The younger son, Michael, retired in Two Hills and passed away in 1982.

Elia died in 1941, and his wife, Anna, in 1972. At her death, Anna was survived by four children, 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

They are both buried in the St. Paraskevia Cemetery.

GREKUL, William E. and Mary (nee Matwe)

William, the oldest son of Elia and Anna Grekul, was born on March 21, 1911, in a sod-covered hut on the homestead just east of Two Hills. He attended Nizir School No. 2179, until Grade IV. Later, he stayed with his sister, Mrs. Mary Macen of Calgary, and attended the Central Public School for two years. William completed his public and high school in Vegreville and then enrolled in the Edmonton Normal School in 1929-30. After graduating, he taught in the following rural schools: Lamburg, 1930-36; Plain Lake, 1936-43; and Old Hairy Hill, 1945-52. From 1952 to 1972, he taught in the East Elementary School in Leduc. In all, he dedicated 40 years of his life to the noble profession.

Early in his teaching career, William married his former pupil, Mary Matwe of Ranfurly. Mary and William raised a family of three: one daughter, Emmeline, and two sons, Ronald and Larry.

Emmeline is married to Peter Hlushak, who is with the Edmonton City Police. They have two sons, Peter Paul 15, and Russell William 13.

Ronald lives in Laguna Niguel, California, and is employed as an engineer by the Aero Space and Communication Division of the Ford Motor Co. at Newport Beach.

Larry lives in Edmonton. He owns and operates his own trucking company, Pacific Northwest Provisions.

William and Mary have been retired since 1972, and reside in Edmonton. Both are enjoying good health and are active members of St. Basil's Parish in the city.

GREKUL, Michalo and Kalyna (nee Nesemiuk)

by Pat Stelmaschuk

Michalo Grekul (1860-1939) and Kalyna Nesemiuk (1863-1939) were born in Shypynci, Chernivci, Ukraine (then Austria). They had four children: Maria, Anna, Frosina, and Todor.

In 1900, Austria was conscripting young men for war training and Todor, 19, was notified. After a family discussion, Michalo and Kalyna decided to bribe a military official (an acceptable occurrence in those days) thus enabling Todor to leave for Canada and start a new life.

One year later, Michalo, Kalyna, and the girls decided to leave their precious Ukraine, never to return. The family was accompanied by Michalo's two brothers, Ilya and Safroni and their respective families.

Crossing the ocean in a Cunard freighter (cattle on the lower level, people on the upper decks) and after an exhausting trip, they reached Halifax in 1902. After landing, their many trunks (including such items as garden seeds, small tools, holy pictures and embroidery) were packed onto a train and the family left for Strathcona (Edmonton).

After arriving in Edmonton, the family were reunited with their son, Todor, who homesteaded in the Kaleland district. Here, the family, under Michalo's guidance, constructed a two-room house that stands to this day.

The girls had acquired an education in the Ukraine and within a few years Maria married Onufrey Diachuk. Later, Anna married Nickolai Olynyk and Frozina wed William Lakusta. Todor married Lekaria Lakusta in 1903.

Michalo Grekul was a sincere, hard working and a

cautious man, whose carpentry skills enabled him to build many quality buildings that are still in use today. Kalyna and Michalo helped their neighbors wherever and whenever possible. Their religious faith and that of the community resulted in undertaking the construction of the stone Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in 1917. The church has stood up well, and is now an Alberta Heritage Site. Half of the land on which the church and cemetery are located was donated by Michalo and his son, Todor.

Michalo and his hard working wife were always prepared for any hardship or eventuality. Long before his death, Michalo and Kalyna chose their grave plots, put up a cement and steel fence and planted greenery. Before Kalyna passed away in 1939, Michalo had both of their coffins already constructed. Three months later, he joined his wife and workmate, Kalyna.

GREKUL, Todor and Lekaria

by Pat Stelmaschuk

Todor (1882-1952), the son of Michalo and Kalyna Grekul, was born in Shypynci, Chernivci, Ukraine (then Austria). He and his sisters attended school in the Ukraine. As a young man, he worked on the railway, acquiring experience that proved to be very valuable later in his life. However, 1900 saw Austria at war, and Todor and his folks made a difficult decision—Todor was to go to Canada and start a homestead and when his parents and sisters could afford the journey, they would join him.

After an exhausting voyage by boat and by train, Todor arrived at Strathcona in 1901, and was told by the agent that the "Galicians" from his area of Austria were being settled in what is now Kaleland. In exchange for ten dollars, Todor was able to select the specific farm he wanted. The criteria used in selection was that the farmland resemble the land they left in the Ukraine.

Todor broke some of his land and when his parents and sisters came the following year he was able to get a job as foreman for the C.P.R. in Langdon, (near Calgary) and thereby provide the necessary capital to get the farm on its feet. In 1904 he married Lekaria Lakusta (1886-1944) and by 1907, the family farm had expanded sufficiently to enable them to farm full-time.

By this time the couple had their first child, Domka (1905-1921), who was the sunshine of Lekaria and Todor's home. Unfortunately, while she was in her teens, Domka developed terminal tuberculosis.

The oldest son, William (1907-1964), married Mary Lutzak and the couple and their six children farmed in the Kaleland area. Their children are: Elsie, Jean, John, Sophie, Marshall, and David.

The next son, Nick (1910-1964), married Helen Malanchuk and raised one daughter, Joyce. They lived in the Hairy Hill area where Nick farmed and owned a garage.

Michael (1913-1983) married Mary Karpashin. They and their daughter, Patricia, lived in the St. Paul area where Mike was county secretary-treasurer and school principal.

Metro (1915-1917) died as a toddler.

Todor, Lekaria and Domka Grekul, circa 1905

Rose (1918-) married Joe Harasym, and raised five children in the Szypenitz area. Their children are: Carolyn, Michael, Joseph, Walter, and Terry.

Maria (1912-1912) died as an infant.

George (1923-1983) married Millie Kobewka and had three daughters. The family resided in Prince George, B.C., where George operated a saw mill. Their daughters are: Frances, Doris, and Marion.

Ann (1926-) the youngest daughter, married Steve Zazulak, a school bus driver. They and their five children live in Edmonton. Their children are: Sharon, Leonard, Debbie, Boni, and Donna.

Victor (1929-) married Kay Ruptash. They have five children - Maureen, Rodney, Cheryl, Theodore, and Cornel. Victor and Kay live in Edmonton where Victor works for the city as well as farms the "homeplace".

Orest (1932-) married Yvonne Stolley. They have three children, and live in Calgary where Orest is a petroleum engineer. Their children are: Koreanne, Timothy, and James.

Todor was an enterprising and adventurous individual who was not afraid to take risks. He did not hesitate to purchase steam engines, windmills and the newest machinery, and before long was farming six quarters of land. He became known as a hard working individual who was not adverse to having a good time when the occasion presented itself.

Lekaria was a devoted mother who raised a large family and constantly cooked and washed for a number of hired hands as well. Todor and Lekaria would no doubt be pleased that the original homestead remains in the family today.

GREKUL, Bill and Mary (nee Lutzak)

by Morris Grekul

Bill, who was born on September 28, 1907, was the son of Todor and Lekaria Grekul. On October 15, 1926, Bill married Mary Lutzak, the daughter of Harry and Ann Lutzak. Mary was born on December 21, 1908.

Bill Grekul with his son John, back from antelope hunting, 1959

Bill and Mary farmed about a half mile south of Kaleland where they raised six children, three sons and three daughters. Elsie was born April 15, 1927. She married Daniel Chaffee of Wetaskiwin. Jean was born on March 14, 1929. John was born on March 19, 1930. He married Rose Tkachuk. Sophie was born on August 22, 1932, and married Sam Ruptash of Hairy Hill. They are now residing in the Sherwood Park area. Marshall was born on August 17, 1939, and married Gloria Ruptash of Hairy Hill. They are now residing in St. Paul. David was born on June 10, 1941 and is now residing in Falkland, B.C.

Bill enjoyed big game hunting and fishing. He passed away on July 13, 1964.

In August of 1965, Mary married Tom Melnychuk. They took up residence in Two Hills. On December 28, 1974, Tom passed away. Mary has 20 grandchildren.

Ukrainian Christmas at Mary Melnychuk's, 1979. (L to R) - children Elsie, Dave, Jean, Marshall, Mary Melnychuk (mother), John and Sophie.

GREKUL, John and Rose (nee Tkachuk)

by Judy Hanson

John Grekul was born on March 19, 1930, in Vegreville — the third born to Bill and Mary Grekul (nee Lutzak) of Kaleland.

John attended Kaleland School to Grade IX, then completed High School in Hairy Hill. During this time (1948-49) he played defence for the Two Hills Division League Champions.

Rose and John Grekul on their wedding day, August 28, 1954, at the Szypenitz Church

After completing his Grade XII, John worked in a gold mine at Tulsequa, B.C., for about two years. He worked the next couple of years in Uranium City, Saskatchewan. During this time, he purchased two quarters of land in the Kaleland area. One property was north of Kaleland and the other, the Kaleland School quarter.

John then met Rose Tkachuk, the second daughter of Bill and Bessie Tkachuk (nee Lakusta). Rose was born on July 21, 1937, in Vegreville. She attended Kaleland School until Grade VIII and then worked for a few months at St. Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville. On August 28, 1954, John and Rose were married at St. Mary's Church in Szypenitz.

John and Rose Grekul's 25th wedding anniversary, August 28, 1979, with children Ivan, Morris and Judy

John and Rose raised three children. Morris, who was born on June 12, 1955, has one son, Dustin. They live in Two Hills. Judy was born on June 18, 1957. She married Kevin Hanson of Duvernay. They have one daughter, Mindy, and live in Edmonton. Ivan was born on November 13, 1961. He married Susan Trach of Two Hills. They have one daughter, Christie, and reside in St. Paul.

GREKUL, Victor and Katherine (Ruptash)

by Kay Ruptash

Born in Vegreville, January 11, 1929, Victor was the second youngest child of Todor and Lekaria Grekul. He began his education in Kaleland in 1936; later he attended Szypenitz School and completed his high school in Hairy Hill, in 1948. It was at the New Hairy Hill High School that he met his future wife, Katherine Ruptash.

Katherine Ruptash was the second child of Dick and Jennie Ruptash. She was born on February 25, 1925, in Hairy Hill. Her schooling began in Hairy Hill, but was interrupted by a farm accident which caused blood poisoning and later osteomyelitis of the hip. She spent 26 months at the Provincial Special Unit of the University Hospital in Edmonton. Although Katherine was left with a permanent limp, her spirit was unbroken and she graduated from high school in 1948.

Victor and Katherine, who were married on June 3, 1950, moved to Edmonton where Victor became a residential house builder for a year before returning to the Grekul homestead. There they raised grain, cattle, hogs, poultry and an odd goat for laughs.

In 1951, the first of their five children, Maureen was born. She was followed by Cheryl in 1953, Rodney in 1955, Ted in 1961 and Cornel 1963. All but the two youngest received several years education in Hairy Hill and Two Hills.

In 1966 the family moved to Edmonton again. Victor worked on the construction of the Bennett hydro electric dam near Fort St. John, B.C. A plank from an overhead crane slipped and injured his vertebra.

No longer able to continue in construction, Victor undertook to sell real estate for the two years previous to his present job as Supervisor of Building Inspections for the City of Edmonton.

In 1972, he began farming on weekends and during vacation. Presently, with the help of his two sons, he works 635 acres, as a weekend venture.

Daughter Maureen married Jack Waller in 1973. They have two daughters, Christina born in 1979 and Karen born in 1982. Jack is an electronic instructor and Maureen works part-time as a registered nurse. They live on an acreage near Ardrossan.

Cheryl and Uwe Birner were married in 1970 and now reside in Mission, B.C. They have one daughter, Cheri, born in 1974. Uwe works as a telephone switchman and Cheryl is a computer input operator.

Rodney married Jeanette O'Hagan in 1976. He is a researcher and Jeanette is an appraiser assistant. They live in Edmonton.

Ted is a bylaw enforcement officer and works with Victor on the farm.

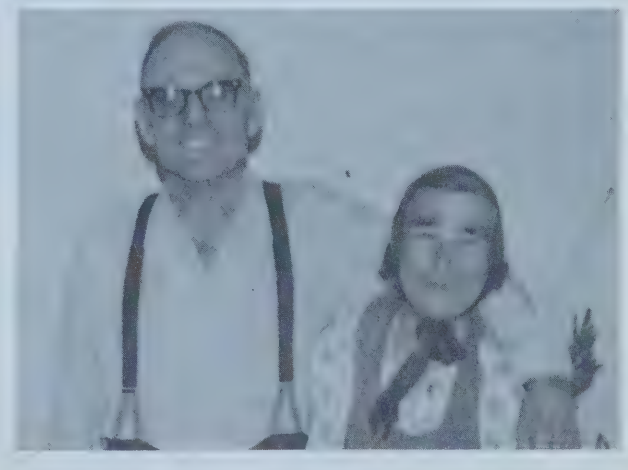
Cornel also works on the farm and is a gravel truck owner and operator.

GRYCAN (Gretzan), Mike and Mary (nee Torchyniuk)

Mike Grycan was born in the small town of Chortkiw, Austria, on November 12, 1901. He immigrated to Canada at the age of seven months, with his parents John and Anna Grycan, in June, 1902. Sailing the Atlantic Ocean by steamship for 14 days, they landed in Halifax, Canada.

Mike and Mary Grycan on their wedding day in the spring of 1922

The family then travelled by train to Strathcona (now Edmonton), via Calgary. Here, they were met by friends from the old country who took them to Mundare by horse and wagon. John purchased a homestead, described as NW 1/4 6-54-13-W4th, in the New Kiew district. Before he could obtain clear title to the land, he had to have at least ten acres of broken, cultivated land. Desperately attempting to break some of the land, he was disappointed, as the land was all rock and stones.



Mike and Mary Grycan (Gretzan), 1976

After a year or so, he abandoned this quarter and moved to the Plain Lake district. After purchasing the SW 1/4-14-53-12-W4th, he built a large two-room log house with a thatched roof. Because it was a fairly large house, compared to the other homes in the community, the first church service in the Plain Lake district was held in his home in 1905. John Grycan worked very hard in this community, and in 1912, the Plain Lake School was built. By the early 1920s, he bought more land, and in 1926, purchased a threshing machine and a Model T Ford car. At this time his son Mike operated the threshing machine and drove the Model T Ford.

Mike Grycan was married to Mary Torchyniuk in the spring of 1922. Mary was born on February 5, 1904, and lived just half a mile south of Mike's home. They lived and worked together with Mike's parents for approximately nine years. In 1928, Mike traded his Model T Ford for a new Durant. He also acquired a bigger threshing machine, (an International Harvester,) and a tractor in the same year. Mike and Mary Grycan worked very hard on their land, barely surviving the depression years.

Mike and Mary were blessed with eight children: John, born in May, 1923; Joe, born in March, 1928; Walter, born in April, 1929; Stanley, born in May, 1930, (died in August, 1970); Bill, born in October, 1931; Elizabeth, born in May, 1933; Hilda born in July, 1934; and Anne born in August, 1941.

In 1931, Mike Grycan moved to the NE 1/4 15-53-12-W4th, which was given to him by his father. Peter Grycan received the original homestead which he still owns, from his parents. John Grycan died in 1950, at the age of 83 years; his wife Anna, predeceased him in 1941, at the age of 70 years. Both are buried in the Plain Lake Cemetery.

All of Mike and Mary's children received their education in the Plain Lake School. When the children started school, they wrote their surname as "Gretzan", because it was easier for the teacher and everyone else to pronounce. When the boys left and went to work, they had to legally change their last name to Gretzan.

Mike and Mary Grycan celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Plain Lake National Hall, in 1972. The following year, they moved to Two Hills. Mike Grycan passed away on January 7, 1977. Mary presently resides in the Two Hills Senior Citizens' Lodge. She recently celebrated her 80th birthday with her children, 26 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

GUDZ, Josef and Anna (nee Pastiwnichny)

In 1904, Josef Gudz, with his wife, Anna, and their two daughters, Marija (three years old) and Sofia (one year old), arrived in Canada from Galicia, Ukraine. They embarked from Hamburg on a ship called the "Barcelona". Anna's sister, Olena, travelled with them.

From Halifax, Josef Gudz, travelled to Strathcona, NWT by train. Eventually the Gudz family arrived at Paul and Marko Tymchuk's homestead at Two Hills and Beaver Lake.

Because Josef needed money for a farm and implements, he walked to Edmonton to work on the railway. The next year, the family moved to a homestead, four miles south, and a mile west of Two Hills. People often stopped at their large home, when travelling through the district.

Anna and Joseph Gudz with their youngest daughter Jennie, 1921

Josef and Anna married in 1900. In Canada, Josef and Anna became parents to five more daughters: Jennie, Christine, Nancy and the twins, Tillie and Eva.

On March 5, 1905, Anna's sister, Olena, was married to William Hewko at Beaver Lake, 32 miles away. Josef and Anna travelled to the wedding by sleigh and oxen.

Josef, who was born on January 6, 1878, died on March 21, 1951; his wife Anna was born on December 30, 1877, and passed away on November 16, 1943. They are buried at the New Kiew Greek Catholic Cemetery, where Josef assisted in the construction of the church.

Six sisters, 1964. (L to R) - Nancy, Eva, Jennie, Sophy, Tilie and Christine. The oldest, Mary, is missing.

GULLOWATY, Deman and Axani

by Mary Anne Zaparniuk

Deman Gullowaty had been born and raised in Mishkiw, Zalishki, Ukraine, where he married Axani Michaliuk. He left his wife and children, Mary and John, in 1911, to come to Canada where he worked on the railroad. Two years later, in 1913, his family joined him in settling in the Musidora district where they farmed all their lives. The Gullowatys had four children: Pete,

Deman and Axani Gullowaty with children in 1934. (L to R) - Pete, Steve, Bill, Sophie and John.

Steve, Sophie, and Bill.

Many hardships and tragedies befell the settlers of this area and the Gulloway family was no exception. In 1926, the burning stubble from a neighbor's field went out of control and destroyed most of the buildings that Damen and Axani had worked so hard to build. All that was saved was the summer-house and a granary. It was a lot of hard work starting all over again. In 1941, another tragedy struck when their son, Steve, was killed in the train mishap. Upon the death of Deman in 1937, the eldest son, John, took over the farm, but later sold it and moved to Hamlin and then to Vilna with his mother and brother Pete.

Axani passed away in 1962.

Mary married Steve Slepanky and lived in Mundare. They raised four children: Anne, Sophie, Nadia, and Paul. Mary now lives in Vegreville.

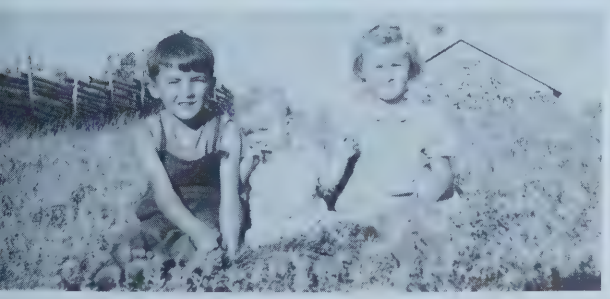
John, who married Ann Krevenchuk, lived in Hamlin, and Vilna. After being widowed, he married Ann Vatrach. In 1981, he passed away.

Pete lived in Musidora and is now presently retired in Vilna.

Steve died in 1941, at the age of 25.

Sophie, who married Dan Babiuk, lived in the Szypenitz district and had six children: Orest, Feona, Willie, Mary Anne, Roy, and Iris.

Bill, who married Ann Handzuk, lives in Vancouver. Four children: Marilyn, Gordon, Randy, and Allen, came from this union. One child, Lavina, arrived after his second marriage to Mimi.



Grandchildren Orest, Willie and Feona Babiuk, on the Gulloway homestead, 1946

GUSHNOWSKI, Joseph and Paranka (nee Hryciw)

by Paul Gushnowski

In 1905, my father Joseph Gushnowski, born in 1881, married Paranka Hryciw, born in 1886, in the County of Brody, Village of Bilavci, Ukraine. That same year they immigrated to Canada and arrived at Vegreville. They stayed for some time with Danylo Hryciw of the New Kiew district.

Grandmother Nancy Hryciw (nee Yacey), 1926

Years later, my dad bought a homestead (SW 1/4 36-53-13-W4th) in the Plain Lake district, where he started farming and built a mud log cabin.

My Dad was forced to earn a few dollars outside the farm and journeyed to Vegreville and Edmonton by foot. For weeks, my mother remained by herself with no neighbors around. Quite often she would visit the Danylo Hryciw family at New Kiew. Because there were no roads at the time, she had to travel through trails in the heavy bush. When mother set out to visit, the animals would follow her. When coming home, the animals were almost as exhausted as mother from the journey.

Pearl and Joe Gushnowski with their daughters Anast and Mary, 1926

As the years passed, my dad put up some buildings and cleared more land. He did the breaking with a walking plough drawn by oxen. He seeded wheat with a hand operated seeder which had a canvas bag, two gears, and a fan. Crops were harvested with a sickle and threshed with a short and long stick tied together, called a "cheep".

In 1910, my grandmother, Nancy Hryciw (nee Yacey), came to Canada with my mother's two sisters, Hafia and Chimka, and brother Paul. One sister, Malanka, and her husband remained in the Ukraine. All stayed at my parents' place for some time. Hafia married Nick Laschowski of Musidora, and Chimka married John Chapelsky of the New Kiew area, later moving to the Krasnahora district. Paul married Lillie Muzyhka and also farmed in the Krasnahora district. After a few years of farming, they moved to Portland, Oregon.

As time went by, my dad cleared more land and bought some machinery to make farming easier.

My parents also owned a small store on their homestead and were members of the Greek Catholic Parish in Plain Lake.

Paul and William Gushnowski, 1976 and 1948 respectively

Eight children were born into the family: Nancy, born in 1910, was killed by a run-away team of horses in 1914. Annie, Nickolas, and Peter all died as small children. Paul married Pearl Boychuk, William married Elsie Galamaga, Anast married Mike Warawa, and Mary married John Elkow.

My parents left farming and retired to Vegreville. In 1955, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Dad passed away May 29, 1959, and mother on July 9, 1963. Grandmother, who was born in 1858, passed away in 1940. Now resting in peace at the Plain Lake Cemetery are my two sisters, two brothers, grandmother and parents.

GUSHNOWSKI, Paul and Pearl (nee Boychuk)

by Paul Gushnowski

I, Paul Gushnowski, was born January 28, 1916, and raised on a homestead in the Plain Lake district. At the age of 15, I left school to help with the farming operation.

Paul and Pearl Gushnowski on their wedding day, October 31, 1937

During my youth, I was a member of the Plain Lake Youth Club, which was formed in 1931, and worked hard with other members so that we could build a community hall.

On October 31, 1937, I married Pearl Boychuk, daughter of Hnat and Magdalyna Boychuk of Plain Lake. The marriage which took place at the Plain Lake Greek Catholic Church, was officiated by Reverend Wycintylo, from Mundare.

A few years later, when the hall was built, my wife and I were active in community affairs. Among our directors and teachers were Mr. Tarebenych, Steve Fedoshohak, and Kost Fantar who taught us drama, and music. There were 45 members in our church choir and we presented many concerts in our community.

As the years passed, the members built a new church to accommodate the people. A Mr. Lepinski and I canvassed the Plain Lake area, gathering donations for painting the church.

When my parents moved to Vegreville, I took over the farming operations and bought more land. At that time, I also owned a confectionery store in our community.

In 1948, I built my own sawmill, and went into the log sawing business. During 22 years of operation, I have sawn thousands of feet of lumber.

At a very young age, my late brother William and I played in an orchestra. Later, my children, John, Elsie, Edd and Mike started playing with me, and we had our

Paul and Pearl Gushnowski and family in 1982, at Paul and Pearl's 45th wedding anniversary. Back row (L to R) - Debbie and Taras Kachmar, Wade and Sandra Gushnowski, Wilbert Glowatsky, Joe and Betty Kshyk, Bob Gushnowski, Bonnie Kshyk, Paul Gushnowski, Ken Kshyk, Ina and George Kachmar, Mike, Elma and Rose Gushnowski, Brian Kshyk; centre row - Paul Jr. Gushnowski, Ken Kachmar, Ed Gushnowski, Elsie Glowatsky, Linda holding Jacob, Pearl Gushnowski holding great grandson Richard Kshyk, Natalka holding Melinda, Bill with Jason, John and James Gushnowski; front row - Corey Gushnowski, Jan, Kelly, Kim, Ken Glowatsky, Melanie and Melissa Gushnowski, Lorie Kshyk, Aldin, Michelle and Anita Gushnowski.

own family orchestra called the "Family Fives". We entertained people at weddings and parties. We also competed in amateur nights, and always came home with a prize, which made it all worthwhile.

We were blessed with eight children: Ina, Bill, Betty, John, Elsie, Edd, Mike and Bob. My older children went to Plain Lake School, which was the same school that Pearl and I attended.

Ina married George Kachmar from the New Kiew district (see George Kachmar history).

Bill, a construction contractor, married Elma Fiddler of Edmonton. They have one son Corey and live in Edmonton.

Betty, who is a twin to Bill, married Joe Kshyk of Two Hills (see Joe Kshyk history).

John, a construction carpenter, married Rose Knorr (a nurse) from Provost, Alberta. They have two children, Anita and Alden, and live in Edmonton.

Elsie (a hairdresser), married Wilbert Glowatsky, a cabinet maker, from Heford, Saskatchewan. They have four children, Kelly, Jan, Kim, and Ken, and live on an acreage in Ardrossan.

Edd (a gas operator for gas wells and farmer), married Sandra Mass of Elk Point, Alberta. They moved to Innisfree and have two children, Wade and James.

Mike (an Amway Dealer and Insurance agent), married Natalka Musyowski of Elk Point, Alberta. They have four children, Melissa, Melanie, Melinda, and Melody, and reside in Edmonton.

Bob (construction foreman), married Linda Reich (a nursing aide) of Tomahawk, Alberta. They have four children: Michelle, Pauly, Jason and Jacob, and live in Edmonton.

In 1968, we sold our land and moved to Edmonton. My sons and I formed a construction company, and in 1985, are still doing well in our business.

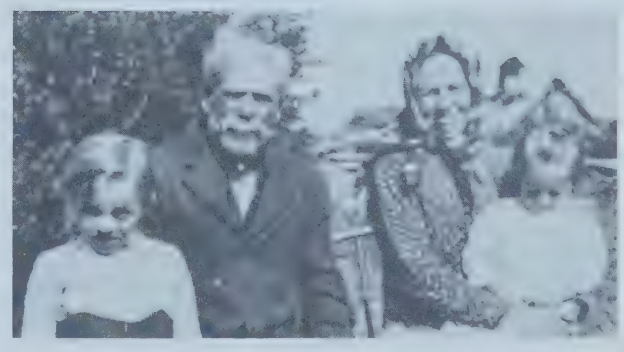
GUSNIOWSKI, Frank and Mary

by Nick Juba

Frank Gusniowski was born in the Village of Boldurie, Western Ukraine. He came to Canada in 1912, and at first stayed at his uncle's place in Winnipeg, later moving to his Aunt Katie Uniat's home, north of Innisfree.

In 1915 Frank married Mary Woloshyn, daughter of

Frank and Mary Gusniowski, 1944



Dmetro and Katie Woloshyn with their grandchildren Peter and Anne, circa 1922

Dmitro and Katie Woloshyn from Naughton Glen district, now known as Beauvallon. The Woloshyns came to Canada in 1910, from the district of Buciw in Western Ukraine.

In 1916, son Peter and in 1921 daughter Anne, were born to Frank and Mary. In 1932, the family moved to their own farm, which they acquired earlier and farmed there for several years. Their unmarried son, Peter, died in 1969 at the age of 52 years.

Dmitro Woloshyn died in 1924, when only 64 years old. His wife Katie passed away in 1942, at the age of 81 years. Frank and Mary also passed away; Mary in 1970, aged 69, and Frank in 1975, aged 88. Frank and Mary and their son Peter are buried in the Vegreville Riverside Cemetery.

Gusniowskis left all their property to their grandson David (son of Nick and Anne Juba) who farms the land at present.

HAAG, Henry and Gladys

We were a young married couple living in Medicine Hat where Henry was employed as a telegrapher for Canadian Pacific Railroad. In the spring of 1961, there was opportunity for him to take responsibility of a C.P.R. agency at Two Hills. Where is Two Hills? Our research revealed north. The Financial Times wrote that Two Hills had, "the fastest growing chemical industry in the country." Thinking that the town would have a busy agency and be a dynamic community, together with an adventurous feeling, Henry accepted the position and we moved with Jamie, aged two and Natalie our infant daughter. (Ironically, ten years later, while visiting Medicine Hat at the same time as Prime Minister Trudeau, Jamie shook his hand and explained in great length where Two Hills is, etc. This charming and informative chat was televised across the land!)

Arrival at Two Hills revealed a picturesque countryside, a bustling community, and warm, hospitable people. However, very quickly we learned that we should have viewed the living quarters. We knew stations were historic structures, but we certainly never expected a dilapidated building. There was no alternate accommodation; apartments or rental choices were few and occupied. We were emphatic about improvements, but C.P.R. was not interested in restoring station dwellings. Hence, we hired a carpenter who repaired, remodeled and painted from top to bottom. However, the dilemma of our residence continued; the first load of furnace-coal presented the dismay of 'coal dust' in every corner. Thirty tons were used that winter! Additional excitement came with spring and summer when the run off from the streets passed through the station basement. Construction of our new home commenced in the fall in the Gregory sub-division; this confirmed our residency in Two Hills.

Meanwhile, Henry was at the new job; yes it was extremely busy with a two million dollar yearly turnover!

Our son Lindsay arrived in July, 1963.

By now, Henry had commenced his six-year trek to Edmonton twice weekly for courses at the University in Accounting and Administration. He left the C.P.R. in 1966 when Celanese Plant Manager Bob Steele offered him a position as Personnel Assistant. Later he was awarded senior responsibilities in administration, and became Plant Manager in 1976 which he assumed until closure in 1980. Subsequent to plant closure, he became Plant Manager of Western Truck Body Mfg. from 1980-83. Presently he is the Two Hills Health Care Administrator.

The family became involved in community affairs. Being one of the first members of the Lions Club, Henry was instrumental in the building of the arena, Miss Canada Pageant, Santa Claus Parade and Ladies Night. He curled, played baseball, hockey, and coached minor hockey for several years.

Jamie and Natalie were "pioneer" members of the Two Hills Figure Skating Club. They became accomplished skaters who attended summer and spring schools, competitions, and earned medals for Figure, Free Skate and Dance tests. Both, received their Grade VIII in Piano and Theory II, and Senior swimming badges. All three children loved horses and competed in Horse Shows. Lindsay, too, received his seniors in swimming, but was mostly involved in hockey. During his school years, he played with Vegreville and St. Paul teams, and Junior A hockey with Swift Current Broncos (Captain in his final year). His Vegreville team played tournament hockey in Finland and exhibition games in Sweden in 1979. Presently, Lindsay attends Camrose Luthern College. His college team visited Czechoslovakia, Austria and Switzerland for additional hockey competition.

Gladys participated on the first figure-skating executive for 10 years as Ice and Test Chairman, was on numerous ice show committees and became a figure-skating judge. These were exciting, busy times. The club was small, poor and not knowledgeable, but had talented and ambitious skaters and mothers. Gladys also served 10 years as Secretary for the first Two Hills and District Recreation Board, Vice President for the Home and School Association, Leader of a 4-H Club, six years as Two Hills News correspondent, a member of the Agricultural Society, and taught catechism. Presently she belongs to the Lioness Club.

Jamie and Lindsay graduated from Two Hills High School and Natalie graduated from St. Angelea's Academy in Saskatchewan.

Jamie received her Arts degree majoring in English and Economics and has resumed studies towards an Education degree.

Natalie, married Michael Majcher, and received an Education degree majoring in Home Economics and Music.

Lindsay, completed his first year towards Personnel Administration.

Henry and Gladys reside in the beautiful countryside overlooking the Vermilion River 11 miles east of Two Hills where they rebuilt their home after the disastrous fire in 1982.

HACKMAN, George and Christina (nee Skinty)

George Hackman was born in the Village of Rohizna, District of Sadhova, Province of Bukovina, in 1894. George was one of five children, when his parents settled at Wostok, Alberta.

Christina and George Hackman, 1945

Orphaned at the age of seven, and faced with dire hardship, George was unable to attend school. However, he managed to gain knowledge of the English and Ukrainian alphabets and some mathematics.

In 1917, George married Christina Skinty of Sunland, Alberta. She was one in a family of nine: Bill, Metro, Maria, Harry, Nick, Vaselina, John, Dora, and Christina.

Cautious of large debts, the couple settled on uncleared land (NW Sec. 24-56-13-W4th) at Ispas, Alberta. They were burdened with a $1300. debt, making a $10. homestead a bonanza! Their initial $1300. loan was finally paid off during World War II. Paying their debt had been a rugged and difficult feat.

Christina Hackman, "From hardships to better days."

Through persistent determination, George and Christina successfully raised six children: Helen, Dorthy, Bill, Metro, John and Ed. Unfortunately, their young daughter Katerina, passed away at the age of six.

Despite all hardships, George and Christina found time for the better moments in life. These joyous moments included: building a beautiful homestead; carolling at Christmas; making Easter eggs and paska; making "khram"; completing a trip to Vernon and Vancouver; a few years at Niagara Falls, Ontario; plus celebrations, visitations and parties.

But survival took its toll. By 1952, George was worn out, exhausted and weary. They moved to Niagara Falls, Ontario, for a short time. George and Christina returned to Ispas where George raised livestock. Further health complications forced the couple to purchase a home in Edmonton. A trip to Ispas resulted in George's death at the Two Hills Hospital. On Sunday, November 2, 1963, George was honored with a traditional Ukrainian funeral in his Ispas home. Next day he was laid to rest in the Brinsley Church Cemetery, at age 69.

Christina Hackman's fate, however, has been more fortunate. Presently she resides in her Edmonton home. At the age of 84, Christina enjoys very good health and frequently entertains her family and friends.

Endless hard work, and an active role and belief in church, along with their extreme concern for their neighbors and community, have made George and Christina's life worthwhile.

HAKMAN, Ivan and Domka (nee Makowichuk)

"As I remember" by son William Hackman

My dad, Ivan Hakman, along with his father Metro and mother (Achtima Esopenko), two brothers, Wasyl and Georgi, and sister Vaselena, left their native Village of Rohizna, Bukovina, Ukraine, and arrived in Canada on July 28, 1898.

Dad's father settled on a homestead in the Wostok area. At 17 years of age, dad left in search of a job to help support his parents and their family and was fortunate to find work on a farm in the Fort Saskatchewan area where he worked for six months. After he was laid off, he came home with $33. which was a very large sum of money in those days.

At 18, he acquired a homestead, NE 32-55-13-W4th, in his own name in the Kaleland area. During the winter months dad built a house and barn from the timber stands that abounded on his homestead. He borrowed his neighbor's ox to ski the logs to the building site.

In the summers of 1901 and 1902, dad worked on the C.P.R. extra gangs on the line from Fort MacLeod to Fernie, B.C. He earned enough money to buy himself a pair of oxen, a plow, a wagon, and home-made sleighs.

A year later, my father married Domka Makowichuk who also came to Canada in 1901, from the Village of

Domka and Ivan Hakman in their orchard during apple blossom time, 1940

Lashkivka, Bukovina, Western Ukraine. Arriving with her brothers Wasyl and Yakiw Makowichuk and a sister Anetza Malayko, they settled on a homestead at Kahwin. After marriage, dad spent more time on his homestead, breaking the prairie with his plow and oxen and working part-time whenever possible to earn extra money. By 1908, 30 acres of land was broken, the amount required to obtain title.

Father then sold his homestead to his neighbor, Mr. Ruptash, and moved to Vegreville where he acquired a home for his family and found employment as a clerk at the Ruska Co-operative general store. Dad also served as an interpreter for other Ukrainians.

In 1910, he purchased a half section of land, S1/2 6-57-12-W4th, in the Ispas district (Brinsley S.D.). Moving his family to the newly acquired land, he built a flat roof home and a barn. He also purchased a team of horses, some farm machinery and a milk cow. Leaving his family to live on this farm, dad continued to work another year at Ruska Co-operative after which he returned to his farm.

Although land was hilly and rocky, it was suitable for raising cattle, hogs, poultry, as well as grain and hay. There was plenty of open land belonging to the C.P.R. and Hudson's Bay Company near his farm which had been designated as school land but was used for grazing cattle during the summer months. It had an abundant supply of wild hay and he was able to gather a good supply of feed for the winter.

In the following years it became evident that a threshing machine was a necessity in the community. The farmers in the area joined together and purchased a portable 18-inch cylinder Aultman Taylor threshing separator. Twelve men were required to operate it. Power was provided by a portable International Harvester one-cylinder gasoline engine. Four horses were required to pull either the engine or the separator. Over a period of years, dad bought out the other shareholders and became the sole owner. In 1923, he sold the complete outfit for $300. to Darey Kreklewitz of Vilna.

In 1915, my father started a grocery and dry goods store as well as an International Harvester agency on his farm. Six years later, he disposed of this business and opened a second-hand store in Vilna.

After a trip to the Okanagan Valley he sold his business in Vilna and auctioned off his farm machinery and livestock. He leased his half section of land at a rental of $300. per year for three years. In November, 1923, father loaded a pair of horses, two milk cows, all his household furniture, a 1918 Ford touring car, onto a freight car and, with his family, moved to Grindrod, B.C.

In 1926, he purchased a 25 acre orchard, six miles north of Vernon, where he built a home. From here he shipped fruit and vegetables by rail to Vegreville, Smoky Lake, Vilna and other destinations in Alberta.

Mom and dad were blessed with five sons and three daughters. Two died in infancy: Son Ilia, buried in the Szypenitz cemetery, and infant daughter Anetza resting in the Brinsley Cemetery.

The nearest school was at Ispas, three and a half miles away from home. Because roads were poor and the country was very bushy, parents were afraid to let their children cover that distance on their own. Son Wasyl had two seasons of schooling at Cadron School during which time he lived with his aunt. Maria and George spent one season at the Ispas School and two seasons at the Brinsley School. Stefan, Metro and Parasena were too young for schooling in Alberta, but they received junior high school education in B.C. All of mom and dad's grandchildren completed senior high school and among them are school teachers, chartered accountants, secretaries and aviators.

My mother and father were fortunate to see all their children married: Maria to Steve McKoryk; Wasyl to Pauline Beblow; George to Lena Nedokus; Steve to Mary Popowich; Metro to Mary Shippet; and Parasena to John Sherney.

Active in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, my parents donated three acres of their land towards a church in Brinsley, built between 1912 and 1916. Dad was on the first executive for several years. Unfortunately the original church burned down in 1920, but rebuilt later and still remains on the site today.

Dad was also a member of the first executive committee of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church congregation in Vernon, British Columbia, in 1936, and was a member until his death.

From 1940 to 1948, dad's health gradually failed and he passed away at the age of 66 years. Mom passed away in November, 1958, at the age of 76 years. Both of their funeral services were conducted in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Vernon, and they are buried side by side in the Vernon Cemetery.

Their graves are marked with the Ukrainian Orthodox Cross bearing the heading "At Rest, Ivan and Domka Hakman, 1881-1948 and 1882-1958".

HAMAR, Andrew (1866-1947) and Anna (1874-1945) (nee Salacznik)

Andrew and Anna (nee Salacznik) Hamar were born before the turn of the century in the Village of Medyka, District of Peremyshl, Province of Halychina (Galicia),

Ukraine, then under Austrian rule. After his two year stint in the infantry of the Austrian Army, Andrew apprenticed, for a while, with a tailor.

In 1892, he married Anna Salacznik and settled on two "morges" (approximately four acres) of land assigned to them by a landlord. In return for use of the land, they had to perform a certain amount of work for the landlord during the spring and harvest. After harvest, they were given a nominal share-one sheaf out of ten.

In their cottage, they ran a small convenience store, where Andrew also did limited amount of tailoring.

In the late 1800s, and early 1900s, the C.P.R. and other agencies encouraged people to immigrate to Canada, where they could homestead on 160 acres of virgin land for ten dollars. In 1903, swayed by this appeal, Andrew and Anna sold their possessions, to pay for the fare to Canada. They boarded the cattle boat in Hamburg, landed in Montreal, and on May 10, 1903, via C.P.R. train arrived in Edmonton. Andrew and Anna's children: Katherine (seven), Josephine (six), Stephan (three), and Michael (two), accompanied them.

Earlier immigrants were at the Strathcona station to help new arrivals. The Hamars were befriended by the Kitz family, who took them and their personal belongings by wagon to their farm in Warwick. They stayed with the Kitz family until fall. During this interval, Andrew located a homestead, (SW 30-54-12-W4th), which had on it a log, mud-plastered shack, used by stock herders and travellers. The family moved into this shack that same fall.

In the spring of 1904, Andrew was employed on an extra gang out of Edmonton, while Anna and the four children remained on the homestead where Anna spaded a garden plot and planted potatoes and other seeds, donated by the neighbors. To earn other necessities, she also worked periodically for Mrs. Charlie Monkman.

The closest post office and store at this time was Pozerville (a distance of seven miles). In about 1909, the Two Hills post office, which was across the lake from Hamar's homestead, was opened by Fred Shoff. It became the Two Hills post office in 1927, when the railway was built.

In the fall of 1904, Andrew, carrying a sack of flour on his back, returned home from his employment. His first undertaking was to improve his homestead. He broke a few acres of virgin soil, and with his earnings bought a cow, a hog, some chickens and a shotgun. The family was well supplied with wild meat during the winter months. To grind wheat, a stone mill made by John Soldan was then used.

The Hamar family made great progress during the ensuing years. With open land available, the Hamars began to raise a larger herd of cattle and in the early 1920s, they purchased additional land from the C.P.R. Company.

The family soon grew larger with the birth of their children: Mary in 1904, Nick 1905, Marshall 1909, Daniel 1911, and Andrew in 1915. The children received their elementary education from a Mrs. English at Lainuk School.

Between 1905 and 1915, the Hamars witnessed a church group organized by Reverend Perich (which was later disbanded) and the development of cultural and social life in the Pobeda district. Lanuke Hall which was later built, was incorporated as the Association of Ukrainian Farmers and Workers. The Hamars participated in its progams under various leaders. Music and acting was taught and excellent plays and concerts were presented. Dances were held regularly, especially during the winter months.

Anna Hamar passed away in 1945, at the age of 71, and Andrew in 1947, at 81. After their death, the homestead was operated by Stephen Hamar who sold out in the early 1950s, and moved to Lac La Biche. The rest of the family moved to other parts of the country during the next 20 years. There are no Hamars residing in the immediate area today.

HANNOCHKO, Reverend Taranty and Klaudia

Reverend Taranty Hannochko was born in Kiev, Ukraine, in 1881, and in 1907, arrived in Edmonton. His wife, Klaudia, and three children followed a year later. The family settled in Pakan where in 1910, Taranty joined the Methodist Church. In 1911, he was called to the Methodist Ministry and was ordained in Lethbridge

Klaudia and Reverend Hannochko, 1944

Hannochko family, 1952. Standing, (L to R) - Paul, Alex, John, Fred; seated - Dorothy, Alice, Katherine, Claudia and Mary.

on June 4, 1916. The Methodist and Presbyterian Churches united in 1925, to become the United Church of Canada and after the union, Taranty served in the United Church. The following are the Non-Anglo Saxon Missionary fields which Reverend Hannochko served:

Pakan, (1911-1913), Calgary, (1913-1914), Bellis and Wahstao, (1915-1922), Radway (1922-1928), Smoky Lake (1928-1932), Two Hills (1932-1939), Vilna and Bellis (1939-1946).

Rev. Hannochko retired in July, 1946, and died on September 6, 1946. His wife predeceased him by one year.

Reverend and Mrs. Hannochko had nine children, five of whom are still living. Three children: Alex, Paul, and Katherine, served in the Royal Canadian Air Forces during World War II. There are now 15 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

HARASEWICH, Wincenty and Ann (nee Elkow)

Ann was the second child born to Mr. and Mrs. Fedor Elkow. The family immigrated to Canada in 1902. The ocean journey to Halifax was long and tedious and Ann's mother, Waselyna, was ill during most of the trip. Docking in Halifax, it was a relief for all. After travelling by train to Strathcona, where relatives and friends awaited them, they were then transported by wagon and oxen to a homestead near Wostok where they stayed for a few weeks. After living with relatives near Two Hills, they eventually relocated themselves on a homestead of their own. In the fall of 1902, a sod house (burdei) was built, in which the family lived for one and a half years. Later, a log house was constructed, and a cow, a sow, and a few chickens were acquired. A garden was planted from seeds obtained from friends and relatives.

By now, the family had increased. Ann recalls when she was about ten years of age, helping her father to drive some steers 40 miles to the Vegreville market. A few homesteaders got together and drove their cattle to market at the same time, stopping to rest and eat along the way. There were no roads or fences, but only trails at the time. It took a few days of walking and occasionally riding in ox cart before they finally reached the market.

She recalls the times when she had to help sister round up cows and horses that grazed in the open range. Other homesteaders had their cattle and horses there too, and often bulls would snort and charge at them. When this happened, the girls had to climb trees and wait up there until dark when the bull left. At times when they went to round up the milk cows, other horses would chase them. There were many snakes and badgers in those days as well.

Ann was married in November, 1917, to Wincenty Harasewich, who emigrated from Austria in 1916. They were married in Mundare Church. The best man drove them to church in a democrat pulled by a beautifully decorated team of horses. The newly-married couple homesteaded approximately two miles from Ann's parents' place.

With no cultivated land, they both worked hard and

Wincenty and Ann Harasewich, 1919

cleared some land by pick and axe. Wincenty also worked on the railroad at Irma, in order to pay for the land and buy some livestock.

In 1919, the flu epidemic claimed the lives of many people including one of Ann's sisters. Since the nearest hospital was in Vegreville, few people were hospitalized. Because people were very ill, only the stronger ones in the neighborhood took turns doing chores. Wincenty did the chores for three families; this included feeding and watering livestock, and hauling wood and water to the household.

In 1954, Ann and Wincenty retired to Two Hills.

Wincenty passed away at the age of 79, in 1967.

Ann who resides in the Hillside Lodge in Two Hills, has three sons and daughters in-law: Metro and Tillie Harasewich live in Fort Saskatchewan, Andy and Mary Harasewich live in Musidora, and Steve and Helen Harasewich live in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She also has 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

HARASEWICH, Andrew and Mary (nee Yatzko)

Andy, son of Wincenty and Ann Harasewich, was born in the Musidora area. He attended Nizir School which was situated not too far from where he resided, walking to school with his brother and often taking short cuts across the fields. During this time at the school, he witnessed a tragedy, the drowning of the school's teacher. At the time it was thought to have been an accident, but after further police investigation, it was found to have been a murder. It is reported that a man admitted to the crime on his deathbed, some 20 years later.

Mary and Andy Harasewich, 1976

Andy quit school to help his parents with farming, after his brother joined the Canadian Army. In July,1951, Andy married Mary Yatzko, who was working for Mr. and Mrs. George Eliuk in Musidora. On their wedding night, the rains came, breaking a long drought. Crops were revived and the farmers reaped a bumper harvest.

In 1953, Andy and Mary bought their own threshing machine, binder and tractor. They rented extra farmland in the neighborhood and worked until 1965, when they bought their first combine.

In 1954, when Andy's parents retired to Two Hills, he took over their farm. In 1958, Andy and Mary bought an extra quarter of land from Mr. and Mrs. Dmytro Bohaychuk. They had crop failures in 1958, and in 1959, because of drought.

In 1960, Andy was employed by Highland Produce in Two Hills as a night watchman. He also worked at Willingdon Motors for a short period as a mechanic. Later in 1965, he was hired by the County of Two Hills as a motorgrader operator. In 1972, the Harasewiches bought Mike Kucher's store, and Mary assumed the duty of postmistress in Musidora. They operated the store in conjunction with the farm until 1976, when they sold the store stock. Mary still continues to run the post office three and one half hours a day. She is also active in the community. From 1980 to 1981, she worked with the Vegreville Health Unit Home Care Services. In Musidora she served as president of the Ukrainian Educational Society and of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Mary also took part in forming the Two Hills Farmers' Market in 1980, and was its manager (1983-1984). She also wrote the weekly column the "Farm Wife's Almanac" in the local "Two Hills & County Times". Both Andy and Mary are active in Musidora Church and Hall activities.

They have five children and five grandchildren. Daniel married Linda Dmytriw and they reside in Edmonton, where Daniel is presently employed with West End Auto. Linda is employed with Canada Post, as a mail carrier. They have one daughter, Tennille.

Carolyne is employed by Bristol Myers in Edmonton and she has two children, Noal and Nicole.

Shirley is married to Ivan Saskiw. They are successful farmers, south of Morecambe. Ivan was employed by Alberta Environment for a number of years. Shirley is presently with the Home Care Vegreville Health Unit. They have two boys, Curtis and Christopher.

Joan completed her education in Two Hills. She graduated in cosmetology in Edmonton's Commercial College, and secretarial arts in Lakeland College in Vegreville. She is presently employed with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, in Edmonton.

Andrea is living at home and attending Two Hills High School.

HARASYM, Joe and Rose (nee Grekul)

by Carolyn Yewchuk

Joe Harasym was born on August 31, 1907, in Chereniw, Kamianka-Strumilowa, near the city of Lviv in Western Ukraine, the oldest son of John Harasymiw and Mary Pankiw. When he was 13 years old, his parents and two younger siblings died during the influenza epidemics following World War I, leaving his three brothers, Harry, John and Bill, and his two sisters, Maria and Katerina, in the care of a grandmother. Some of his earliest memories stemmed from World War I: cannons booming, armed soldiers of one side and then the other marching menacingly through their village, confiscating food and livestock, villagers so hungry that they sneaked into garden plots at night to dig up newly-planted seed potatoes, and the village school closed.

Because opportunities for orphans were very limited in

Joe and Rose Harasym, 1937

those days, he raised money by making linen cloth out of flax, and immigrated to Canada in March, 1927, leaving all of his relatives behind. When he finally got off the train at Vegreville, he was exhausted and fell asleep on the grass, where Todor Grekul happened to find him and offered him work as a hired hand. He worked for Todor Grekul for two years, and then for the Eli Pawliuk family for the next eight years. Because these were the years of the Great Depression, little more than room and board were offered in return for farm work.

In 1937, he married Rose Grekul (born March 7, 1918), daughter of Todor and Lekaria Grekul. Soon they took up farming near Warwick with four horses, a cow and heifer, a sow and five hens. In the house everything was done by hand; in the fields horses provided the work power. Here the family of Mike and Mary Czar, their nearest neighbours, were of tremendous help in their struggle to establish themselves.

In the early spring of 1940, Joe and Rose, now with two young children, moved to a farm in the Szypenitz district, comprising two quarter sections, SE 36-55-13-W4th and NW 25-55-13-W4th. At first they rented the land, but later, as prices for grain and livestock rose during World War II, they purchased it from the mortgage company. With the gradual transition to more prosperous times following World War II, they began to acquire some mechanical devices which made life a bit easier: a motorized washing machine (it was hard on the ears, but saved hours of hand scrubbing), a Model T Ford, a Cockshutt tractor (it didn't have to be fed, watered, groomed and harnessed, and you ride it instead of walking behind your team as you worked the field). Eventually there was an oil heater to replace the wood-fired one (it didn't have to be stoked on cold winter nights), electricity (you didn't have to keep your milk and butter in the well during the summer), and a telephone. Various farm implements were also gradually acquired: a larger tractor, manure spreader, cultivator, swather, self-propelled combine.

Both Joe and Rose placed a high value on education. They encouraged their five children to do their best in school, and supported school-sponsored activities. The children attended Szypenitz School, travelling by horse and cutter in winter, or horse and buggy, or walking the three miles. On the coldest winter days, Joe would take them to school, bundled up in quilts, in a horse-drawn sleigh, and then return for them at the end of the day. They were lucky to have excellent teachers such as Jennie Stogre, and John and Sandra Chepeha. Then in 1950, the two-room school was closed, and all the children of the district were bussed daily to Two Hills. All five children graduated from Two Hills High School, and then went on to graduate from university.

Carolyn (B.A., M.Ed., Ph.D) married Adam Yewchuk and lives in Edmonton. Michael (B.A., LL.B) who married Jane Butterwick, and Terry (B. Sc., (Ag.)) who married Carol Blades, lives in Calgary. Joseph (B.Ed) lives in St. Paul, while Walter (B.Ed.) lives on the family farm at Two Hills, which he took over when Joe and Rose retired in 1971. There are six grandchildren: Joe, Katie, Rosemarie, Kerianne, Simon, and Jessica.

After retiring from farming, Joe and Rose moved to Two Hills where they became founding members of the Senior Citizens' Center. They held office at the Center (Joe as president and Rose as secretary) and were always concerned about improving the Center's services. When Joe died on April 7, 1984, a Memorial Scholarship was established in his name.

HARASYM, John and Nancy (nee Hnydyk)

Nancy was born on January 3, 1910, to Fred and Maria Hnydyk of the Plain Lake district.

She attended school in Plain Lake. On June 2, 1934, Nancy married John Harasym, son of Ignace and Katie Harasym of Innisfree, Alberta. Together they farmed in the Innisfree district for 32 years.

John and Nancy (nee Hnydyk) on their wedding day, 1934

In 1966, they sold their farm and moved to Vegreville, for their retirement.

Nancy and John had one child, whom they named Wilfred Ivan. Wilfred attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary. In 1963, he married Shirlee Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins, of Nova Scotia. The Hawkins reside in Calgary.

John and Nancy (nee Hnydyk) Harasym on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, 1984

HARASYN, Alec and Katherine

by Katherine Harasyn

Alec Harasyn came to Two Hills in 1927. At that time he was an agent for International Harvester and Imperial Oil. On August 10, 1929, he married Katherine Geleta. In 1930, he sold his agency to two brothers, - Bill and Steve Yuskow. He then built a garage which was operated in partnership with Nick Pedskalny, for three years. Later he sold his share to Nick Pedskalny and took over the Cockshutt Machinery Agency for two years; he then, sold this to Harry Bachinsky. Later he bought another garage from a Mr. Nikilchuk, and operated it as a workshop and dance hall.

Since there was a lot of snow at the time and it was difficult to get about in the country, Alec built a snowplane. He used this vehicle to assist police in their errands and transport sick people to the Vegreville hospital.

In 1934, Alec Harasyn, Sam Bachinsky and John Odynski built a skating rink which gave rise to hockey in Two Hills. In 1935, Alec and Sam planned a sports day, featuring Joe Austin's airplane rides and parachute jumps. A tennis court was built in 1937.

After being Justice of Peace from 1935 to 1940, Alec decided to move to Edmonton, where he presently resides.

Katherine took part in sports such as softball, basketball and skating. She was also on the Red Cross Committee. Katherine enjoyed sewing for other people and for sometime had her own dress shop.

Alec Harasyn family, 1979. (L to R) - Marshall and Alice, George and Lillian, Alec and Katherine, Ben and Elizabeth, Marney and Victor.

Alec and Katherine had four children: Marshall, Lillian, Victor and Elizabeth. Marshall married Alice Hildebrand. Lillian married George Neilson. Victor married Marney Oleskey and Elizabeth married Ben Fehst. All the children reside in Edmonton. Alec and Katherine have 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

HARASYM, Peter and Katherine

by Olga Kostyniuk (granddaughter)

My grandparents, Katherine and Peter Harasym came from the Village of Toporivci, County of Chernivci, Bukovina, Ukraine. They left their home in 1904, with their two-year old son, Peter, Grandmother Dora, and step-Grandfather John Ponich. Boarding a ship in Hamburg, Germany, they arrived in Halifax 11 days later.

Mary Harasym family, 1982

Arriving by train in Edmonton, Northwest Territories, they were met by Ron Mandryk who brought them to their homestead, NE 20-55-11-W4, near South Bend, now named Duvernay.

Three farmers owned horses at that time: my Grandfather Peter Harasym, Nick Orlecki, and Ron Mandryk. My grandfather who bought two horses (Nellie and Chappie), from a man in Fort Saskatchewan, made 12 trips with this team to Edmonton in 1904, and 1905, for flour, salt, and other goods for neighbors.

The first Harasym house had a thatched roof which, when being remodelled in 1909, caught fire. Indians who were camped close by, helped put out the fire by throwing snow on it.

At about that time (1911), Luzan Toporivtsi Church and the Luzan School were built. Arthur Roberge and Elizeur Moisie, the main carpenters, were assisted by homesteaders in the district. A Mr. Gosowati, who was a cabinet maker, finished the interior of the church in Orthodox tradition and Ukrainian identity.

Although a school was built, at times it was difficult to find a teacher. Sometimes it was difficult to pay the teacher as well. Ukrainian speaking families often felt threatened by Anglo-Saxon teachers, a carry over from the "old country" where they couldn't trust the Poles or the Russians.

Ten children were born to Peter and Katherine. Six are still living and in good health. They are Mary Orlecki of Edmonton; Bill Harasym of the Hillside Lodge in Two Hills; Selina Plaska, Rose Rosychuk, Greg Harasym of Two Hills; and Lucy Lastiwka of Edmonton. My father, Alex Harasym, died on January 9, 1954; Grandmother Dora Logozar, in March, 1944; Mike, in December, 1974; and Peter Jr. in May, 1975.

Henry and Olga Kostyniuk family, 1981. Standing, (L to R) - Wendy, Maureen, Marlene, Barbara; seated - Paige, Olga and Henry.

After my father married Mary Wertypora, he lived in the Lafond area. This is where I lived for 19 years and then married Henry, son of Paul and Barbara Kostyniuk. We raised six children: Wendy, (Mrs. John McKay, formerly Mrs. Bryan Setter); Maureen, (Mrs. Robert Forbes); Marlene, (Mrs. Glenn Skoropadyk); Barbara, Lyndon, and Paige. We also have three grandchildren: Mackenzie, Shaun, and Megan.

I am thankful to my grandparents for choosing Canada as their new country. Although they may have endured many hardships in a new land, they gave their children and grandchildren an opportunity to live in our beloved Canada.

HAYDUK, John and Mary

John, son of Harry and Paraskevia Hayduk, was born on September 5, 1886, in the Village of Kalnikiw, County of Mostiska, Western Ukraine. After serving in the Austrian army for three years, he came to Canada in 1912, at the age of 26.

After sailing for 15 days on the ship "Vilhart", John Hayduk arrived in Montreal where he found employment in a steel factory. Enduring five months of hard labour, he hopped box cars for Edmonton, where he found a job there digging sewers and laying pipe.

As money was scarce, John could only afford to buy bread and a bottle of buttermilk which at that time cost five cents. His employment in Edmonton lasted for only two years. John then moved to Plain Lake to stay with his half-brother, Lesko Florko.

In 1914, at the age of 28, he married Mary, daughter of John and Eva Predyk. Mary, the eldest of five sisters, came to Canada on December 25, at the age of three years.

John and Mary lived with Mary's parents for almost five years before moving to a homestead which was a half mile away from the Plain Lake Church. Like most pioneers, the Hayduks experienced the hardships of the early days - breaking the land, constructing buildings and existing in the best way possible.

The family took an active part in community and church affairs. Always involved with the Plain Lake Church, they lodged and boarded the priests who held mass in the district. They also assisted sisters of a religious order who taught catechism. Mary and her daughters often did the church cleaning while John looked after keeping the church warm for the morning service. The family also participated in church choirs and concerts. John was noted for his tenor voice which resounded above all others. On his 90th birthday, John made the comment, "that he worked hard but never forgot to pray".

John and Mary Hayduk and family, 1935. Back row, (L to R) - Katherine, Steve, Harvey, Anne; front row - John Hayduk, Lillian and Mary Hayduk.

John and Mary had six children: Steve of Vegreville (deceased at age 36), married Rose Sadoway and they had eight children; Michael died in infancy; Harvey of Edmonton married Teresa Granger and raised seven children; Anne of St. Paul married Victor Lavoie and they have four children; Catherine of Edmonton married Bill Humeniuk and the couple was blessed with four children; Lillian of Vegreville married Eugene Pehowich.

In 1955, John and Mary retired in Vegreville. However, on December 23, 1956, Mary died tragically. John passed away May 17, 1977. Both are buried in the Vegreville Riverside Cemetery.

John and Mary Hayduk will be remembered for their willingness to give of themselves to others. Their contribution towards the building of the Plain Lake community and their dedication to the service of God will be always cherished in the hearts and memories of those they knew and loved.

HLEWKA, Alex and Angela (nee Krewotulsky)

Alex was born in Nova Zuchka, Bukovina, Ukraine, then under the Austrian regime, on March 15, 1887. After being discharged from the Austrian Army, he decided to follow his brother John to Canada. His in-

Angela and Alex Hlewka, 1924. Photo was taken when Angela arrived in Canada after a 14 year separation from Alex.

tention was to return home after a few years and purchase additional land. Leaving his wife Angela, daughter Cathelene, and unborn son (Nick), Alex set out across the ocean to Montreal. The two-week trip was quite an experience. Besides bad weather, there was poor accommodation and illness to face.

Arriving in Montreal, Alex proceeded by train across Canada to Winnipeg, where he was met by his brother John. Alex was impressed with the size of Canada and the wide open land which was still to be settled. He and his brother found employment with the Canadian National Railway, where they laboured for a couple of years. Alex worked on surrounding farms, as well.

During the outbreak of World War I, Alex moved to Canmore, where he obtained employment in the coal mines, until 1924. In 1922, he purchased a farm (SE 30—56-12-W4th), in the Ispas area. The farm was bought for $2,350. complete with buildings and broken land. During World War I, Alex lost contact with his family, fearing that they perished in the war. With persistent effort through the Red Cross services and the placement of advertisements in the newspapers in the old country he was able to locate them in their home village of Nova Zuchka. In 1924, he arranged passage for his family to Canada. The family sailed to Canada in seven days time, on the Cunard Line and then travelled for three days to Vegreville.

Here they were met by Mrs. George Pawliuk, who was buying kerosene for threshing crews. Another day's travel followed by wagon to Szypenitz, their new home. After a 14 year absence, a joyous reunion of the entire Hlewka family, followed. Alex was overjoyed as he set eyes (for the first time) on his son Nick, who was now 14 years old.

The Hlewka children, Nick and Cathelene, attended Ispas School. Both had completed public school (Grade VI) in the old country.

Social activities revolved about school, church and home.

In 1935, Alex purchased a 1935 Plymouth and used it to haul gold (which had been panned by gold seeker at the North Saskatchewan River) to Irving Kline Jewellers in Edmonton.

Alex and his wife Angela, farmed until 1945, when they moved to Two Hills. They left the family farm to Nick. Alex passed away in 1959, and his wife Angela, in 1960.

In 1928, Cathelene Hlewka married John Oneschuk and raised a family of three sons: Mike, Ernie, and Nick. John passed away in 1970. Cathelene resides in Two Hills.

Jennie and Nick Hlewka Sr., circa 1932

In August, 1931, Nick Hlewka married Jennie Pashniak and raised two sons, Nick Jr. and Jim. In June 1980, Jennie passed away. Nick Sr. now resides in Two Hills.

In July, 1951, Nick Jr. married Rozena Horbarenko and the union was blessed with six children: Sheila, Barry, Patsy, Kenny, Vivian, and Brian. At present Nick, Rozena and their sons, are involved in a family trucking business which is operated out of Two Hills and Edmonton.

In July, 1968, Jim married Marlene Mehalcheon. They have two sons, Tyler and Kirby. Jim is employed in the petroleum industry and his wife, Marlene, is a teacher in Two Hills.

HLEWKA, Nickolas and Rozena (nee Harbarenko)

Nickolas Hlewka, son of Nick Sr. and Jennie Hlewka, was born at Szypenitz, Alberta, on December 18, 1931. He lived with his parents and grandparents on a farm

Rozena and Nick Hlewka on their wedding day, 1951

located at Ispas, Alberta, and he attended Moose and Brinsley Schools.

Nickolas and his parents moved to Two Hills, Alberta in 1947, where dad, Nick Sr. bought a livery stable. Using a team of horses, they began hauling mail and freight for Canadian Pacific Railway.

In 1949, they bought a two-ton truck and started hauling coal and grain in Two Hills. During this period, Nickolas met Rozena Harbarenko, who was working at the Two Hills Hospital as a tray girl. In 1951, they were married in Vegreville, Alberta, and a year later, Nickolas and Rozena, moved to Grand Centre, Alberta, where Nickolas began to haul gravel for the Cold Lake Air Force Base.

After hauling gravel for Cold Lake Air Force Base, Nickolas and Rozena moved back to Two Hills, where they purchased Bill Pundick's Trucking firm. The trucking outfit had only one body job. With this one body job, Nickolas and Nick Sr. formed a new trucking firm called "Hlewkas Two Hills Transfer" and Nickolas hauled general freight from Edmonton to Two Hills.

In 1954, Nickolas purchased "Miskiw Trucking", which consisted of a three ton truck and a one ton truck. With the help of a driver, Ralph Cozicar, and his dad, Nick Sr., Nickolas ran a daily service from Edmonton to Two Hills. Five years later, Nickolas bought his first tandem tractor and trailer. With this tractor and trailer, he began hauling live poultry from Saskatchewan to Two Hills for Highland Produce. In 1971, Nickolas rebuilt a tandem tractor, and this rebuilt unit was leased to Vancouver Pacific. With this lease, Nickolas could haul freight trailers from Edmonton to Vancouver, while his brother, Jim, ran the general freight run from Edmonton to Two Hills.

With the help of the children the transfer is now a company that consists of four diesels, two tractor (gas), two body jobs and several trailers. All the repairs (unless major engine repair) are completed by Nickolas. His dad, Nick Sr., retired from the business in 1976, and brother Jim left the firm to become employed by Brascan Resources. The family also started the Hlewkas' Bottle Depot in 1974, and at present still run the business. Nickolas belonged to the Elks (15 years) and also volunteers his help to the Lions Club at their annual rodeo.

Nickolas and Rozena are still living in their first home, which was built in 1932, by late Nick Dowhaniuk. Nickolas and Rozena raised six children, three girls and three boys:

Sheila Anne was born on April 18, 1951, in Bonnyville, Alberta. She attended Two Hills School, and the University of Alberta. She married Barry Eluik, of Two Hills, who is self-employed, and works at Truck All Depot. Sheila is a teacher and mother of three children: Dustin, Terrilyn and Marcie. The Eluik family lives in Bon Accord, Alberta.

Barry Wayne was born on August 10, 1952, in Two Hills. He attended school in Two Hills and then the University of Alberta. He married Rosanne Steblyk, of Two Hills, who works as a Lab Technician in Edmonton. Barry and Rosanne have two children, Keith and Kerry. The family lives in Edmonton.Barry is a truck driver and a shareholder in the family trucking business.

Patsy Gail was born on March 18, 1955, in Two Hills. She attended school in Two Hills, and after graduation she attended Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. Presently she is enrolled at the University of Alberta. Patsy, who works for CJCA & K-97 married Lee Warawa of Fort St. John, B.C. Patsy and Lee have two children, Neil and Miria. The family lives in a development outside of Mornville, Alberta.

Kenneth Dale was born on April 1, 1956, in Two Hills. He attended school in Two Hills. Kenneth married Sheryl Kutryk of Beauvallon. He works for Hlewkas' Two Hills Transfer Ltd, and is a shareholder and truck driver in the family business. Sheryl is the Manager of the Bank of Montreal in Two Hills. Kenneth and Sheryl live in Two Hills.

Nick Hlewka family - Christmas - 1984. Standing, (L to R) - Lee Warwa, Ken and Cheryl Hlewka, Brian Hlewka, Sheila and Barry Eliuk, Rosann and Barry Hlewka, Randy Langkow; seated - Pat Popowich, Nick and Rozena Hlewka, Vivian Langkow; boys - Neil Popowich, Dustin Eliuk, Scott and Daymond Langkow, Keith Hlewka; girls - Miria Warwa, Terrilyn Eliuk, Jennifer-Rose Langkow, Marcy Eliuk, and Kerry Hlewka.

Vivian Marie was born on March 26, 1957. She attended school in Two Hills, and the Alberta Vocational Centre. Vivian married Randy Langkow of Beauvallon. She is employed by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Vegreville, and Randy is employed with R.J.V. Oil Maintenance in Vegreville, where he is also a plumber. Vivian and Randy have three children: Scott, Daymond and Jennifer-Rose. The Langkow family live in Vegreville.

Brian Nickolas, born May 14, 1958, attended school in Two Hills. Brian who lives in Two Hills works for Hlewkas' Two Hills Transfer Ltd. He is a truck driver and a shareholder in the family business.

HLEWKA, John and Alexandra (nee Severyn)

by Rocky Chrapko

Alexandra, daughter of Mike and Mary Severyn, was born August 28, 1898. She was married to John Hlewka and they settled on their farm in the Ispas area. Working hand in hand, the couple made a living on their farm for themselves and their 11 children.

After working on their farm for 50 years, the couple retired in 1968. They moved to Two Hills where John passed away in 1973. In 1980, Alexandra moved to the Eagle Hill Lodge in Willingdon and passed away in December, 1982.

Their children are: Mary, Kathleen, Rose, Bill, Lillian, Alec, Victoria, Victor, Olga, Zinnovia, and Sonia. As well, they have 40 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Mary was born March 13, 1919, and grew up on the family farm. On July 14, 1945, she married Oscar Kuzio and lived with his parents for two years. They moved to Two Hills for a short time, then moved back to the farm. Oscar and Mary bought Nick Danyluik's farm then moved to the home place where they presently live. Oscar operated a gas truck, and later a gravel truck, which he still operates. The Kuzios have nine children: Gerald, Sandra, Susan, Nick, Brenda, Dwayne, Roland, Carole, and Harvey. They also have 12 grandchildren.

Gerald married Adrienne and the family lives in Two Hills. They have three daughters: Tanya, Monique, and Kandice.

Sandra, who married Lawrence Homeniuk, also lives in the Two Hills area. The couple have two children, Lauren and Lance.

Susan married Douglas Symon and they live in Edmonton. Their two children are Jason and Jennifer.

Nick married Carol and the couple lives in Brandon, Manitoba. Noal and Nikki are their children.

Brenda is busy getting her education in Edmonton.

Dwayne passed away in a farming accident in 1965 at age six.

Roland married Wendy and they live in Westlock, Alberta. The couple have one child, Rayna.

Carole married Rod Arkinstall, and they live in Fairview, Alberta. They have two children, Wade and Roxy.

Harvey, the youngest of the children is single and lives at home.

Kathleen, who was born on December 4, 1921, married Frank Shymko on July 20, 1941. Frank was employed as a teacher in the Brinsley School, northwest of Two Hills. Later he served in the army and the couple transferred to Ottawa, Ontario. Later they moved to Myrnam, where Frank returned to teaching while Kathleen helped raise their three children. After 29 years in Myrnam, Kathleen and Frank retired and moved to Vegreville, where they have made their home.

The Shymkos have two sons: Ronald and Bill, and one daughter, Monica. They are proud grandparents of Mark, Jamie and Adam.

Ronald and Joan live in Los Angeles, California, where Ronald is involved in cancer research.

Bill and Donna live in Edmonton where Bill is a lawyer. The couple are proud parents of three sons, Mark, Jamie and Adam.

Monica is living in Edmonton, where she is employed as a legal secretary.

Rose was born on May 28, 1923. She married Andy Rogolsky and lived in Hamburg, Alberta, where Andy taught school. Later they moved to Vegreville, where Andy also taught school. They had three children, Robert, Donnie, and Mary Jane. The Rogalskys are proud grandparents of one granddaughter.

Robert married Linda and they have one daughter, Tracy. Donnie and Mary Jane are single.

Lillian, who was born on April 27, 1924, married Walter Krysko. Four children: Sandy, Wendy, Johnny, and Jim were raised. As well they have six grandchildren. On July 10, 1974, Walter passed away.

Sandy married Bob Tough and they have one son and one daughter.

Wendy married Brian Petruk, and they raised two daughters.

Johnny is the proud father of two daughters. Jim is single.

Bill was born on April 20, 1925 and married Rose Skoropadyk. For several years, Bill worked for the Two Hills Co-op; then the family moved to Spedden, where Bill was employed by the Co-op. From there the family moved to Edmonton, where Bill worked for Leon's. Rose continued to live in Edmonton, after Bill's passing away in November, 1982. Bill and Rose had four children: Ruby, Connie, Garry and Kenny. They also have two grandsons.

Ruby married Barry Tough and raised two sons. The Tough family lived in Edmonton.

Connie and Kenny live in Edmonton while Garry lives in Calgary.

Alec was born on June 28, 1926. Educated in a country school, he grew to be a fine young man. Alec married Steffie Brusnak and worked for the Town of Two Hills for many years. Later, they moved to Edmonton, where Alec is employed by Steel Craft. Steffie works for Western Linen.

Alec and Steffie are proud parents of their son Richard, and daughter Cheryl. They have four grandchildren.

Richard (Rick) married Doreen and they have three children, Ryan, Jamie and Tammy.

Cheryl married Hal Somerset and they live in

Saskatchewan. They have one son Kris.

Victoria, who was born September 29, 1927, married Nick Kokotailo of the Shalka area. Victoria and Nick had one son, Johnny, and one daughter, Julie.

In the late 1970s, Nick passed away while living in B.C. Victoria lives in Edmonton.

Johnny married Karen, and they have three daughters, Nicole, Denielle, and Christy. Julie married Graham Weeks, and had one daughter, Katherine.

Victor, the last of the Hlewka boys, was born August 15, 1929. Victor married Angeline Nahamko, of Ispas. After working in Two Hills for a short time, Victor moved to Edmonton where he is working for Cana Construction.

Angeline and Victor have four children: Jeffrey, Sheila, Cheryl and Patrick, all of whom are sport-minded. The family lives in Edmonton.

Olga was born August 5, 1930. She married Walter Mandrusiak of Two Hills. Olga and Walter have four children: Debbie, Dwayne, Darrell and Douglas. They also have three grandchildren. Walter, Olga and their children all live in Edmonton.

Debbie married Darwin Snaychuk, and they have two children, Troy and Kyle.

Dwayne married Allison, and raised one son. Darrell is married while Douglas is still single.

Zinnovia was born on November 21, 1932. She grew up on the family farm and attended a country school. Zinnovia married Harvey Holoboff and the couple raised two children, Jason and Darcie. Zinnovia and the children now live in Edmonton, where Zinnovia is employed with Safeway stores.

Sonia, who was born on November 21, 1932, married Alec, youngest son of Harry and Irene Kereliuk of Hairy Hill. Alec worked at Steel Craft for several years, and Sonia was also employed in the business world.

On September 16, 1979, Alec passed away. Sonia is employed as a school secretary.

They had three children: Darlene, Korene, and Rodney, all living in Edmonton. Korene is married to Mervin Gunderson.

HOHOL, Hrehory and Mary (nee Ruptash)

by Dr. Harry Hohol

After four years of service as a corporal in the Austrian Army, Hrehory (Harry) Hohol, a man in his early 20s, from the Village of Orshivtsi, Bukovina, was caught up in the spirit of adventure and the hope of a better life. He was soon on the train for the month long trip to Hamburg. Two weeks on a steamship brought him to Halifax from whence he continued by train, wagon and on foot through Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary, and finally Edmonton.

Immediately he filed a claim to homestead a quarter of land (presently owned by Vern Chisan) in the Brosseau area. Next he arranged for himself and his effects to be transported by raft on the North Saskatchewan River and by horses and wagon to the homestead site. In due course, Hrehory Hohol married Mary Ruptash. With Mary's help, land was cleared and soon bearing crops. This land was sold after only a few years and the family

Mary and Hrehory (Harry) Hohol, circa 1908

resettled on a new homestead four miles west of Duvernay. Again the process of clearing and breaking new land was undertaken, this time with the help of a growing family which eventually consisted of five sons, and one daughter (a third born son died in infancy): William, Nick, Ann, John, Bert, and Dave.

With the acquisition of another quarter of land (one mile south and one half mile west of Duvernay) along with the rental of a quarter of Canadian Pacific Railway land next to it, the family prospered through the "Roaring Twenties". Then came the Great Depression which saw Hrehory's timely passing.

William assumed ownership of the land nearest Duvernay and continued to farm it until his retirement in 1978. He married Jean Padlesky; William and Jean now reside in semi-retirement on an acreage in Duvernay and look forward to the visits of their three sons: Harry, Ernie, and Ron and their families. Harry and Ron reside in Edmonton, and Ernie is in Spruce Grove.

Nick Hohol assumed ownership of what is now known as the "home-place" and continued to farm there until the early 1940s at which time he married Irene Shandro, a school teacher in Duvernay School. They promptly moved to Vermilion where he operated a general store until his retirement, upon which they moved to Edmonton. Prior to moving to Flatbush, Nick and Irene had farmed for a short while in the Westlock area. They have two sons, Bob and Jim, the former living in Calgary, the latter living in Edmonton.

Ann Hohol completed her high school and then married Felix Paradis. They farmed for some years just north of Foisy School where Ann taught while raising a family and helping on the farm. The family consists of: Raymond, Donald, and Joyce. The family moved to Edmonton where Ann currently resides. Ray lives in Two Hills, while Don has made his home in Medicine Hat and Joyce lives in Calgary.

John Hohol pursued a career in education. After attending Normal School, he obtained a teaching position at Ispas. While there he met and married Mabel Bujak. John taught at a variety of schools, including Duvernay, also Luzan, all the while attending university summer sessions until he attained a degree of Bachelor of Education. He and Mabel reared children: Joanna,

Elmer, and Johnny. John finished his teaching career as principal of Barrhead Junior High School and now enjoys an "active" retirement in Barrhead.

Albert E. "Bert" Hohol also pursued a career in education until he entered provincial politics. He served as Minister of Manpower and Labor, and then as Minister of Advanced Education during his eight years (1971-1979) with Peter Lougheed's Conservative government in Alberta. Bert attended Normal School and taught briefly in the Peace River country, before joining the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. He attended the University of Alberta after the war and attained his Bachelor of Education degree, with a major in English Literature. He subsequently taught and acted as principal of a number of schools in the province (including Two Hills High School). Bert was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (Educational Administration) by the University of Oregon. He was Superintendent of Schools in Jasper Place and then joined the Edmonton Public School District as Associate Superintendent. Bert married Kay Chrapko of Vegreville. Their son Milton, and their daughter Barbara reside in Edmonton as well. Currently Bert is a Director on the Provincial Workmen's Compensation Board.

Almost 80 years of history focuses on the Hohol family in the Brosseau-Duvernay area in which Hrehory Hohol lived, and his descendants continue to live.

HOHOL, Dave and Mary (nee Ewasiuk)

by Mary Hohol

Dave Hohol, youngest son of Hrehory and Mary Hohol (nee Ruptash), was born at home with the aid of his grandmother, Sanda Ruptash, on January 3, 1926. He took his elementary schooling in Szypenitz, and high school in Two Hills. When his brother, Nick, moved to Vermilion in the 1940s, Dave bought the home place from him.

Dave and Mary Hohol, 1946

In 1946, he married Mary, daughter of John and Rachel Ewasiuk, of the Luzan district. The wedding ceremony was performed in the St. Vladmirs Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Vegreville by Reverend A. Chrustawka. The reception took place on the farm with an outdoor platform for dancing. The gateway was decorated with two spruce trees, one on each side of the entrance. When Dave came for his bride, some of the guests blocked the gateway and wouldn't let the groom drive in, until he rewarded them with a few bottles of whiskey. When it was time to leave for Dave's home, the bridesmaids guarded Mary and wouldn't let her go until the groom gave each bridesmaid some money. The day ended at Dave's farm where there also was a reception and dancing in the house.

Dave's father passed away when Dave was only four years old. His mother was laid to rest in 1952.

Mary's parents retired in 1961 and moved to Two Hills. Her father passed away in September, 1980, at the age of 86. Mary's mother is still living (1985) in Two Hills.

On November 19, 1947, Dave and Mary's first child, Carl Michael was born in the Two Hills Hospital. Because times were difficult, Dave boarded a train in 1950 and worked for a farmer in Simpson, Saskatchewan. Mary followed later, and served as a housekeeper for a family of seven children, three miles from where he worked. Dave worked for $90. a month and Mary for $30. at this time.

In the fall of 1950, the family moved to North Edmonton, where Dave got a job with North West Utilities. A year later, Dave worked in the oil fields of Leduc for a year. At that time the Western Chemical Plant in Duvernay was under construction, and Dave obtained employment there for ten years, as an operator in the liquid chlorine and hydrochloric acid departments.

Three more children were born to Dave and Mary: Linda Jane, January 6, 1953; Dianne Fay, February 16, 1956; and Allen David, May 10, 1962. Dave left the chemical plant in 1962, acquired additional land and is farming at the present time.

In 1961, Dave and Mary celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in the Duvernay Hall, and ten years later, their 25th, in the Two Hills Centennial Hall. They are still living in the same house where Dave was born, although it was added to and remodelled.

Carl took all his schooling in Two Hills. In 1967, he married Valerie Cummings, daughter of Jim and Sylvia Cummings of Edmonton (now residing in Victoria, B.C.). While living in Edmonton, Carl was successful at various jobs, mostly centered around public relations and the media. He was a district manager for the Western Producer and worked for C.F.R.N.T.V. In 1975, Carl and Valerie moved to Dawson City, Yukon, where he was employed as a community development worker, probation officer, and band director for the Dawson City Indian Band. In 1977, the couple moved back to Alberta and built a new home in Lavoy. While living in the area, Carl worked for both local newspapers in Vegreville. In 1980, Carl and Valerie moved to Carl's hometown of

Mary and Dave Hohol with their children, 1963

Two Hills, and began publishing their own newspaper, "The Two Hills Times". It became the first newspaper published in Two Hills, complete with graphics, typesetting and camera room. Carl and Valerie have three children: David born in 1970; Carl Jr., 1973; and Natasha, 1979. David, in 1982, was chosen athlete of the year at the Two Hills Junior High School.

Linda, completed her public school education in Two Hills. She took a business course in Edmonton, which enabled her to acquire a secretarial position with Rent-Way Canada. Linda also worked for the Department of Agriculture and the Local Authorities Board. In 1974, she married Wayne Smith, son of Allan and Plina Smith of Edmonton, and continued to work until her first child was born. Presently Smiths live in Fort Saskatchewan where Wayne is a second class power engineer. They have two children, Heather, born March 3, 1977, and Rachel, December 5, 1981.

Dianne also graduated from the Two Hills High School and attended Grant MacEwan Community College for two years, receiving a diploma in social services. She recently graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor Degree in Social Work (B.S.W.). Dianne worked part-time at the Women's Emergency Centre since 1980, while working on her degree. She has also held a position in the past as a caseworker at the Edmonton Big Sister Society. Upon completion of her degree, Dianne became a supervisor at the George Spady Centre, working with alcoholics and drug abusers. Dianne has one child, Candace Smith, born May 2, 1974, from a previous marriage.

Allen also completed his 12 years of education in Two Hills. He pursued a career in farming and after graduation remained on the farm and worked with his father. Presently, Allen is working out to establish himself on the farm.

HOLLICK, John and Anna (nee Teresio)

by Edward and Mary Teresio

Anna Hollick (Teresio) is the daughter of Mike and Katerina Teresio. Arriving in Canada with her parents in 1903, she married John Hollick, coal miner from Lethbridge. They lived in Slawa, Vermilion, and then on the farm, SW 16-54-12-W4th, south of Two Hills.

John and Annie Hollick with their children Mary, Katherine and Andrew, 1924

A family of four children was raised: Andrew, Mary, Katherine, and Edward. Andrew worked on the farm, while Mary and Katherine went to Normal School. Mary is married to William Boratynec, formerly of Lake Eliza. They have one daughter Jeannie, and two grandchildren, Katherine and Edward. Katherine, now a widow, was married to William Pary.

Edward, the youngest, was a school teacher and was married to Josephine Dochuk. He was also in the Canadian Army in 1941-42 and in 1952. At the young age of 26, Edward passed away suddenly while teaching at Grand Centre.

The Hollick family moved to Toronto in the early 1940s where they still reside. Andrew worked many years for the C.N.R. and is at present in an Extended Care Hospital.

HOLUBOWICH, Leon and Helen (nee Bilyk)

by Rosemarie Holubowich (grandchild)

Leon Holubowich, who was born on January 29, 1888, at Chortkiw, Ukraine, came to Canada at the age of 12, with four brothers: Joe, Emil, Metro, and Carl. They left behind their parents, John and Anna Holubowich, five step-brothers, and one step-sister.

After arriving in Canada, the three brothers decided to stay in Manitoba. Metro went to serve in World War I,

Leon and Helen Holubowich family, circa 1926. (L to R) - Joe, Pauline, Leon, Emily, Helen, Annie.

Leon and Helen Holubowich family, 1983. Standing, (L to R) - Albert, Josephine LeFlevre, Louis, Walter; seated - Joseph, Annie Seniuk, Emily Bochon, Pauline Myshaniuk.

but never returned. Leon travelled on to Alberta. He set up his homestead approximately five miles north of Myrnam, Alberta.

Leon met Helen Bilyk and they were married on November 17,1909, at Mundare, Alberta. Helen was born in 1889, in Poland, and came to Canada with her parents, Metro and Nenia Bilyk, in 1907.

Leon and Helen raised nine children: Joseph, Annie, Emily, Pauline, Mary, Walter, Louis, Josephine, and Albert. They lost one child, Mary, who died of scarlet fever at a very young age.

Leon and Helen lived on their homestead till their deaths on January 29, 1949, and on September 10, 1936, respectively.

The Holubowich farm is currently owned by their youngest child, Albert.

HORBASENKO, Edward and Geraldine (nee Kitz)

Edward (Ed), son of Phillip and Katie Horbasenko, was born at Slawa, Alberta, on February 10, 1939. He attended Brierfield School for the first three and a half years. In November, 1949, the family moved to the Myrnam district where Ed continued his education and graduated in June, 1957. He attended the University of Alberta, and enrolled in the Faculty of Education, Junior E Program, completing it in May, 1958. In September of the same year, he began teaching Junior High (Grade VII) at the Two Hills High School.

Horbasenko family, 1985. (L to R) - Lyle, Ed, Gerry, Lynn and Lora.

On July 8, 1960, Ed married Geraldine (Gerry), daughter of John and Tillie Kitz of Beauvallon. Born in Myrnam on April 13, 1942, Gerry completed Grade I and II in Greenbush School. Upon closure of this school she completed her elementary school at Beauvallon and Myrnam School where she graduated in 1960.

In August, 1960, the Horbasenkos moved to Edmonton, where Ed taught Grade IX at the Hardisty Junior High School. Gerry attended MacTavish Business College and worked at the Federal Building in the income tax department. The following year they moved back to Two Hills where they have resided since.

Ed is presently in math courses in junior and senior high school. Besides his teaching career, Ed has been a member of the Two Hills Voluntary Fire Department for many years and Assistant Fire Chief and Secretary-Treasurer since 1967. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for many years. For the past 25 years, his major hobby has been taxidermy.

Gerry is the secretary and librarian at the Two Hills Elementary School, where she has worked since 1969. She joined the Order of the Royal Purple in 1964, and during her many years with the club she has held the office of Honored Royal Lady for six years.

The Horbasenkos were blessed with three children. Lynn, born on July 24, 1961, received all of her schooling in Two Hills. She attended the University of Alberta and has received her degree in the field of Recreation Administration.

Lyle, born on November 29, 1963, also completed his education in Two Hills. He is presently in his fourth year at N.A.I.T. apprenticing for a motor mechanic. Lyle belongs to the Two Hills Voluntary Fire Department.

Lora, born on March 4, 1965, is completing her second year as legal secretary at N.A.I.T.

HORON, John and Nancy

by Jessie Hryciw

My father, the eldest son of Mike and Jessie Horon, was born on December 2, 1901. In May 1910, the Horon family left the Village of Buciw in Ukraine and immigrated to Canada, where they took up farming in the Lavoy area. Because of poverty in the old country, they were used to the hardships they encountered in Canada.

In 1924, John's father bought him a quarter of land, SW 6-52-12-W4th, and he began farming on his own.

In 1925, Nancy Pauk immigrated to Canada from the same village, to join her brother, Bill, who had been working as a tailor in Vegreville for two years. John met Nancy while she was visiting relatives in the country, and on November 1, 1925, they were married. They had two daughters: Jessie, who married Nick Hryciw, and Mary, who married Paul Adamoski. They also helped raise a

John M. and Nancy Horon with their first grandchild, Leonard Hryciw, 1950

nephew, Peter Maximchuk.

We went to the same school as our father did, only he read the "Alexandra Reader", and we read the "Canadian Reader". Our school had a historic name, "Zaporozi", and to us it was the most beautiful place in Alberta. The school was in a valley an in spring we were thrilled when the meadows were purple with shooting stars. The meadow larks sang to us while we studied in school. Our mother was a great reader, and many a winter night we would listen while she read to us stories about the Kossacks riding the Zaporose steppes. I always imagined Zaporoze to be our hills, valleys, and our lake.

We had a lake on our farm (Cairns Lake) and many a Sunday afternoon was spent at the lake. The highlight of the school year was our annual picnic, which was held at Cairns Lake. Dad served as a school trustee for many years.

We belonged to Plain Lake Church, which was six miles from home. Occasionally we attended New Kiew Church, which was also a few miles away. It was there that daughter Jessie met Nick Hryciw whom she married in 1949.

Dad died on January 19, 1971, after suffering a stroke. In 1985, Mother is living in Edmonton with her daughter, Mary, (Paul Adamoski, and family).

HORON John, Tom, Victor and Peter

by Vera Paskuski

Residing on the land originally homesteaded by his father, Tom Horon, at the age of 79, occasionally helps his two sons to till the soil. The 160 acre farm bears no trace of the dense, untamed bush of towering white birch, the unyielding poplar, and the luxuriant willow stands. Only memory marks the sod house beside the stagnant pond where the red-winged black birds shatter the enveloping silence of the land, and create the poignant illusion that life continues uninterrupted. Today, a gravelled road running by the farm, connects it to towns and cities. Modern painted buildings grace the yard. Stretching the length of a mile, golden fields of wheat sway in the gentle, fall breeze. This panorama of prosperity bears mute testimony to the man whose undaunted courage, stamina, and vision took root in a foreign land.

In 1902, fleeing political oppression and intolerable, economic poverty, John Horon bid farewell to his neighbors and relatives in the Village of Buciw, Peremyshl, in the Western Ukraine, and with his wife, Katherine, and one child, Mary, set sail for Canada. Arriving by boat in Halifax, the family, boarded the train and soon arrived in Strathcona, now part of Edmonton. Here, tragedy dogged his footsteps as his wife died prematurely in childbirth. With his few possessions—an axe, pick, shot gun, grinding stone, and a stove top cover—John Horon set out on foot to stake his land. His search led him some 100 miles northeast of Edmonton to a quarter section of land, NW 14-53-13-W4th.

Drawn by the vast quantity of firewood the land would provide, he proceeded to build a life for himself. A sod house first, a two-room log house chinked with clay and covered with thatched wild grass later, and a dug-out hole beside the slough were the fruits of his labor in Canada. The same poplars, which first enticed him, became the object of back-breaking, and agonizing toil. For two days he would chip away at the trunk and roots of a poplar but the brute would not yield to the diminutive man with the pick and axe. Two acres of cleared land, ready for spring seeding was a major achievement a year later. With the help of his wife, Euphemia, whom he met and married in Edmonton while working as a laborer digging ditches, he was able to clear and break 35 acres in 13 years.

Merciless and harsh, life in Canada for him was an uncompromising struggle. Poorly clad, undernourished, over-worked, and isolated, he yearned for the more familiar homeland. Seeking refuge from loneliness and despair, he would sing his native songs which recalled happier memories of the linden tree, the cranberry bush, and of the young girl gathering wild mushrooms. These traditional folk songs he unwittingly etched into the memory of his son, Tom Horon, who, today, clearly recalls the crystal clearness of his father's melodious voice. However, in the month of May, 13 years following his arrival in Canada, the land which he claimed for his own, claimed him. Lulled in his eternal sleep by the rustling poplar, once the object of his pursuit, he lies buried in the New Kiew Cemetery far from his native Ukraine. His land he bequeathed to his only surviving son, Tom.

Tom Horon was only ten years old when his father died. Living with his two sisters, Katherine and Eva, a half-sister, Mary, and his mother and stepfather, Mike Kurceba, he attended school first at New Kiew for one term and later at Krasne for three. There, having trekked the four miles on foot, he and 56 other barefooted students, were introduced to learning in a formal, forbidding environment in the English language. Knowing his parents had been denied that right, he was determined to learn to read.

In 1921, a strapping youth of 16, he left the familiar confines of home to seek employment. West of Calgary, he worked as a spiker for the C.P.R. for 35¢ an hour. Time has not dimmed the memory of that first day where he hammered in rhythm with the seasoned, older spikers. Pain seared his back, shoulders, arms, and blistered hands every day for four months. Quitting that job, he worked for the city of Calgary as a ditch digger at 48¢ an

Tom and Annie Horon on their wedding day, February 11, 1928

hour. Shortly thereafter, during the harvest season, he hired himself out to farmers near Gleichen for four dollars a day with room and board. The $300. he earned was handed over to run the family farm when he returned. The following spring he cleared and broke 28 acres of land. Walking behind a single furrow plow, often stumbling and being dragged, he steered three frisky horses over the virgin land. Bruised and lacerated, he knew well the price the land exacted.

On February 11, 1928, Tom Horon married Annie Kitz, daughter of Semeon and Anastasia Kitz who had immigrated to Canada in 1901, from the same village as that of John Horon. One of eight children, Anne, who was born in Canada, was 11 years old when her father, ailing for some time, died at the young age of 46. Harsh reality dictated that Anne, with her older brother, Steve, help her widowed mother clear and break the treed, virgin land. Walking behind a single furrow plow, she frequently was dragged by the horses when she stumbled and fell. Hurting and bleeding, she cried and wondered why destiny had heaped upon her such misfortune. During the long winter evenings Anne, with her brothers and sisters, seated around her father on roughly-hewn benches around a crudely constructed table of white poplar, learned to read and write in the Ukrainian language. Scant light, provided by rabbit fat burning in a tiny bowl, illuminated eager faces as they listened to folk tales and stories of the old country.

On Sunday, following the church service in the Russian Orthodox church located a half mile from the Kitz farm, many neighbors (some having walked as far as 20 miles) stopped to visit and rest. Tradition forbid a visitor to leave hungry so that regardless how meager the meal, no one left without having eaten some heavy, rye bread and a bowl of borsch, or having drunk a cup of tea. As the neighbors discussed their experiences and offered their solutions, Anne vividly recalls how invariably the discussions would lead to stories about the land where they were born. Tempered with the passing of time, the memory of the grinding poverty from which they sought refuge, dimmed, and they wondered why they came, since life in Canada was harsh.

Revitalized, they departed for their respective homes, unaware they had garnered strength from each other. Unknowingly, and perhaps more importantly, they had planted the seeds of their cultural heritage and tradition in an alien land.

Anne's wedding was that curious mixture of Ukrainian tradition and accepted Canadian practice. Assimilation had begun as the veil replaced the wreath of flowers, the white pumps replaced the red boots, and a white gown replaced the embroidered, white, linen shirt. The long red velvet jacket embossed with colored flowers or wheat ears, and the brilliant, satin skirt, trimmed with numerous bands of multi-colored ribbons was to disappear, too. Leaving behind her mother and her younger brothers and sisters, with her few possessions inside a trunk, a herd of ten cows, and boundless love and faith in her heart, she embarked on a new life.

Today, Anne lives on the same farm where 56 years ago she set down her roots. Here, life was fraught with disappointment, difficulty, and change. Victimized by the Great Depression two years after their marriage, Anne and Tom once sold a 1200 pound cow for only $12. and a 200 pound pig for $2.50. A bushel of wheat sold for 18 cents and a dozen eggs for five. It was not uncommon to sell a cow, buy a few bare necessities such as salt, soap, sugar and flour, and return with one dollar. Anne sewed diapers from worn sheets for the babies, remade clothes for the children, and patched and re-patched clothing for herself and Tom. While horses were the main source of transportation, Tom often walked 11 miles to Lavoy, to purchase kerosene and other essentials.

Firmly believing that man must exercise direction over his destiny, Tom participated in organizing the farmers in the New Kiew district to boycott the sale of oats at eight cents per bushel. He also took his turn at manning the picket line on the north entrance to Lavoy in the fall of 1931, but he vividly recalls that despite the farmers' organized efforts, others with less political consciousness worked against the effort by stealthily delivering the grain at night. Later, working through the Farmers' Union, Tom became painfully aware that fair and just prices for farm products were as illusive as the wind.

In 1944, as an elected councillor for the Municipal District of Eagle, Tom Horon was instrumental in having a road constructed and gravelled between Two Hills and Lavoy. Concerned for the welfare of his fellow man, he argued for that road because it provided access to the Vegreville hospital, the only medical facility within that area.

To supplement his farm income, Tom drove a one-ton truck for the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, from 1939 to 1943. This cream pick-up service was not without trial and tribulation, however. While the housewife happily hailed the familiar drone of the maroon truck, Tom navigated the often inaccessible ungravelled country roads around Plain Lake, New Kiew, Hillock, Two Hills

Tom Horon family, 1973. Standing, (L to R) - Lillie (Humeniuk), Tom, Victor, Annie and Peter; seated - Vera (Puskuski), Olga (Furkalo), and Veronica.

and Andrew. Many long-lasting friendships were established as a result of his work. Needless to say, Anne shouldered the responsibility of running the family farm during this time. No stranger to hard work, she would drive four horses before a seed drill or a harvester. Neither were eight horses before a set of discs unfamiliar to her. For her, the most devastating experience was to witness the fruits of her toil totally obliterated by hail storms.

Although denied by economic circumstances the right of a higher education, Tom and Anne Horon continued to learn through the books they read and the magazines to which they subscribed. Campaigning that education was a right of the poorest and the most lowly, Tom was elected as a school trustee for Krasne School in 1936. In that capacity he gave direction to hiring an educator that would provide the best education in the district. Progressive for that period in time,he scorned the accepted strapping practice and spoke out against it. He encouraged teacher Mrs. Chernecki to offer music lessons to interested students since he believed that education should endeavour to develop every aspect of a student's potential. Although conversing in the Ukrainian language by the students was forbidden during the school day, the teacher through Tom's efforts taught reading and writing of the Ukrainian language after school hours.

Ever alert to the fact that environment plays a decisive role in molding a child's mind, the Horons provided positive, constructive encouragement for their children. Their efforts were rewarded as Olga Furkalo and Lillie Humeniuk, received their Bachelor of Education degrees and presently teach in Vegreville. Victor, having a Bachelor of Science degree, is a practising pharmacist at the Alberta Hospital in Edmonton. Vera Paskuski, having obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature as well as a Bachelor of Education degree, serves as a teacher-librarian in an Edmonton junior high school. Peter also teaches in a junior high school in Edmonton, having earned a Bachelor of Education degree. Finally, having earned her Bachelor of Education degree, Veronica teaches in an elementary school in Edmonton. All six of the Horon children graduated from the University of Alberta. Their children's involvement in education mirrors their life-time interest. With one grandson, Darcy Humeniuk, having graduated from the University of Alberta this spring, and two others, Brian Paskuski and Greg Humeniuk, presently enrolled, Anne and Tom know that time cannot erode the value of learning. That investment is for oneself.

In 1973, Anne and Tom visited the birthplace of their parents. Gone were the hovels described by the Ukrainian immigrants. Obliterated by the war, they were replaced by new habitable ones as the people attempted to build a better life in a new, social and economic system. Having lived during the period in history when man survived through his own resources, and having witnessed the dawning of the space age with its sophisticated technology, Anne and Tom realize the tremendous import of the 1980s. As mankind teeters on the brink of annihilation, both admit to the urgency of time, and so actively support the peace movement. Having lived on the land in harmony with nature's endless cycle, Tom and Anne believe this endless process lends substance and meaning to life since it provides a tangible link to man's past and future. Who can forget the dazzling hoarfrost strung along miles of wire? Who can forget the early morning sun flooding the dew-drenched grasses with a myriad of color? The earthy smell of decaying leaves rises to the nostrils as overhead the honking geese remind Anne and Tom of an earlier day of another year. Time slips away. They are hopeful this legacy will be preserved for their children, their eight grandchildren, to enjoy and pass on to succeeding generations.

HORON, Wasyl and Anna

by Katherine Chudyk

Wasyl Horon was born in 1876, in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl, Western Ukraine, which was then under Austrian rule. In 1899, he married Anna Bucyk, who was born in the same village in 1879.

Anna and Wasyl Horon with grandson Billy Zurawell, 1933.

Being a tailor, his meager wages prompted Wasyl to seek fortune in Canada, the land of freedom and opportunity. In 1902, after bidding farewell to their friends and relatives, Wasyl, Anna and their six-month son William Jr. set sail on a steamship Cunard. Arriving in Halifax, they boarded the train to Edmonton. From there, they continued their journey to the New Kiew area where they found lodging with the Andrew Duke family.

During the winter, Wasyl found employment in Edmonton, while Anna continued to stay with their friends. Soon after, Wasyl staked out a homestead, SE-14-53-13-W4th, and proceeded to build a log cabin. Like all pioneers, the family faced many hardships. Even though the land was productive, they lacked the necessary tools and money to buy the essentials. Therefore, Wasyl continued to work in various places, sometimes earning as much as $100. during the summer season. Anna stayed home, worked the land and tended the family. Meals at this time were simple, usually consisting of vegetables, berries, wild rabbit and partridge. A crude stick was used for washing clothes which were placed on rocks and beaten. Enough linen material was brought to sew simple garments.

As the years went by, the family began to visualize more prosperity. Soon, Wasyl purchased five quarters of land, newer machinery and increased his cattle herd.

Although the family was preoccupied with work, they still found time to relax and enjoy the finer things in life. Wasyl was greatly interested in the church and school affairs. He played an important role in establishing the first Plain Lake Church, and served as an elder. In 1946, he was selected to attend the first Ukrainian Church Congress in Winnipeg. Wasyl's concern in education encouraged him to set up the Krasne School district.

In May, 1952, when Wasyl and Anna were preparing to retire, both took ill and passed away within two weeks of each other. They are interred in the Plain Lake Cemetery.

Wasyl and Anna had the following children and grandchildren:

Anna (1900-1900) died in infancy.

William Jr. (1902-1975) of New Kiew, married Kathleen Steblyk and to them were born four children: Marshall, Patsy, Eugene, and Vivian.

Golden wedding anniversary of Wasyl and Anna Horon, 1949. Top row, (L to R) - Kate Zurawell, Steve Horon, Mike and Rose Kitz, Pearl, Walter and Tony Horon; second row - John Sawchuk, Eva Fedyna, Mary Hnatiuk, Maria Geleta, John Horon, John Kitz, Mike, Mary and Katherine Horon; third row - Eva Steblyk, Nancy Kitz, Anna and Wasyl Horon, Nick Homeniuk, Senko Geleta, Nick Hnatiuk, Betty Horon; front row - grandchildren of Wasyl and Anna Horon.

Mike (1905-) of New Kiew, married Mary Fedyna and raised five children: Betty, Larry, Sally, Edward, and Terry.

Steve (1907-) of Lavoy, married Josie Killick and they had two children: Joanne and Judy.

Tony (1909-) of Edmonton married Katherine Hnatiuk.

Katherine (1911-) of Two Hills, married Joe Zurawell and raised two children: Bill and Emily. After being widowed, Katherine married Peter Chudyk and they had one son, Stanley.

Andrew (1912-1926) of New Kiew, passed away in a sleigh accident.

Rose (1914-) of Vegreville, married Mike Kitz.

Walter (1918-) of Vegreville, married Pearl Geleta and they have one daughter, Sheila.

The memory of Wasyl and Anna is a tribute to the heritage of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

HORON, William and Kathleen (nee Steblyk)

William, son of ~~Kathleen~~ Anna and Wasyl Horon of New Kiew, was born in 1902. Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Steblyk, also of New Kiew, was born in 1909. William and Kathleen were united in marriage in 1932, and commenced their farming operation nine miles south and one mile west of Two Hills.

William was employed with several rural municipalities and counties in the Two Hills, Derwent, Mannville, Vegreville, and Warwick areas from 1941 until 1974.

William and Kathleen moved from their farm home in the early 1960s to their new home in the town of Vegreville, where William passed away in August, 1975.

Honoring William and Kathleen are the following family members:

Marshall was married in 1959, to Betty Cymbaliuk of New Kiew. They have three sons: Wayne, Barry and Craig.

Patricia (twin to Eugene) was married in 1951, to Joseph Motiuk of Lavoy. They have four sons: Leonard, Jim, Gary and Rick. They also have two daughters, Audrey and Trina.

Eugene was married in 1958, to Maureen Condon of Vegreville. They have one daughter, Sheila, and two sons, Kelly and Gregg.

Vivian was married in 1966, to Lynn Kraeling of Vegreville. They have one son, Dean.

HORON, John J. and Annie

John Joseph, the oldest child of Joseph and Anna Horon, was born in 1897 in Midgra, Poland. His parents immigrated to Canada with their young children, Katherine and John in 1903. A son, Peter, was born in Canada. Some of Joseph's brothers and cousins came at the same time; others followed shortly after. Most of the Horon family descendants now live in the Vegreville and Two Hills area.

Joseph and Anna Horon settled on SW 14-53-13-W4th and started to clear the land for cultivation. In 1906,

when Peter was just a baby, his mother died. Later, Joseph lived with his son John, and passed away in 1944. Peter and Katherine (who married Mike Piesko) passed away in 1959.

John moved a few miles from the original homestead, NE 16-53-19-W4th. He married Annie Pawlosiyn and farmed that land until his death in 1949. Together they raised three sons. Annie passed away in 1968.

Walter attended Klew and Krasne Schools as well as the Vermilion School of Agriculture. For three and one-half years he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. Upon discharge he worked as manager for the United Grain Growers Ltd. in Radisty and Vegreville. He married Olga Balaban of Viking and they have four sons: Ronald and Richard, twins, Kenneth and Darrell. Walter retired in 1983. His wife, Olga, is employed at St. Joseph's General Hospital in Vegreville.

Myron attended Klew School and farmed at home until his marriage to Olga Horoda of Two Hills. After their marriage, they moved to their own farm near Vegreville. Later they moved to Vegreville where Myron farmed, and was also employed by the County of Minburn. He died on December 31, 1982.

His wife lives in Vegreville where she is employed by the Vegreville Auxiliary Hospital.

Their son Randall lives in Vegreville and their daughter Shirley Bebik resides in Edmonton.

Mike attended Klew School. He married Elsie Dobrinski of Radisty and farmed the home place until his death in February, 1981. His widow and son Kevin reside on the John J. Hlavon homestead.

HORUDKO, John and Olga (nee Kachmar)

by Olga Horudko

I, Olga Horudko, was born in a one-room house on May 4, 1934, in the New Klew district. After renting a farm, my parents bought a quarter of land from the Hudson's Bay Company. Here I lived in a two-room house, which is still standing today.

At age six, I attended Krasne School. The two-room school consisted of Grade I to V, and VI to IX under. I remember my first grade teacher, William Cherneck, carrying me in his arms from the cloakroom to the desk because I was crying and frightened. This continued for a few days, but eventually I found school to be fun. We went on hikes, played in a mandolin band, and belonged to a Redwing Bird Club where we built birdhouses. There were Christmas concerts, tours to Edmonton and other interesting things we did as well. After Mr. Cherneck moved, Mrs. Skrempal, Mr. Chernawsky, Miss Prodeluk, Mr. Solotan and Mr. Podolchuk taught us.

After completing Grade IX, I left school to help my parents on the farm, stooking, haying, milking cows, feeding animals and mending fences.

The main recreation at that time was country dances. Once I came home with my brother at six in the morning, just in time to do the chores.

When I was almost 17, I learned to play an accordian and joined Nick Yaskiw's orchestra. He played for dances and weddings for $5 a night. I also played in late Dick Ortana's band as well.

With the money I saved from playing, I bought my parents a chesterfield set when they moved to retire in town.

When I was 22 years of age, I married John Horudko, of the New Klew parish. The ceremony was performed on August 4, 1956, by Reverend Father W. Tarnawsky and Reverend Father B. Hamashewsky. We had a very large and beautiful reception in the Two Hills Elks Hall.

My husband John, was born in a little Village of Mickjal, Novoi, District of Yaroslav, of the Ukraine. When he was 18 years old, he enlisted in the army. After the war he was unable to go back home to his family so he advertised in a Ukrainian newspaper for anyone knowing him in Canada. My parents knew his family in the old country as they were neighbors, and after reading the ad wrote to him and took out an affidavit. He received his affidavit in the fall of 1949 and came to Canada under my parents' sponsorship.

After working for my father, John worked in a lumber camp, at Chisolm. Later he worked for the Swift's Packing Plant in Calgary.

We lived in Calgary for six months after our marriage, then moved to Edmonton where we have made our home. My husband has been a cook in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for 27 years.

We have four lovely children. Our oldest daughter Patricia, is married to Rene Van Strum and is presently residing in Edmonton, working as a computer operator, with the provincial government.

Alice owns her own home in Edmonton and works as a secretary for the provincial government.

Lillian attended Grant McEwan College for two years, taking an early childhood development course and is

John and Olga's wedding day, August 4, 1956. Olga's mother Sophia Kachmar is on the left, and Olga's nephew and niece Bill Pona and Alice Chwedik are the page boy and flower girl.

Family picture of John and Olga Horudko (nee Kachmar). Seated, (L to R) - Lillian, Olga (mother); standing - Terry, John (father), Patricia, and Alice, 1976.

presently working for the Windsor Park after-school program.

Terry, who lives at home, is attending St. Joseph's High School.

We have been very fortunate with our children being very healthy.

We all attend the St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church where we thank God for all the things and different ways he has helped us out. There is much to be thankful for.

HNYDYK, Fred and Maria (nee Boychuk)

by Pearl and Kay Hnydyk

Fred (Fedor) Hnydyk was born in 1878, in the Village of Skoviatyn, County of Borshchiv, Western Ukraine. He was the only son of Matthew and Frozia Hnydyk. Fred had a sister named Pearl. After working as a night watchman and mail carrier in the Ukraine, Fred decided to leave his native homeland because most of the land was owned by rich land owners. Only very small parcels of land were owned by lower classes.

Fred and his wife Maria heard of a new land called Canada, where one could purchase 160 acres of land for ten dollars. On March 30, 1903, Fred and Maria immigrated to Canada with Maria's parents, John and Annie (nee Tymkiw). They travelled by ship from Rotterdam, and arrived in Halifax, on April 24, 1903. After passing through immigration inspection, they were ready for their westward trip. Arriving in Edmonton, they settled in the Wostok district. In 1904, when the Plain Lake district was surveyed, they moved to the area, where they settled on SE 34-53-12-W4th. This land is presently owned by the Hutterite colony. No trace of the original homestead remains today.

Fred was naturalized on August 26, 1910, and Maria on October 12, 1921.

Maria was often alone, for weeks at a time, while Fred sought work. On a stormy night in 1905, Maria's father died at the age of 70. Being alone with one year old infant and her dead father, Maria had no alternative but to walk two miles to inform her sister of the tragedy. She claimed, that the only way she could see to walk through the dense bush, was when lightening flashed.

Fred often walked to Vegreville for such staples as sugar and salt, On one occasion when he passed a neighbor, Antonia Petasky, she asked him to buy her some vinegar. Because it was extremely cold, the bottle of vinegar cracked but instead of throwing the vinegar away, he carried it home in ice form. The pioneer spirit to help each other was incredible.

Fred and Maria had seven children: Harry, Matt, Nancy, Mike, William, Katie and Anne. Harry, born in Plain Lake in 1905, married Annie Stoski and they had three children: Leon, Ronald and Leona. Harry died October 29, 1966. Matt, who was born in 1907, married Pearl Wispinski. They had three children: Shirley, David and Maria (who died in infancy). Nancy was born in 1910. She married John Harasym of Innisfree. They had one child, Wilfred. Mike was born in 1913, and married Anne Samoil. They had two children, Adeline and MaryAnn. Mike passed away in 1982. William born in 1915, married Kate Tomyn. After farming on a homestead, they had two children, Roseanne and William. William Sr. passed away June 17, 1979, and is buried in Two Hills Cemetery.

Katie, born in 1916, married Richard Millar. They had two children, Richard and Roger. Katie passed away September 15, 1952. Anne, who was born in 1919, died in infancy.

Maria Hnydyk, 1950

In 1927, the Hnydyks bought a McCormick-Deering tractor which broke many acres of virgin land in the district. The family attended the Plain Lake Catholic Church located five miles from their home. The children attended Plain Lake School No. 2229 located two miles away from the homestead. Fred Hnydyk passed away in 1936 at the age of 58. Maria lived in Two Hills for a number of years. She passed away in 1967, at the age of 85. Fred and Maria both rest in the Two Hills Cemetery.

HNYDYK, Harry and Anne (nee Stoski)

by Ronnie and Jenny Hnydyk

Harry (Gregory) Hnydyk was born on a homestead near Plain Lake, in 1904, to Maria and Fedor Hnydyk. He married Anne Stoski, daughter of Dmytro and Elena Stoski, in October, 1932. After marrying, Harry purchased farmland one mile from his father's place. It is here that he and his bride farmed for 12 years.

Harry and Ann Hnydyk (nee Stoski), 1933

While on the farm, Harry and Anne had two sons: Leon, born May 28, 1933, and Ron (Victor) born September 17, 1938. Both children were born at the Vegreville Hospital. In 1944, the farm was sold and the family moved to a small house in Two Hills, while building a new home in the southwest corner of the town. Today the farm site is occupied by the Hutterian Brethren of Plain Lake.

On September 16, 1944, Leona Anne was born at the Myrnam Hospital. The family moved into their new home in 1946, while Harry completed the finishing touches.

Harry and Anne had contributed to the development of Two Hills and district in many ways. Harry was a municipal councillor, community mechanic, and an excellent carpenter. He was involved in the building of the Air Force Base at Cold Lake and the Duvernay Chemical Plant. Harry died on October 29, 1966, and is buried at the Two Hills Cemetery.

Anne was an excellent self-taught seamstress, and did much of the sewing and repairing of garments for many of the residents in the area. She was also an excellent interior and exterior painter. Two of the organizations she devoted her time to were the Canadian Legion, the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League and the church choir.

Harry and Ann Hnydyk's children. (L to R) - Leon, Leona and Ron, 1946

Anne's home was always open to the many friends who stopped by for a cup of coffee and a visit. Anne died on August 12, 1974, and is buried next to her husband.

Leon left home at a young age to make his living in potash mining. This took him to places in Ontario, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and Saskatchewan. He died on May 23, 1982, in Saskatoon. He is also buried in the Two Hills Cemetery.

Ron married Jennie Niemczyk, daughter of Walter and Sophie Niemczyk of Innisfree in 1960. They have made their home in Vegreville where Ron is employed as a plumber with Alberta Government Telephones, while Jennie teaches at St. Martin's School. They have raised two daughters, Michelle and Beverly. Michelle has completed her training as a Health Records Administrator. Beverly is completing her Grade XII. An infant son, Terry James, passed away in 1963, at the age of two.

Leona married Terry Colman of Edmonton on April 28, 1973, and lives in Sherwood Park. She is employed at a Senior Citizens' Nursing Lodge and at the same time assists Terry with their business, Terra-Lee Texturing.

HNYDYK, Matt and Pearl (nee Wispinski)

Matt, the second son of Fred and Maria Hnydyk, was born in 1907, in Plain Lake. He grew up in the Plain Lake

Matt and Pearl Hnydyk Family, 1965. (L to R) - Shirley, Hans Bernard, David, Matt and Pearl.

area with his brothers and sisters: Harry, Bill, Mike, Nancy and Kathryn.

Pearl, the daughter of Dmetro and Ahaphia Wispinski, was born in 1917, in the same district. She had many playmates in her brothers and sisters: John, Annie, Nancy, Lena, Tillie, Billie, Mary, Mike, Olga, Steve, and Josephine. Penned in Pearl's autograph in 1938, was: "Your future stands before you like a telephone post".

Matt and Pearl were married in 1940, in the New Kiew Church, by Reverend Father Sianchuk. Matt towered above the priest because Father Sianchuk was short. This presented a small problem during the ceremony when the crowns were to be placed on the heads, of the bride and groom. The bride on tip-toe and the groom stooping down, provided not only a solution but also unprecedented laughter amongst the congregation. Matt was often asked, "How tall are you?" "Five feet nineteen inches", was the usual reply. Matt's impressive height is the subject of much inquiry.

In 1943, Matt and Pearl moved from Plain Lake to Two Hills where Matt worked as a carpenter. In the 1960s, Matt was the Two Hills Town constable for three years. In later years, he worked in Rimbey. Pearl worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant in Vegreville for ten years and in Edmonton for six years.

Matt and Pearl have two children, Shirley and David. On March 9, 1947, a second daughter, Marie, was the first baby born in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital. She died three days later. A silver baby cup was presented to Matt and Pearl by the Ukrainian Women's Catholic League in memory of her birth.

Shirley graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and then married Hans Bernard. She is now living in Edmonton. David lives in Two Hills and works as a painter.

Matt and Pearl's grandchildren, 1978. (L to R) - Anneliese Bernard, Mathew Hnydyk, Ian Bernard, Davina and Loretta Hnydyk; back row - Pearl and Matt.

Matt and Pearl are proud to have five grandchildren: Anneliese and Ian Bernard, Loretta, Davina and Matthew Hnydyk.

Weekends with Matt and Pearl were special for children and friends. Picnics, trips to the lake, swimming, fishing and the inevitable berry-picking were popular activities. Now the grandchildren participate in some of those traditions with Matt and Pearl.

Matt and Pearl are retired and live in Two Hills.

HNYDYK, Mike and Annie (nee Samoil)

Mike Hnydyk was born on November 10, 1912, in the home of his parents at Plain Lake. He completed Grade VIII at Plain Lake School, and worked at various jobs in the area until 1937.

On November 4, 1937, he married Annie Samoil, daughter of Steve and Nancy Samoil, also of the Plain Lake area. After their marriage, they moved to Musidora, Alberta, where Mike was a partner in a pool hall business. During this time, he worked for about three months, in a lumber camp at Hansard, British Columbia.

Daughter Elsie (Adeline) was born on July 7, 1938, in Musidora. In 1943, the Hnydyks moved to Two Hills, where Mike worked for the Albert Lumber Company. In 1945, he was transferred to Mundare, where he took over as manager of the Mundare branch, and held this position until 1951, when the family moved to Edmonton. After settling in Edmonton, Mike went to work for Magus Concrete for two years as a foreman on job sites.

Later, he was employed as a mechanic's helper at Oakus Garage.

On July 24, 1953, a second daughter, Marie Anne was born into the family. A year later Mike joined his cousin, Nick Tomyn at Danny's Service Station, where he worked as a mechanic's helper for 20 years. When Danny's closed in 1974, Mike found employment at Miller Motors until his retirement in 1978.

On February 12, 1983, Mike passed away at the age of 70. Mike and Annie's eldest daughter, Elsie (Adeline),

Mike and Anne Hnydyk in the late 1970s

was married April 4, 1959, to Norman G. Hope, son of Gunner and Glen Hope of Sedgewick, Alberta. They are now residing in Burlington, Ontario. They have two children. Sheri Lynn married David Price of Burlington, Ontario, in 1981. They are residing in Ajax, Ontario. Their son, Darren, attends high school in Burlington, Ontario. The youngest daughter, Marie Anne Coe, resides in Edmonton along with her daughter, Katherine Anne, who attends junior high school.

HNYDYK, William and Katie (nee Tomyn)

by Katie Hnydyk

I, daughter of Harry (1889-1953) and Anna (nee Petecki) Tomyn (1889-1982), was born July 1, 1916, on a farm in the Plain Lake district. I was the second oldest of a family of six; one sister and four brothers.

We lived two and one-half miles from Plain Lake School. I completed my elementary grades in the one-room school, and graduated from Grade XI (1933) in a two-room unit.

My father and mother worked extremely hard, pioneering and raising their family without conveniences. When the first school was erected in 1910, my father was on the school board. He wanted to better himself, and took night school courses for a few winters. Then he continued on his own to become a self-taught man able to read and write in English and Ukrainian. My mother did not have the same opportunity because she had to care for her children.

All the children graduated with a Grade XI high school diploma, which was the requirement for Normal School entrance. However, brother Mike was the only member of the family my parents were able to send to Normal School.

William and Katie Hnydyk family - 25th wedding anniversary, 1967. Standing, (L to R) - Roseanne, William Steven, and William; seated - Katie.

On November 26, 1942, I was married to William Hnydyk, a school friend and a neighbor. My two brothers, Steve and Peter, did not attend my wedding as Peter was in the Canadian Armed forces, stationed in Newfoundland, while Steve was in the Air Force, stationed in England. As the pilot of a bomber, Steve lost his life on April 17, 1943, while on a mission over Germany.

William, born on December 15, 1914, was the youngest son of Fedor (1878-1936), and Maria (nee Boychuk) (1882-1967) Hnydyk. He was one of a family of seven children, who attended Plain Lake School to Grade IX, and then left to help the family on the farm during his father's illness.

On October 17, 1945, we were blessed with daughter, Roseanne, born in the Vegreville General Hospital. On December 31, 1950, our son William Steven was born in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital.

Since our farming operation was not prosperous, we moved to Two Hills where William obtained employment as an elevator agent for the MacDonald Grain Company in 1954. His salary was slightly over $100. a month.

In November, 1957, William found employment at the Western Chemical Plant in Duvernay. Starting as a laborer, he was promoted to assistant operator in 1958, and shortly thereafter to relief operator and security guard. William was recognized by his superiors as having a degree of flexibility and versatility; he was able to operate the caustic panroom, brine purefaction, chlorine cell-room, and liquefaction and calcium chloride departments. In 1968, he obtained his fourth class Steam Engineer's Certificate, qualifying him to work as a power-house assistant. Because of his high standards of principles and loyalty, he was promoted to a supervisory position. Of his 22 years of service with the chemical plant (later Chemcell and Celanese), he spent 16 years on shift work.

William in his younger years, was involved in community activities and sports. He served on town council, worked with the Cubs and Scouts, and helped with the "Little League Baseball". He was a member of the Elks Lodge, served on the executive for the Parent-Teacher Association, and was a devoted member of the Two Hills Ukrainian Catholic Church where he served on the executive for a few years. William was actively involved in the fund-raising for the construction of a new church and parsonage.

In 1957, when Roseanne was 12 years old and William Junior was seven, I worked for the Ewanishan Brothers, (Nick and Wally) who operated the small "Solo" grocery. I worked for them as cashier for 16 years. In 1972, when they sold to the CO-OP, I continued to work as cashier for one year, and later five years as clerk at Palamaruk's 5¢ to $1.00 Store. When my husband William became terminally ill, I retired. Working and serving the public was a great experience, as I benefited by enduring tolerance, and met many wonderful people who are still my good friends.

Besides working, looking after the home and family,

and gardening, I was involved in community activities such as the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, (for over 30 years,) and am its president at the present time. I have been a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League for 35 years, and held executive positions for a few years. At one time I belonged to the Order of the Royal Purple. I continued volunteer work such as, visiting hospital patients, canvassing and helping with church functions. Recently, I became involved as director of the Two Hills and District Aid Foundation. I spend my leisure time knitting, walking, curling, and travelling.

Roseanne graduated with honors from the Two Hills High School in 1963. She was granted the Hotel Men's Association Scholarship, and the Two Hills County Honors Award. Previously, she was recipient of the Grade IX Alberta Governor-General Medal. In 1967, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Alberta and in 1976, she received her diploma in Education Administration. After graduating from University, she accepted a teaching position with the Edmonton Separate School Board. She taught at St. Edmund's Junior High for eight years, and served as vice-principal for a time. For four years she was vice-principal at Holy Cross Separate School. In 1979, she was granted a sabbatical leave for one year. A year later, Roseanne acquired her Master's Degree in Education Administration. She also completed one year toward her Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Presently Roseanne is employed at St. Francis of Assisi Separate School in Edmonton.

Betty, Christopher, Tiffany and William Steven Hnydyk. Christopher's christening, 1980.

William Steven also graduated with honors from the Two Hills High School in 1968. He was awarded the Hotel Men's Association Scholarship and the Two Hills County Honors Award. After graduating from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science degree, and a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1974, William interned at the Misericordia Hospital. He then moved to Vegreville in July 1975, where he has been a general practitioner for nine years.

William married Betty Jane, daughter of Dick and Lena (nee Stoski) Geleta, in 1973. They have two children: Tiffany born on September 12, 1976, and Christopher William on June 27, 1979. Betty is kept busy with the children and the home, but manages to teach music to a number of students.

Since my husband's passing, (after a lengthy illness) on June 17, 1979, I continue to reside in our Two Hills home (purchased 20 years ago) and plan to reside there as long as my health permits.

HREHORIAK, John and Paraska (nee Elkuf)

John ventured to Canada in 1910. Two years later, his wife Paraska, daughter Annie, mother-in-law Annie Elkuf, and sister-in-law Maria Elkuf arrived in Canada, and joined John in the Musidora district. On May 12, 1914, their son Mike was born.

Pearl and John Hrehoriak, 1940

John and Paraska moved to the hamlet of Musidora, where they enjoyed their retirement. Paraska passed away in April, 1957, and was laid to rest in the Musidora Cemetery. John lived in Musidora until 1969. After two years in the Myrnam Senior Citizens Lodge he moved to the Two Hills Eagleview Nursing Home, where he passed away in March, 1975. He was also laid to rest in the Musidora Cemetery.

HRYCIW, Dan and Mary

by John Hryciw

In 1900, my parents arrived in Canada from Austria on the steamship Queen Victoria. They landed at Halifax, then travelled by train to Winnipeg. From there travel was by wagon and horse, as the railway did not extend to the northwest past Winnipeg. A few weeks later they arrived at Fort Edmonton and travelled further on to Beaver Lake where they purchased some land. After a

Dan and Mary Hryciw, 1943

John Hryciw family, circa 1934. Back row, (L to R) - Peter, Nick, William; front row - Pearl, John, Christina and Sophie.

short stay here, they moved further east to higher land because Beaver Lake area was covered with water from heavy rains.

It was impossible to seed grain there so they purchased land seven miles south of Two Hills, where they farmed until their retirement in 1945. After moving to Two Hills, mother passed away in 1949, and father in 1956.

There were nine children in our family: Nancy, Sophie (deceased), Annie (deceased), Julia, Bill (deceased), Elsie (deceased), Pearl (deceased), Tillie and myself, John.

My wife, Doris, and I farmed on the homestead until 1969, then moved to Two Hills. Our three children, Alfred, Linda, and Margaret, all live in Edmonton.

HRYCIW, John and Christina (nee Paltzat)

by William J. Hryciw

John Hryciw was born in 1880, in the Village of Bilavci, County of Brody, Ukraine, a region then under Austrian control. Seeking a better future, John and his brother Danylo (Dan) immigrated to Canada in 1900. Three years later they were joined by their parents and brother Sam.

Shortly after getting a job at a brick factory near Red Deer, John earned enough money to buy a pair of horses, harnesses, wagon, and a wagon box. In 1902, John filed for a homestead on NW 10-54-13-W4, in an area called "Farmelia", in the New Kiew district.

Shortly after, a two-room, thatched roofed house was built of logs and plastered with clay. The closest town then was Edmonton, and a round trip by team of horses and a wagon, over the dirt trails, took a week to ten days.

John was acquainted with Christina Paltzat, who was born in Bilavci, in 1879, and arrived in St. Michael, Alberta, in 1900, with her parents, three brothers and four sisters. On February 2, 1903, John and Christina were married by Reverend Father Strosky. Their honeymoon, from St. Michael to their home on the homestead, was a day's journey by team of horses and a wagon full of their possessions.

The land on which they settled had to be cleared and cultivated before a garden or any crop could be planted. Clearing was done by hand with a pick and axe. Cleared land was broken with a walking plow and team of horses. Roots and rocks had to be picked. A "serp" (hand sickle), was used to harvest the crop. Later,the grain was threshed with a "tseep" (flail), and fanned by the wind.

Eight children were born into the Hryciw family. Peter, born in 1904, married Helen Spak of Royal Park, in 1927.

Two sons: Johnny, born in 1905, and Michael born in 1909, died during the flu epidemic in 1909.

Sophie, born in 1910, attended Wolia School. She married Dmetro Cymbaluk in the fall of 1927. They farmed south of Warwick and retired to Vegreville. The couple had four children. Walter (1940) of Vegreville

A family gathering, circa 1944. Back row, (L to R) - Dmetro Cymbaliuk, Nick Hryciw, Bill Maciborsky, John Paltzat, Paul Spak, John Maciborsky, Helen Hryciw, Peter Paltzat, John Maciborsky Sr.; middle row - Jennie Hryciw with Marie in her arms, Sophie Cymbaliuk holding Dennis, Paranka Maciborsky, Chrystina Hryciw, Yasko (Jan) Paltzat, behind unknown, Mary and Annie Paltzat, William Hryciw with Orest, Mary Maciborsky, Ksenka Paltzat, Mary Zaozerny, John and Peter Hryciw; front row - Nestor, Olga and Marian Hryciw, Rev. Fr. Kondratiuk, Jeannette, Walter and Henry Hryciw.

married Sylvia Chmilar and has four daughters: Faye, Lisa and Lorrie (twins), and Janice. Olga (1941) of Devon married Ted Farion and they have one son Gregory. Dennis (1944) of Vegreville farms on the family homeplace. Rose (1947) of Edmonton married Alexander Fodchuk and they were blessed with two girls and a boy: Cheryl, Shelly and Daniel.

Daughter Christina died in infancy, in 1913.

William was born in 1914.

Nick was born in 1917.

Pearl was born in 1920. She married Peter Miskiw, son of James and Tillie Miskiw.

John had two brothers, Sam and Dan, a half-brother, Richard, and a half-sister, Mary Hryciw (Chudyk).

In 1950, dad and mother retired and moved to Vegreville, where they lived until their passing. John passed away on April 3, 1954, and Christina on March 15, 1965. They are buried at New Kiew, the parish in which they had been active members all their lives.

HRYCIW, Nick and Jessie (nee Horon)

by Nick Hryciw

I was born on April 26, 1917, the last child in the family of John and Christine Hryciw. Like my brothers and sisters, I attended Wolia School.

Our father farmed with 24 horses that had to be fed, groomed, and harnessed before breakfast. The harvesting was done with a binder and a threshing machine.

In 1942, our old steel-wheeled tractor was traded for one with rubber tires. Despite warnings of friends and neighbors that it was not made for this country and this weather, I bought a pull-type combine in 1945, the first in the district. In 1947, I purchased my first pull-type swather. At that time, we thought our operation was very efficient and modernized.

In the spring of 1935, we bought a Plymouth model car which was a rarity in the Two Hills district. In 1938, when my parents decided I should begin farming on my own, I leased a quarter section of land, NE 9-54-13-W4th, from my mother. Dad gave me six horses and a gang plough. It was then that I began to appreciate the value of money.

Nick Hryciw family, 1984. Back row, (L to R) - Bernie holding Lisa, Carol, Liz, Leonard holding Scott; front row - Theresa holding Leanne, Jessie, Nick, Brian, and Patricia.

Our strong commitment to the Catholic faith saw us through long days of hard work and difficult times. As church services in our local parish at New Kiew were held only once a month, we regularly attended mass in Mundare. During the winter months from 1939-1942, I was trained as a cantor by the Basilian Fathers in Mundare and am still active as cantor in New Kiew church.

Being tired of a bachelor's life, I married Jessie, daughter of John and Nancy Horon of Plain Lake on July 14, 1949. We have four lovely children, who attended the Two Hills Elementary and High School.

Our oldest son, Leonard, married Liz, daughter of Jake and Helen Enns of Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. They have two sons, Brian and Scott. Leonard is an accountant in Edmonton.

Bernard, married Carol, daughter of Steve and Margaret Boychuk of Westlock. They have two daughters, Leanne and Lisa. Carol works as a computer software specialist in Edmonton.

Our daughter, Theresa, is presently teaching language arts in Ashmont High School.

Patricia is employed by the Glenrose Hospital in Edmonton, as a speech pathologist.

My wife and I continue to operate our family farm with the help of the children. Although technology has brought drastic changes to farming, the love of working the land has not. Our family farm has provided us all with a good life.

HRYCIW, Peter J. and Helena (nee Szpak)

Peter was born on April 18, 1904, to John and Christina Hryciw (nee Palsitt), who had immigrated to Canada from the Province of Galicia in the Ukraine. Peter John (P.J.) was one of five children born and raised on his parents' homestead in the Wolia (Warwick) district.

Peter and Helena Hryciw's children. (L to R) - Marion, Jeanette, Henry, Billy, Walter and baby Nestor, 1937.

Peter and Helen Hryciw family, circa 1949. Back row, (L to R) - Jeanette, Billy, Henry, Walter, Marion; front row - Helen, Nestor, and Peter.

He received his first education at Wolia School, then continued his education in Edmonton at the Hempill Trade School where he received a certificate for Mechanics in 1925, and a Welding Certificate in 1926.

Helena Hryciw (nee Szpak) was born on November 10, 1909, and raised in the Reight (Royal Park) area of Alberta. Helena's parents Alexander and Anna Szpak (nee Stripchuk) were also immigrants from the Ukraine. Tragedy struck Helena early in life, when at the tender age of nine, a fatal accident claimed her father's life. Alexander Szpak was returning home after selling greenfeed, when the horse and hayrack he was driving, was struck by a train at the CNR crossing at Vegreville.

Helena was educated at Kolomea School near Royal Park. At 16, she moved to Vegreville to work as a housekeeper and babysitter. At age 17, she met Peter at her brother's wedding in Musidora. Peter and Helena were married on June 12, 1927, in Mundare, Alberta.

The couple spent their first year of marriage living with Peter's parents on their homestead.

In 1928, Peter and Helena moved to Vegreville where Peter worked as a milkman at the local creamery.

William, the first of seven children, was born on July 27, 1928. On July 21, 1929, their second child, Joseph, was born, however he passed away three months later. After the birth of the couple's third child, Walter, on October 2, 1930, Peter moved his family to the Village of Two Hills where he established his Plumbing and Tinsmithing business.

Peter and Helena Hryciw family, 1965.

Peter and Helena's family continued to increase in number with the arrival of Henry, on November 28, 1931; Marion on January 14, 1933; Jeanette on January 13, 1935; and Nestor on June 21, 1936.

For several years the family lived in a small 14x24 ft. two-room house. In 1944, Peter purchased a farm where the family lived for one winter while their home in Two Hills was being built.

The Hryciw family received their education in Two Hills and all children were very active in various school, sport and community organizations.

William (Billy) who was mentally handicapped, lived in Red Deer from the age of eight, until his death in 1981.

Walter and Henry joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1952 and served in various parts of Canada until their retirements. Henry retired as a Staff Sergeant and Walter as a Corporal.

Henry married Etta Smith of Vanderhoof, B.C. They have a family of two boys, Brian, Barry, and a girl Debbie. Henry and Etta live in Chilliwack, B.C.

Walter married Joan Woolstone of Vancouver, B.C. They have a family of two boys, Mark and Noel and a girl Linda. Walter and Joan live in Sorrento, B.C.

At the age of 19, Marion discovered she had multiple sclerosis. Determined to triumph over her illness, Marion worked at the Bank of Montreal in Two Hills, and as a reporter for the St. Paul Journal, until her illness worsened and limited her to challenges she could overcome. Marion was married to Stan Was, who also had multiple sclerosis. They lived in Edmonton in the Grandview Hospital.

Jeanette attended McTavish College in Edmonton, after finishing her high school in Two Hills. She is married to Victor Kaminsky of Innisfree, Alberta. Jeanette and Victor live in Edmonton. They have two children, a girl, Karen, and a boy, Bradley.

Nestor attended Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary specializing in plumbing, heating, and tinsmithing. He married Myrtle Hill of Baljennie, Saskatchewan, and remained in Two Hills where he carries on his plumbing business. Nestor and Myrtle have four children, three girls: Kim, Brenda, Jacqueline, and a boy Victor.

Throughout the years, Peter and Helena were very active in the community. They were instrumental in the organization of the Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Two Hills. Peter was a member of the Two Hills Men's Club, the Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Vegreville Knights of Columbus, and the Two Hills Elks. Peter's untimely death came in May, 1977.

Helena remains active in organizations such as the Royal Purple, the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League and Parish, and the Two Hills Senior Citizens' Club. Helena is loved and appreciated by her children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In 1985, Helena resides in her home in Two Hills.

HRYCIW, Nestor Paul and Myrtle (nee Hill)

Nestor Paul was born on June 21, 1936, in the Vegreville Hospital, the youngest of seven children, of Peter J. and Helena Hryciw. As a young boy, he showed a keen interest in sports and was very active in school and community sports activities. Nestor also worked for his father in the plumbing business. After completing high school, he furthered his education by apprenticing at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary, where he attained his certificates in plumbing and gasfitting. He later attended Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton, and attained a certificate in sheet metal mechanics.

Nestor's hockey career was a lengthy one that saw him play for St. Paul, Vegreville, Fahler and Two Hills. Nestor was on the Vegreville Elks Juvenile Team in 1953-1954, the year they won the Juvenile A and B Championship. He was also an avid baseball player on the local team for many years. The building of the Centennial Arena in Two Hills brought organized hockey back to town. Here Nestor coached minor hockey, and he coached and played for the Two Hills Eagles, for many years.

Myrtle was born on April 17, 1940, in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, to the Russell Hill family of four girls and three boys. She received her education in North Battleford.

Myrtle came to Two Hills to visit and babysit for her sister Dorothy (married to Pete Orlecki), and enjoyed Two Hills so much that she stayed and worked at various jobs that were available at that time. She continued working until she met Nestor and they were married December 28, 1957.

Nestor and Myrtle have a family of three girls and one boy: Kim, Victor, Brenda, and Jackie.

Kim was born on July 6, 1958, in the Two Hills General Hospital. She was active in many sports, and took piano lessons for several years.

Kim was an honor student, and valedictorian of her graduating class of 1976. Kim entered Mount Royal College in Calgary, where she attained her Diploma in interior design. She married Andy Smith of Marysville, New Brunswick. They live in Edmonton with their son Michael. Kim works for Westway Forwarding, Andy for Inter Continental Gas.

Nestor Hryciw family. Back row, (L to R) - Kim Smith, Brenda, Jacki; front row - Nestor and Myrtle on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary, 1982.

Victor was born on December 20, 1959, and since the age of eight he has lived at the Michener Centre in Red Deer, home for the mentally handicapped.

Brenda was born on June 17, 1961, in the Two Hills General Hospital. Because she loved horses at an early age, she bought "Amiks Lucky" from Mrs. Gertrude Thompson. Brenda was involved in figure skating, as a skater and an instructor in the Two Hills Figure Skating Club. During the summer holidays, she was kept busy by attending summer skating school, and showing her horse in horse shows. Brenda graduated from Two Hills High School in 1979, where she was an honor student. She furthered her education at the University of Alberta where she received a B.A. Honors (first class) degree in Psychology. Brenda worked for a year and is presently attending the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, where she hopes to receive her law degree.

Jackie was born on April 16, 1966, at the Two Hills General Hospital. She had the same interests as her sister Brenda, and was involved in figure skating and horseback riding. Jackie spent summers skating and showing horse, "Amiks Red Pepper". She turned professional, and taught skating for the Two Hills Figure Skating Club during her Grade XII year. Jackie was an honor student and graduated from the Two Hills High School in 1984. She received an $800. Alexander Rutherford Scholarship and is presently enrolled at the University of Alberta hoping to attain a degree in Criminology.

Nestor and Myrtle have been involved in community organizations for several years. Nestor was the Fire Chief of the Two Hills Voluntary Fire Brigade, a member of the Lions Club, and chairman of the Canada Day Celebration for the past two years. He also was an active member of the Two Hills Chamber of Commerce when they hosted the baseball tournament. Myrtle belongs to the Two Hills and District Agricultural Society, the Two Hills Lioness Club and was involved on the figure skating executive for many years. Nestor and Myrtle belong to the Ukrainian Catholic Parish.

An avid ice fisherman, Nestor enjoys fishing even when the weather is almost unbearable. He is the owner of Hryciw's Plumbing and Heating. Myrtle worked for eight years for the Treasury Branch, and is presently employed for the County of Two Hills, as library custodian, in the Two Hills High School.

HRYCIW, William J. and Jenny (nee Cymbaliuk)

by William J. Hryciw

I was born on January 25, 1914, the sixth child of John and Christina Hryciw. I grew up on the farm and attended Wolia School until 1927.

After leaving school, I helped dad farm for nine years. Uncle Sam, dad's older brother, and his wife, Olena, then took me as their own. In 1936, they sold their land

Olga's wedding picture, 1961. (L to R) - Orest and Marie Hryciw, John and Olga Ewanchuk, Jennie and William Hryciw.

and chattels to me for a reasonable price in exchange for looking after them.

In February, 1937, I married the daughter of a family friend, Jenny Cymbaliuk. We lived with Uncle Sam and Auntie Olena for 20 years. Auntie Olena passed away in January, 1958, and Uncle Sam died ten months later. Both are buried at New Kiew.

We were blessed with a family of four children. Twin girls, Olga and Emilia, were born in May, 1939. Emilia died at birth and is buried at New Kiew.

Olga attended Wolia and New Lainuk country schools, and the Two Hills High School. After finishing her schooling, she served as a waitress at the Two Hills Cafe. In 1961, she married John Ewanchuk, a trucker, and made their first home in Willingdon, where Olga worked at the Willingdon Hospital. The Ewanchuks later moved to Vegreville, where they presently live. John is a town maintenance man, and Olga is a waitress. They have no children.

Our only son, Orest, who was born in 1940, attended New Lainuk country school and the Two Hills High School. He helped on the farm before working in Edmonton. Orest later returned to Vegreville and worked with Diachuk Construction, hauling gravel and cement. In June, 1967, he married Oksana, daughter of Anton and Eva Wasylchiw of Ranfurly. Orest now works with the Department of Highways. They have two children - a girl, Annie, and a boy, Stephen, who are attending school in Vegreville.

Our youngest daughter, Marie, was born in 1942. After attending school at Two Hills, she worked as a waitress in the Prince Edward Hotel in Vegreville. At age 18, she became a stewardess with Pacific Western Airlines. In October, 1967, she married pilot and R.C.M.P. officer, Pete Lass. They reside in Richmond, B.C. Pete and Marie have one daughter, Ingrid.

In 1966, I sold my property and moved to Two Hills where we are presently residing. For a year, I rented and operated the cafe portion of the garage known as the Hill Top Service on Highway 45. Then, I worked on various construction sites as a labourer, and for the Two Hills Petroleum Co-op. I also worked at the Two Hills Centennial Arena as an ice maintenance man and caretaker.

I am fond of touring and have been to various places. This year I visited Disneyland for two weeks. My hobby is trimming hedges and trees. I get satisfaction of making a yard look neat.

Orest and Oksana Hryciw family, circa 1982. (L to R) - Annie, Steven, Oksana and Orest.

HRYHORUIK, Ivan and Kateryna (nee Salahub)

by Linda Poznanski

My grandfather, Ivan Hryhoruik, immigrated to Canada in the early 1900s, from the Village of Toporivci, County of Noveselytskyi, District of Chernivci, in the Ukraine. Not much is known about his early years, but on April 9, 1910, at the age of 20, he applied for homestead rights in the Duvernay area which he later cancelled. He reapplied on October 2, 1911, after his marriage to Kateryna Salahub.

Kateryna, born in 1892, also in the Ukraine, was the daughter of Tanasko and Maria Salahub. The family, along with Kateryna's brother Gregory and sister

Ivan Hryhoruik, (1890-1926). Photo - 1910

Yewona, arrived in Canada at the turn of the century, settling in the Pakan area near Smoky Lake. In 1905, the Salahub family applied for homestead rights in Duvernay.

Ivan and Kateryna were married at the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Borowich. This parish was served by clergy of the Russo-Orthodox mission until 1920, and later took the order of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox faith.

On October 2, 1911, Ivan and Kateryna moved to their homestead, NE 25-55-11-W4th, which was hilly, rough and deeply rutted. In order to acquire title to this land, my grandparents had to remain there for three years, build a home and clear 30 acres of land. It was on March 20, 1919, eight years later, that they acquired full title.

Rose, Sally, Mary, Nick, Anna Toma, Mike, Doris, and Vera Hryhoruik, 1970

During this time, six children were born to Kateryna and Ivan, of which five survived. A year after becoming a Canadian citizen on November 15, 1919, Ivan's beloved Kateryna died during childbirth. Only Helen, the surviving twin went to live with Ivan's cousin, Kateryna Farus. Ivan married Anna Toma and had two sons. In 1926, he succumbed to pneumonia at the age of 36.

The family survived the isolation and quiet desperation of the early 1900s, the persecution and "racism" shown to Ukrainian immigrants from Austria during World War I, and the great flu epidemic of 1918, but the family unit crumbled after the death of Kateryna and Ivan. Anna Toma remarried and raised Ivan's sons. Other relatives, although poor, were eager to help the five remaining daughters.

Ivan Hryhoruik is buried with his beloved Kateryna at St. Elias Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church at Luzan. They were survived by six daughters and two sons.

Nick and Mike Hryhoruik live in Prince George, B.C. Rose, who married Sam Lopka, has two children, six grandchildren, and resides in Edmonton. Mary married Nick Belziuk and is survived by three children. Doris, who married Nick Raczuk, has three daughters and four grandchildren and lives in Spruce Grove. Vera married Dick Eliuk and is survived by her husband and one son. Sally married Joseph Wales and has one daughter and two grandsons. She resides in Sherwood Park. Helen, who married Alex Ewanchuk, has four children and eight grandsons. She lives in Vegreville.

HRYNIW, Harry and Dora (nee Elko)

by Sam Hryniw

Wasyl (1858-1926), Matrona (1861-1928), John (12), Nick (10), and Harry (8) Hryniw left their Village of Trybukhivci, District of Buchach, Ukraine (under the Austrian-Hungarian Empire), and sailed aboard the steamship Labrador, arriving in Halifax on February 21, 1897. Travelling by train to Strathcona, and by wagon to the Edna-Star area in March, 1897, they lived with the Nemirsky family until May. They then moved to their own homestead in the District of St. Michael.

On June 30, 1908, Harry applied for a homestead, SW 20-54-10-W4th, in the Morecambe area. There he built a sod-roofed log house and a log barn, plastered with clay.

On February 10, 1910, he married Maria Eleniak of Chipman, and started farming. They had five children: Annie (died as an infant), Rosie born in 1912, Mary born in 1913, Peter born in 1915, and Margaret in 1917.

In 1912, father built a two-room white-washed shed and clay-plastered log house. He later built a cedar siding addition to it, which is still standing. After some land was cleared and plowed, tragedy struck. Maria died during the flu epidemic of 1918, and father was left to take care of four children.

On February 13, 1919, father married Dora, daughter of Fedor (1868-1964) and Wasylena (1877-1963) Elko of Musidora. Dora, a girl of almost 17 years, took the responsibility to be a wife and mother for three girls and one boy, the youngest (Margaret) not yet two years old.

Innisfree was then the closest town, 22 miles away. The post office was at Naughton Glen, and the school at Sherentz. Tragedy struck again, at this time when three-year-old Margaret fell out of a car, resulting in the amputation of her leg.

Harry and Dora had nine children: Katie born in 1919, Billy in 1921 (died in infancy), Anne in 1922, Bill in 1924, Sam in 1925, Joe in 1926 (died at age 14 of a heart attack), Nestor in 1934 (died in infancy), Harry in 1936, and Roman in 1937. All the children were born at home,

Harry and Dora Hryniw in 1919

except for Harry, who was born in the Myrnam hospital.

In 1928, father bought the W1/2 17-54-19-W4th and later the SE 12-54-11-W4th.

In 1928, with the C.P.R. passing through, Morecambe became a hamlet consisting of stores, two elevators, a hall, blacksmith shop, implement dealers, a shoe and harness repair shop, a garage, hardware store, and a post office. In 1929, a two-room school was built and here we were educated.

During the depression, money was very scarce; wheat selling at 20 cents per bushel, barley at ten cents, oats at eight cents, and beef or pork at one cent per pound. Father snared or shot coyotes, trapped muskrats, weasles, squirrels, and even a few wild mink.

The ten married Hryniw children are as follows:

Rosie married John Shewaga (deceased), and lives in Revelstoke, B.C. They have two sons and two daughters.

Mary, who married Victor Camozzi, lives in Revelstoke, B.C. They have two sons and three daughters. One daughter died at an early age, and one son was killed in a plane crash.

Peter (deceased) married Thelma Nowasad, and they live in Edmonton. They have one son.

Margaret married Michael Zailo, and they live in Vernon, B.C. They had no children.

Katie married William J. Mandrusiak. (see family history under Wm. J. Mandrusiak)

Anne, who married John Prymak (deceased), lived in Edmonton. They have one son and one daughter. Anne now lives in Delta, B.C.

Bill married Marie Bateyko, and they live northeast of Beauvallon. They have one son and four daughters.

Sam married Olga Yacey. (see family history under Sam Hryniw).

Harry lives and farms northwest of Morecambe. He has three sons and two daughters from previous marriages.

Roman married Jenny, and they live in Vancouver, B.C. They have two sons and one daughter.

Our parents did some mink ranching in Lac La Biche for a few years, but returned to the farm, living there until retirement. Later they moved to Two Hills.

In 1969, our parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Harry and Dora Hryniw's 50th wedding anniversary, 1969. Bridesmaid Annie Harasewich (Dora's sister), and Bestman John Hryniw (Harry's brother).

Dora passed away on September 8, 1970, at the age of 68, and Harry passed away on September 9, 1970, at the age of 81. They were buried on September 12, 1970, in the Musidora Church Cemetery.

HRYNIW, Sam and Olga

Sam was born on February 15, 1925, son of Harry (1889-1970) and Dora (1902-1970) Hryniw of Morecambe. He was educated in Morecambe, one and one half miles away. When he quit school, he helped on his parents' farm, till he was called for military training. He then served in April, 1944, and was discharged in September, 1946. His training was in Calgary, Alberta; Shilo, Manitoba; and Barrifield, Ontario. When discharged, he returned to the farm.

Olga was born on December 1, 1925, daughter of Dmytro (Dan) (1889-1967) and Mary (1895-1975) Yacey of Myrnam. She received her education in South River School, about 3 miles away. When she quit school, she helped on her parents' farm with housework, doing chores and a lot of fieldwork.

Sam married Olga Yacey on February 11, 1950. They have one son, Wayne, and one daughter, Jocelyn. They farmed on Sam's father's farm till the fall of 1950, then moved to Olga's parents' farm, northwest of Myrnam. In 1952, they bought the SE 29-54-9-W4th, two miles north and 2 miles west of Myrnam. In 1954, they built a house there, and moved to it in the spring of 1955. They owned the NW 21-54-9-W4th, and the SE 24-54-10-W4th.

Besides farming, Sam did a lot of carpentry work for farmers. He built a few houses, other farm buildings, and did renovations.

Wayne was educated in Myrnam and graduated in 1968. He went to NAIT for two years, taking architecture. Jocelyn was educated in Myrnam and Two Hills, and graduated in 1973. After graduating, she went to college.

In the fall of 1969, they quit farming and moved to the Town of Two Hills, where Olga presently resides.

On November 1, 1969, Sam was hired by the County of Two Hills No. 21 to work in the school repair shop, as a school maintenance man. He worked there till March, 1974, but had to quit due to a heart condition. He later rented a shop and did carpentry work, building vanities and kitchen cupboards. Due to ill health, he had to give this up, and on August 1, 1980, he sold his carpenter tools and equipment and retired at the age of 55 years.

Olga worked in the Two Hills Nursing Home from August 1, 1970, for ten years and two months. When the Hillside Senior Citizens' Lodge was opened, she started working there on October 1, 1980, and still works there. Olga belongs to the UCWL and the Women's Hospital Auxiliary. When they were on the farm, there was no time for holidays. But, since moving to Two Hills, they took a few holiday trips, including four sight-seeing bus tours through the States.

Wayne, after completing his course at NAIT, started working in 1970, for Cana Industrial Contractors, as an engineering assistant. He worked in Hudson Hope, B.C.;

Sam and Olga Hryniw's family, March, 1984. Front row, (L to R) - grandchildren Carrie, Kristen and Tyler; back row - Jocelyn, Olga holding Kyle, Sam holding Rudy, Barbara and Wayne.

Lanigan; Burstal; Regina, Saskatchewan; and Nelson, B.C. In May, 1973, he married Barbara, daughter of Sue and Carol Vig of Hudson Hope, B.C. They have 4 sons and 1 daughter: Kristen, born in 1974; Carrie, born in 1977; Tyler, born in 1980; and twin boys, Rudy and Kyle, born in June, 1983. In 1976, they bought a house where they reside. In the same year, Wayne started working for Bechtel Canada Ltd., as a field accountant and material co-ordinator. In December, 1982, he went to work for Arabian Bechtel Co. Ltd. in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on the King Khaled International Airport, and still works there, flying home, for a two week stay, every three months.

Jocelyn completed college, then started working for the Bank of Commerce in Edmonton. She was transferred to Vegreville, where she is currently employed, now as an accountant. She lives with her mother and travels to work in Vegreville. In 1975, Jocelyn, along with one of her girlfriends, went to Europe for a month's tour. In 1980 and again in 1982, Jocelyn took a holiday to Australia, to visit her cousin and a pen pal (with whom she has corresponded for 17 years). She really enjoyed her holidays there.

On May 3, 1984, at the young age of 59, Sam Hryniw passed away.

HRYNYK, Peter F. and Sophie (nee Kolisniak)

Fedor (Fred) and Maria (Mary) Hrynyk arrived in Quebec City on July 23, 1906, on the steamship "Mount Temple." They had left their Village of Borshciv, District of Sniatyn, Province of Galicia, Ukraine. Their sons Stefan (Steve), age 17, Petro (Peter), age three, and daughters Elena, age eight, and Paraska age 14, accompanied them.

The family spent its first two years in the new country with Fred's father, Wasyl (Bill), at Royal Park. Bill and his oldest son arrived two years earlier. In 1908, Fred filed on a homestead, approximately two miles west of Musidora. Clearing this holding was particularly difficult, requiring hard work, with limited equipment. Fred was fortunate to buy a team of horses, a wagon and other equipment. He continued to occupy this land until his death in 1927, having been predeceased by Mary in 1924.

Like other pioneers in the area, Fred was enthusiastic in building the new homeland into a truly Ukrainian community. Among the first activities were Ukrainian Presbyterian Church services which were occasionally held in the Hrynyk household. Fred was active in the organization and building of the Russian Orthodox Church at Toporivci. When the church was completed in 1915, the first priest was the Reverend Ambrose Chrustawka, who had previously conducted services in the homes. Prior to this they were performed by Reverend Zalisniak, a missionary of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church.

In 1916, Steve, who had received some education in the old country, was sent to the special school for Ruthenians, in Vegreville. This school was designed to teach English to young Ukrainians (at that time called Ruthenians) who had some education in Europe. Due to a shortage of teachers in the new areas where settlers were arriving, young men like Steve were then sent to teach in the new schools.

Fred's neighbors, realizing the importance of education in their new land, established the Chornick School in 1916, with Steve Hrynyk as its first teacher. Steve did not stay in teaching very long. He married Anna Klischuk and built a grocery store at Duvernay. With the coming of the railroad and growth of the village, Steve and partner constructed the Two Hills Hotel. After selling the hotel, Steve returned to the grocery business with the Vermilion Mercantile Company. As well, he ventured to other businesses and hotel investments, ending his career in Vancouver as the owner of the Austin and Blackstone Hotels.

Peter, during his teens, was actively involved in the organization of the Adam Kotsko Ukrainian National Home at Musidora, developing community activities associated with Ukrainian culture. In 1925, Peter married Sabina (Sophie) Kolisniak. In order to find the priest at home, he had to make two trips to Innisfree on two successive weekends. After Fred's death, Peter and Sophie moved to Warwick to rent more fertile land. Here they farmed for two years. It was in this area in the previous year, that their son, Nykolay (Nick) was born in a Model T Ford, on the way to the hospital from the Musidora area.

In 1928, Peter, Sophie and their infant son moved to the new Village of Two Hills. Here Peter established a livery stable and began the operation of the first draying service in the village. He moved goods from the railroad to businesses in the community and performed other forms of cartage. At the same time, Peter purchased a truck and conducted the first trucking business in that area. The stock rack had to be lined with canvas in order to haul grain.

Freight hauling from Edmonton was a major undertaking. The rate charged at the time was between $1.25 and $1.50 a "hundred". In 1934, Peter purchased a larger, sturdier truck and instituted a regular freighting service between Two Hills and Edmonton. Peter and his family joined brother Steve for one year (1934), in the general store business at Vegreville but returned to Two

Hills in 1935, to operate an expanded trucking service with a new dual wheel vehicle. He continued this business until 1943, when he and his family moved to Edmonton.

Peter also went into partnership with Peter Odynsky in a livestock buying business on the west end of town. Since this yard was not on a spur and the Canadian Pacific Railway would allow only one yard on the spurs, the livestock had to be driven through the main streets of the town, from one yard to another for loading on to railcars. Hrynyk and Odynsky soon established a good reputation and developed a good business, handling approximately 200 head a week on livestock days on Wednesday and Thursday. One of the features of livestock buying in the depression was the borrowing by farmers, in advances, on livestock to be delivered in the future. It was not uncommon for farmers to borrow five to ten dollars, in anticipation of stock to be sold. These loans were made on the basis of a handshake and few went bad. Payments for stock were made by cash and it was not uncommon for the partners to be carrying several thousand dollars with them. In 1937, they added to their partnership, John Kolisniak who took over the operation of the main yard on the Canadian Pacific spur, so that both yards were now operated by three owners. A smaller adjunct to the main Canadian Pacific Railway yard was operated off and on by various buyers including Steve Shandro and John Lupul.

Peter Hrynyk purchased the local pool hall in 1936, and in 1937, formed a partnership with Nick Dowhaniuk and John Kolisniak to build a new building which included a large dance hall with bowling alley and pool hall downstairs. They named the building "Recreational Hall", after the name which was used for a bowling alley on 101 Street and Jasper Avenue in Edmonton. This building operated as the community centre for dances, concerts, plays, movies, weddings, funerals and meetings until it was sold. In 1943, Peter moved his family to Edmonton to continue investments in a variety of businesses including apartment buildings, gasoline trucks, hotel partnerships, hardware store, service stations, taxi business and selling of real estate.

Peter Hrynyk was an active supporter of the community, serving on the town council, the chamber of commerce, the sports association, and other community groups. Sophie, also made an important volunteer contribution to women's groups including the sports club which served as the basis of a wide variety of women's activities in the village, the Women's Institute with its great war effort and finally the Ukrainian Women's Association of which she served as the founding president.

Hrynyks' son, Nicholas, participated in the normal activities of a boy in a village of the 1930s. He played hockey with the Two Hills team, softball with the high school team and was active in high school extra-curricular activities. After moving to Edmonton, he married Jeanne Findlay of Red Deer, and graduated from the University of Alberta with his Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Science, Master of Education, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. He taught one year at Thorhild, then became principal of the school at Alix, Alberta, for 12 years. The following 21 years, he was employed by the Alberta Teachers' Association, the last 12 of those, as associate executive secretary. Nick's wife died in 1983. They have three daughters: Linda, JoAnn and Nicola and two grandsons.

HUMEN, Wasyl and Kate (nee Hamar)

by J.P. Buk

Wasyl Humen was born on March 31, 1889, the second oldest in the family. As a boy he had to work hard since his family was large, and all that his father owned was about one acre of land, a house, one cow, and a few pigs and chickens.

When Wasyl was five years old, his grandmother took him to live with her, promising to will her property to him, which consisted of a house and about half an acre of land. Wasyl stayed with her for four years, looking after her cow and doing various chores around the yard. He never had any formal school education, as in those days, school wasn't compulsory.

Upon his grandmother's passing, Wasyl returned to his parents' home where he stayed for a short time. He then found work looking after his neighbors' cattle, and working in the brewery. He also spent four years learning a trade in a basket factory.

In May, 1906, an ambitious young man, of 17 years, Wasyl decided to leave Kniaze, Western Ukraine, and to immigrate to Canada. This meant that he would have to leave his father Dmytro, his mother Kalyna, his four brothers: John, Harry, Steve, Nick and three sisters: Pearl, Mary and Kate.

Wasyl borrowed enough money from a local merchant for his fare, and in a few weeks landed in Halifax. From there he took a train to Calgary, where he was hired to work for the C.P.R. earning 17¢ an hour. He worked there the whole summer and in winter came to Lanuke District. There he acquired a homestead, and in 1907, arranged to bring the rest of his family to Canada.

Several years later, Wasyl left his family and went to work in a coal mine where he remained until 1913. When World War I broke out in Europe, he came back to the farm and settled there, helping his father. When his

Wasyl and Kate Humen enjoying leisure time on their homestead, circa 1937

father died in 1916, at the age of 52, it was up to Wasyl to take over the farm and look after his family. Because of his efforts, his sister Mary was able to complete her education.

Wasyl's sisters soon got married and left home. The oldest sister Pearl, married Peter Odynski, who operated a general store in Two Hills for many years. Kate married Mike Goshko, and after living for several years in Edmonton, moved to Palm Beach, California. Mary, who taught for several years, married Steve Samoil, also a school teacher. After teaching for a number of years, Steve got a government job managing a liquor store in Willingdon, and later in Edmonton.

In 1913, due to his efforts and with the help of his friends and neighbors, a farmers' community hall, known as Lanuke Hall, was built. This hall served the community for over 30 years. It was the first Ukrainian Hall in Canada, and it was the center of such activities as dramatic plays, concerts, meetings and dances.

At this time Wasyl met a pretty girl by the name of Kate Hamar, whom he married in 1917. The young couple were both active in various community affairs, contributing financially and physically to numerous community projects. For many years Wasyl served as a trustee for Pobeda School district. He also was a reeve for Sobor Municipality.

Wasyl and Kate Humen's children, circa 1942. Standing, (L to R) - Nataly, Boris; kneeling - Myrtle, Vera and Viola.

Wasyl and Kate were blessed with four daughters and one son: Nataly, Vera, Boris, Viola and Myrtle.

Nataly married John Buk of Two Hills.

Vera married Mike Dronyk, who is employed by the City of Edmonton. Their children are Michael, married to Susan, and Gail married to Gordon Kingsford Smith. They have three girls, Sarah, Rebecca and Amie.

Boris married Elsie Dronyk. They have three boys and two girls. Wendy married Joe Pahl. Their children are Ainsley and Gavin. Barry and his wife Cathy have two boys, Auron and Jason. Jane is a school teacher specializing in French language. Willard married Nancy, and they have a son, Eli. Bruce completed high school and is interested in a career as a professional baseball pitcher.

Viola taught school for several years and now is employed by Swift Canadian, as a computer operator.

Myrtle married Bud Sullivan, and they have two girls and two boys. Pamela married Bob Luscombe and they have one girl, Catherine. Cristopher is attending University and is studying Law. Sonia is working as a clerk, and David is attending high school.

In 1940, Wasyl Humen, with the help of his friends Peter Samoil, Nick Kuzio, Peter Teresio, William Boyda and several others, organized the Two Hills Co-op store, which is still in operation.

In 1956, Wasyl and his wife Kate left farming to their son Boris and moved to an acreage one mile south from Two Hills. There they spent many happy moments gardening, looking after their yard and entertaining their numerous friends, children and grandchildren. When Kate passed away in 1972, Wasyl decided to stay and look after his acreage. There he remained until 1980. He was never lonesome, as he spent time cooking for himself, reading books and newspapers, and following current events on the radio and television. He never missed the ten o'clock news and his favorite television programs were "I Love Lucy," "Bob Hope" and "Red Skelton."

In 1980, Wasyl decided to move to Edmonton to live with his son Boris. He stayed with him until his death, at the age of 92. Thus ended an era of two hearty pioneers, Wasyl and Kate Humen, who made possible the freedom, comforts and security, of life that their children enjoy today.

HUMEN, Boris and Elsie (nee Dronyk)

by Jane M. Humen

Boris, son of Wasyl and Katherine Humen, married Elsie, daughter of George and Mary Dronyk, on June 8, 1946. The couple lived with Boris' parents on their farm, SE 10-54-12-W4th. The two families lived together until 1956, when Wasyl and Katherine retired, and moved to an acreage south of town. Boris and Elsie remained on the farm.

Boris and Elsie were blessed with five children: Gwendolyn Leah, Jane Margaret, Barry William, Willard Boris, and Bruce Allen.

Life for the family was routine and unsophisticated: morning and evening chores, rock picking, hauling grain, lugging water, and long winter bus rides, but it was closely shared. Free time was spent reading, horseback riding, enjoying the outdoors or joining the neighboring Kuzio and Soldan families for coffee, birthday parties and ball games.

Elsie and Boris were active members in the Farmers' Union of Alberta and attended the monthly meetings. Boris was also a drummer with the Rhumba Kings, a local band, and would spend weekends providing toe-tapping music for dances and weddings.

During the mid 60s, Boris worked with Burns and Dutton Construction in Edmonton and continued to farm during the weekends. Harsh economic conditions forced the sale of the farm in 1967. The family then moved to Edmonton, where Boris worked full-time on construction.

Boris and Elsie Humen, 1947

Wendy, born in 1948, graduated from Two Hills High School, then from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology. Following graduation she worked with the Department of Social Development in Grande Prairie, Athabasca and Calgary. Wendy married Joseph Morgan Paul, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in 1970. They lived in Athabasca until 1976, when Joe was transferred to the Calgary detachment. Wendy received a teaching certificate from the University of Calgary, and now works as a substitute teacher. The Pauls who reside in Airdrie have two children, Ainsley Jane born in 1974, and Joseph Gavin born in 1977.

Jane, born in 1949, received a Bachelor of Physical Education degree from the University of Alberta in 1971. Jane subsequently taught in Melbourne, Australia, and in British Columbia. She now lives and teaches in Calgary.

Barry, born in 1951, attended high school in Two Hills and in Edmonton. In 1978, after working for several years with Alberta Transportation, Barry married Kathie Franklin. They have two sons, Aaron William, born in 1979, and Jason Bruce, born in 1982. The family lives in the Brooks community where Barry is employed as a mechanic.

Boris and Elsie Humen's family, 1980

Will, born in 1955, attended high school in Edmonton, then worked for the city of Edmonton. He also worked for Alberta Transportation and on high-rise construction projects. He played senior men's baseball for Edmonton and Lacombe. Will married Nancy Jean Duclos in 1976 and their son Eli Bruce was born the same year. The couple have since separated. Will now lives in Bragg Creek and works for a ski hill during the winter and on golf course maintenance in the summer.

Bruce, born in 1962, graduated from high school in 1981, then attended Grant MacEwan College. An avid athlete, he played basketball at the college and baseball in the Senior Alberta Men's League. Bruce has decided to pursue a career in early childhood education. He attended college in Roseburg, Oregon, and plans on concluding his studies in Alberta.

From 1968 to 1982, Boris worked with the Maintenance Department at the University of Alberta. Elsie, meanwhile, remained at home, encouraging the family's endeavors. In 1982, Elsie and Boris retired to Two Hills. They live on the Humen acreage, south of town, and are very content to live in the district that they know so well.

HUMENIUK, Fred (Fedor) and Bessie (Hafia) (nee Kostiuk)

Both Fred and Bessie were born in what is now the Ukraine. Fred had been married to Anna Walowska in the "old country". They had three children: Mary, Joe, and John. Bessie, daughter of Alex and Anne Kostiuk, had also been married in the "old country". Her husband was Steve Yourchenko. Bessie and Steve had one daughter named Mary.

Fred was born in a small village called Zamolyntsi, in Kolomea, Western Ukraine. The post office here was Samarkiwtsi. A small farmer in the Ukraine, he was drafted into the Polish army, and became an officer in World War I. However, this position did not strike his fancy, and he was pleased when Uncle Kozak obtained a work visa for him in Germany.

Leaving his family behind, he travelled to Germany and from there obtained a visa to immigrate to the United States. However, he decided to get off the ship in Halifax, in 1916, instead.

In Halifax, he saw the "new world" for the first time. What a strange language they spoke! Soon, a long rail journey took him to Edmonton. Knowing some people who lived in the Two Hills area, he decided to walk to Musidora. From 1916 to 1919, he worked on the farms in the area, saving money and planning a future for his family. In 1917, his wife Anna Walowska died of cancer in the Ukraine. His three children were taken care of by Uncle Kozak.

With the money he had saved while working this strange new land, he was able to start a general store in Musidora. He worked long hours each day, saving more money to bring his children to this land of opportunity. Finally in January, 1922, his children were reunited with him. An agent brought them from Lviv, to Vegreville, where Fred met them. Fred had known Bessie Kostiuk while in the "old country" and heard that her husband,

Steve Yourchenko was killed in the war. He learned that she went back to live with her parents in Zamolyntsi. Fred began writing letters to Bessie and she too made the long journey to Canada.

Fred and Bessie built a thriving business in their general store which also housed the post office. It became the Fred Humeniuk and Sons General Store. Their home was the talk of the area but amidst this prosperity and good will, disaster struck. Fred, always a hard worker, died of a heart attack on March 12, 1944. Once more a widow, Bessie lived until January 24, 1966.

Members of this family are as follows: Mary, (deceased); Joe, (deceased) and his widow Anne Humeniuk resides in Two Hills. Their children are Victor in Calgary; Judy and Chuck Kendel with children Brad and Karen in St. Paul; Edward, (deceased) and his wife Jeannette and their sons Mark and Wade are in Fort McMurray.

John and Pearl (deceased) lived in Calgary. Their children are Orest and Marsha; Karen and Doug; Sonia and Mel with Cheryl and Grant live in Calgary.

Mary Yourchenko (Elkow) is widowed and her husband Bill Elkow is deceased. Their children are Josie and Nick; Judy and Grant with Cheryl and Jason; Jim and Linda with Sara; Bob and Lamanda; (all live in Calgary) Olga and Emil with Sharon; Edward and Elizabeth with Shelly; (all live in Edmonton). John (deceased).

Sons of Fred and Bessie in Canada are Bill, Walter and Nick. Bill (deceased) and Jean had children: Dianne and Jens with Blair, Scott, Inga; Glenn and Linda with Sandi all of Edmonton.

Walter (deceased) and his wife Kay resides in Edmonton. Their children are Elaine and Reg with Kelly and Kimberley in Whitecourt.

Nick and Cathy have no children and reside in Edmonton.

Although the Humeniuk family did not ultimately inherit a great fortune, all had been given an opportunity to make their own way in a new land of freedom. It is because of Fred's and Bessie's belief in freedom and opportunity for their children as well as their own perserverance in the face of all kinds of obstacles and tragedies that we are privileged to be in Canada and to commemorate a great heritage.

HUMENIUK, Harry and Pearl (nee Gretzan)

Harry Humeniuk was born in 1899, in Koniushkiv, Brody, Ukraine (then under Austro-Hungarian Empire). In 1904, he came to Canada with his parents, Mykola and Anna (nee Bida), his older sister Mary (Mrs. Andrew P. Hlus), and younger brother Joe. Settling on a homestead north of Ranfurly (now in the Plain Lake district), he grew up with his parents and his sisters and brothers: Nancy (who died as a child), Nettie (Mrs. John P. Hlus), Bill and John. Unfortunately both boys were victims of farm accidents, John in his late teens and Bill in his early twenties.

In 1921, Harry married Pearl, daughter of John and Annie Gretzan of Plain Lake. For five years they lived with Harry's family, before moving to their own farmstead (NW 36-53-11-W4th). Despite the pioneering hardships, they enjoyed life, finding time to help neighbors in projects such as building a new church in 1926, and later a hall.

During these years, farming was basically a strenuous physical labor and determination, and progress was slow. However, with hard physical labor, and horses, the farmers were able to break the land and harvest the crops. Participating in road building to help pay taxes took care of any spare time.

Harry and Pearl had seven children: Bill, Anne, John, Mirsil, Orest, Lawrence, and Nick who died of pneumonia at 11 months of age.

Bill and Katherine (nee Hayduk) and their four daughters live in Edmonton where Bill works for the Alberta Government. They have two grandchildren.

Anne married William P. Steblyk of Two Hills and they are farming, although they live in town. They have four children and six grandchildren.

John and Jeanette (nee Saik) have four children and five grandchildren. They reside in Edmonton, where John has completed 30 years of service with the Treasury Branch.

Mirsil and Jenny (nee Seniuk) live in Edmonton with their four children. Mirsil works for United Grain Growers.

Orest, who is employed by the Alberta Research Centre, and Diane (nee Tymchyshyn) have four children and make Edmonton their home.

Lawrence and Sandra (nee Kuzio) and their 2 boys live in the Two Hills area. Lawrence works for Westmin Ltd.

Harry and Pearl invested in another three quarters of land adjacent to the homestead and farmed until 1947. Then they opened a general store in Minburn leaving the older boys to farm the land. Two years later an adjacent building caught fire and their store burned down.

They then returned to farming until 1957. After selling their land, they returned to the general store business in Mannville. Unfortunately, Harry suffered a stroke in 1965. Within two years they closed the store but continued to live in Mannville, until Harry's death in March, 1970. Pearl sold the store and moved to Two Hills and then to Vegreville. Presently (1985) she is in a nursing home in Edmonton.

HUTSCAL, Harold and Shirley (nee Woroschuk)

Harold was born October 10, 1945, in Willingdon to Tom and Kay (nee Dubitz) Hutscal. The Hutscal family farmed in the Boian area, where Tom was known as the local veterinary helper. After attending school in Willingdon and completing high school in Hairy Hill, Harold worked for MacMillan Bloedel in Edmonton. In 1967, he attended NAIT. After serving as an apprentice until August, 1971, he became a journeyman radio and television technician. Harold worked for Kjelland Electric in Camrose until June, 1978.

Shirley was born in Vegreville to Peter D. and Rose (nee Menzak) Woroschuk. After graduating from the

Harold and Shirley Hutscal with their children, Raymond, Clayton and Charlene, 1980

Willingdon school, Shirley worked for Gamma Engineering in Edmonton. Peter and Rose were known as Premier Manning canvassers, in the Norma district.

Harold and Shirley were married in 1966, and moved to Camrose in 1968. There Shirley worked as a bookkeeper for the G.M. Dealership, for six years.

Harold and Shirley Hutscal, along with their three children: Raymond, Clayton, and Charlene moved from Camrose to Two Hills in July, 1978, and opened their own Radio Shack dealership.

IFTODY, Metro and Anne

Metro Iftody was born in the Boian Marea School district on September 12, 1914. His parents, John and Rosie Iftody (nee Goryniuk) who were born in Bukovina, immigrated to Canada as young children. They were married in 1910, in the Romanian Greek Orthodox Church in Boian. Their homestead, a two-room log building on (SW. 27-56-14-W4) became Metro's birthplace.

Metro started school at seven years of age and helped his father clear the land. In the tenth grade, when Metro was 14 years old, his father lost two of his fingers due to an accident so Metro was forced to quit school and take over the farm. Even though the labor was hard and the hours long, good crops did not guarantee a good living with grain prices at 9¢ - 11¢ a bushel. To make extra money for the family, Metro joined an orchestra. His interest in playing the drums and other instruments grew to his organizing the first orchestra in the area. He also rented a bucket well digger which enabled him to buy his first car and a quarter section of land. In 1936, he bought a threshing outfit for custom work.

In 1937, the well digger broke down leaving the farm as his only source of income. When farming proved unsatisfactory, he rented his land to his father and brother, and operated a garage in Two Hills.

In the same year he met his future wife, Anne Olinyk, at a hockey carnival dance where she was crowned the first Hockey Carnival Queen. The youngest daughter of Mary and Jacob Olinyk, Anne was born in Duvernay. Her father owned Olinyk's General Store in Two Hills where Anne worked during her school years and after she left school. Anne and Metro were married July 16, 1940, in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Edmonton. They rented their first two-room house in Two Hills for $5. a month.

In 1940, Metro closed his garage business and moved his threshing outfit from Willingdon to Two Hills. This venture enabled him to buy the Cockshutt Dealership from his brother-in-law, Harry Bachinsky, in the fall of 1941. At this time, farmers were changing to mechanized equipment, so business prospered by trading horses for machinery. Their first daughter Patricia was born at this time.

Because a steel shortage affected the implement business in 1943, Metro purchased a truck to haul gravel for the American Army who were building the Namao airport as their refueling base to Alaska. He also hauled railway ties from the Rocky Rapids to the railroad at Entwhistle. All this time Anne managed the farm equipment business and helped her father in the store.

In 1945, Anne and Metro bought John and Rose Kolisniak's house, and built a new shop on Diefenbaker Avenue. Their business, Iftody Farm Equipment, was incorporated in 1948, the year their second daughter Arlene was born. Anne was now the shop manager and parts salesperson. Because business was going well, Metro hired more help and Anne spent less time at the shop. In 1957, she took a part time position in the Two Hills Post Office where she remained for 22 years.

Anne and Metro built a new home, in which they presently live, in 1969. In the winter of 1976 they retired from the farm machinery business and sold the shop to Metro's nephew, Gerald Toma, son of his sister Mary.

During their life in Two Hills, Metro and Anne were very much involved in community work. Metro was president of the Chamber of Commerce several times during the years 1946 - 1976, town council member for six years, three times Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club and managed the rebuilding of the old Elks Hall on main street. He was also president of the Curling Club for a number of years, originator of the Farmers' Bonspiel, and was instrumental in building the present curling rink. He was a truck operator on the fire brigade, managed the

Iftody family, 1985. Front row, (L to R) - Anne Iftody, Jordan and Chelsea Danchuk, Metro Iftody; back row - Tery and Arlene Danchuk, Jeff, Jamie, Pat and Marshall Dehid.

Two Hills Eagles Baseball Team, and started the two-day ball tournament originally held on Canada Day weekend. He spearheaded the Centennial year banquet festivities and was involved in building the present Orthodox Church of which he is still a charter congregation and choir member. Metro was also one of the executive members to organize the Two Hills golf course.

Anne, too, donated her time and talents to community work. Of her many responsibilities such as the Red Cross war efforts and her involvement in the opening of the Municipal Hospital, Anne also served on many clubs. She was president and secretary of the Ladies Curling Club, treasurer of the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, charter member of the Order of the Royal Purple, Girl Guide Leader, and advisor to the young people's church group, "C.Y.M.K." In 1957, Anne worked with the Alberta Tuberculosis Association organizing a free X-Ray clinic that involved over 1700 individuals in the area. She also served as president and held other executive positions on the Ukrainian Womens' Association of which she has been charter member for 43 years. In 1977, during the 50th anniversary of the Town of Two Hills, Anne was presented with a scroll acknowledging her an honorary citizen of the community.

The Iftody daughters graduated from the Two Hills High School. Patricia attended McTavish Business College in Edmonton, and Arlene The University of Alberta where she earned her Bachelor of Education degree.

Patricia was married in 1962 to Marshall Dehid, son of Isador and Annie Dehid. They reside in Two Hills and have two children: Jeffrey, born in 1965, presently attends the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Science, and Jamie Ann, born in 1967, is now attending (1985) Two Hills High School.

Arlene married Terry Danchuk, son of Mike and Pearl Danchuk, in 1970 and they presently live in Redwater, Alberta. Their daughter Chelsea and son Jordan were born in 1979 and 1984 respectively.

ISKIW, John and Sofia (nee Laschowski)

John Iskiw was born in the Village of Brody, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada in 1910, with his father, Ilkow Iskiw, and a younger brother, Karp.

They settled on their Uncle Pasalia's farm in the Mundare district. John Iskiw worked as a farm labourer in different places until he met a hardworking girl, Sofia Laschowski. Sofia and her parents came from the district of Sniatyn in the Ukraine, in about the year 1908.

In 1912, the young couple was married and settled on a homestead five miles north of Musidora. They farmed here for two years, and, because the land was very poor, resettled 16 miles north of Innisfree. It was here that their first child, Bill, was born in 1915.

They stayed on that farm for five years, then moved to a quarter of land five miles southeast of Musidora.

In 1924, a daughter, Sonia was born. She is now married to George Russnak of Calgary. Other children followed: Mike now lives in Kelowna, B.C., Walter in

Sofia, Sonia and John Iskiw, 1930

Toronto, and Marshall in Calgary.

Olga, who married George Eglinski, lives in Mundare, Alberta.

John Iskiw had three step-sisters: one at Myrnam, Alberta; another in Philadelphia, and another deceased.

John Iskiw passed away in 1962, at the age of 69, and Sofia in 1974, at the age of 76.

A family gathering, circa 1947. Back row, (L to R) - Bill and Mike Iskiw, unknown, John Iskiw; front row - Irene, Mary, and Olga Iskiw, George Eglinski, George Rusnak, Sophie Iskiw and Sonia Rusnak.

JACURA, John and Mary (nee Woloshyn)

by Anne Chorney

John Jacura was born July 7, 1892, in the Village of Kitzman, Province of Bukovina, Ukraine, to Prokip and Annie (nee Rusnak) Jacura. He came to Canada in 1903, with his parents, as well as four brothers and a sister: Bill, Fred, Nick, Peter, and Mary Snihur, now living in St. Paul. In 1985, Mary is the only survivor of the Jacura

John and Mary Jacura (nee Woloshyn) with their daughter Annie, 1922

family.

John's parents first settled in Winnipeg and lived there until 1907, later moved with their daughter to a farm at Brosseau. With his brothers, Fred, Nick, and Pete, John left to the northwestern United States to seek employment in a logging camp. In 1917, John, Nick, and Pete returned to Alberta to visit their parents and sister, while Fred remained in the United States, never to be heard from again. While visiting the Woloshyns, John met Mary, a girl of his dreams. A whirlwind courtship followed which culminated in marriage in the Luzan Church on May 13, 1917.

Mother, Mary Woloshyn, was born July 12, 1899, in Revakut, Bukovina, Ukraine. She and her two brothers, Sylvester and Mike, immigrated to Canada in 1910, with her parents Kost Woloshyn and his wife, Annie (Tarantiak). They settled on the farm about eight miles east of Duvernay.

When John and Mary were married, they settled on the homestead where the Rannock School was once situated. Here they lost their first child, Kost, who was born at home, on February 12, 1918. He lived for three weeks only, and was buried at the Luzan Cemetery by his grandpa, Kost Woloshyn, who died at the age of 44 years. Before his death, he donated a heifer to buy a memorial church bell for the Luzan Church.

Later, John and Mary moved to the Brosseau district, to farm on NW 4-56-11-W4th. The farm had only 11 acres cleared, while the rest was bush and rocks. When John had 55 acres broken, he built a wall from stumps, which served as a fence along the lake.

John and Mary's second child, Annie, was born at home, on March 23, 1921.

In 1949, they purchased half a section of land, NE 4-56-11-W4th, from John Pundick, so that they could live closer to the highway. Having more land, John had to get power machinery. In 1949, John and Mary bought their first car at which time John learned to drive. In 1954, they purchased a new Chevrolet Belair car, of which they were very proud. John and Mary were quite happy in their new place and were planning a retirement, when tragedy struck, on September 2, 1955. While John was helping his neighbor pitch bundles of grain he suddenly became ill, was rushed to the hospital, and died the next day. John did not get a chance to enjoy retirement. Mary rented out the land in 1957, and left to live with her daughter, Anne, and her son-in-law, John, in Edmonton. Mary passed away of a stroke in 1972.

A family group, 1939. Back row, (L to R) - Annie Jacura, Belle and Mike Woloshyn, Sylvester and Alice Woloshyn, John and Mary Jacura; front row - Peter Woloshyn, Harry and Annie Eluik (Woloshyn), Mary and Olive Woloshyn.

LARSON, Axel and Ellen (nee Abrahamson) JOHNSON, Frank and Ellen

by daughter Helen Volk (nee Johnson)

Axel Larson and Ellen Abrahamson came from Sweden, to Minnesota, U.S.A., where they were married. In 1906, the Larsons moved to a homestead near the old Warwick store. This farm is now owned by Stan Eliuk. They lived in a two-room house, with their six children: Minnie, Algot, Tillie, Elna, Peggy and Edith. During the winter months they experienced some difficulty.

Their living conditions improved, and they lived

Algot Larson was Mrs. Johnson's son by her first marriage. He died overseas during World War I, and is now buried in England, circa 1916.

Frank and Ellen Johnson, circa 1930

comfortably. Tragedy struck, when Axel Larson was involved in a farm accident with a runaway team and suffered a fractured neck. Since they had to travel about 15 miles with horses to the nearest medical centre in Vegreville, there was no hope for him.

Ellen Larson managed to farm her land with the help of good neighbors. Four years later she married Frank Johnson who came with his brother Ernest, from Clarksfield, Minnesota, in 1902. Frank homesteaded in the Ben's Lake area. In 1910, he built a fairly large house for his family, where two daughters, Agnes and Helen, were born.

Often Frank and his brother Ernest travelled to Edmonton with oxen for supplies. It took about a week for the return trip.

After several years of steady, hard work at farming, my parents, Frank and Ellen, and some of their family, would take a week off for a little fishing holiday at Cold Lake. Trout was caught with very little difficulty, and I can still taste that fresh trout fried in butter.

At this time my parents had a Model T Ford. Because roads were not gravelled it became quite treacherous after a rain, however, they thoroughly enjoyed their annual trip. Another bit of entertainment was a day at the Vegreville Fair. My dad won a 1926 Four-Door Sedan, Model T Ford there. Later we enjoyed attending the Two Hills Sports Day.

Sisters, (L to R) - Agnes Gordon, Elna Hosking, Minnie Nelson, Helen Volk, Edith Venne, Tillie Caufield, (Peggy missing), circa 1975

With Reverend Kemp as the minister, church service was held in the Wolia School, where some of our family were educated.

Ellen (Larson) Johnson had eight children:

Minnie, born in 1895, in U.S.A., married a carpenter, Arvid Nelson. They had two children, Elvera and Labin.

Algot, the only son, was born in 1897, in the U.S.A. At 18 years of age he joined the army in World War I. In 1918, he died of pneumonia in England, where he is buried and sadly missed.

Tillie, born 1899, in U.S.A., married a farmer, George Moline, from Owlseye, Alberta, where they lived until his death. Tillie moved to Edmonton, and married Tom Canfield, a baker.

Elna, born 1900, in U.S.A., married George Hosking, a teacher. They had two sons, Alfred and Kenneth. George taught school at Wattsford, Wolia, Brush Hill and Vegreville. After retiring he taught on an Indian Reserve at Brochett and Frog Lake. Later he worked at the Alberta College.

Peggy, born 1902, in U.S.A., was a seamstress. She married Jack Manson, an Edmonton City fireman. They had one son, Harold.

Edith, born 1905, married Romeo Venne. The Vennes lived on a homestead near Bonnyville, and had two children, Ronald and Elaine.

Agnes, born 1910, was a hairdresser. She married George Gordon, a farmer, and later bought and sold stock around Two Hills. They moved to Edmonton, where George worked. Their three children are Richard, Edith and Lorna.

I, (Helen) a nurse, was born in 1914, and married Tony Volk. We have one daughter, Leola, who married Nick Greckol, a teacher, whose home was on a farm near Hairy Hill at the time.

My dad and mom lived at Ben's Lake until their retirement in Vegreville, where they lived until their passing.

JOHNSON, Rose (nee Dowhaniuk)

Rose, the youngest of the Dowhaniuk children, was born in Two Hills and attended Two Hills High School. In 1942, she moved to Edmonton and took up beauty culture. While studying for her exams in 1944, a handsome American soldier, cycling around the Legislative Building grounds, took Rose for a ride on his bicycle. It was love at first sight.

Rose graduated in hair dressing and beauty culture and in 1944, moved back to Two Hills where she opened up her own beauty parlor. A year later she moved back to Edmonton and managed the Crown Beauty Parlor for a year.

In 1945, Rose married Howard Johnson, the handsome American soldier and moved to Kentucky. While there, two daughters, Lana Jean and Linda Ann were born. In 1948, the Johnsons returned to Two Hills where Howard went into business with Rose's family, working at the Red and White store and the Lux Theatre. In 1949, they moved to Edmonton and went into business with

Rose and Howard Johnson, 1944

Rose's three uncles in the Black and White Taxi Cab Company. Howard entered into the automobile business in 1956, and was general sales manager for Don Wheaton Chevrolet. Rose devoted her time to raising the girls and looking after her mother and dad.

In 1968, Lana Jean married Norbert Park of Edmonton. They have a family of three boys, Marty, Jay and Tyler and one girl, Tiffany. Lana Jean has her own business as a fashion consultant and Norbert is regional manager for Melcor Developments. They reside in Calgary, Alberta.

In 1972, Linda Ann married David Carlson of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. They have two daughters, Christine and Nancy. David is a mortgage broker with Jor-Shan Mortgage, and Linda is his secretary. They reside in Edmonton.

Howard and Rose Johnson with their family, 1983

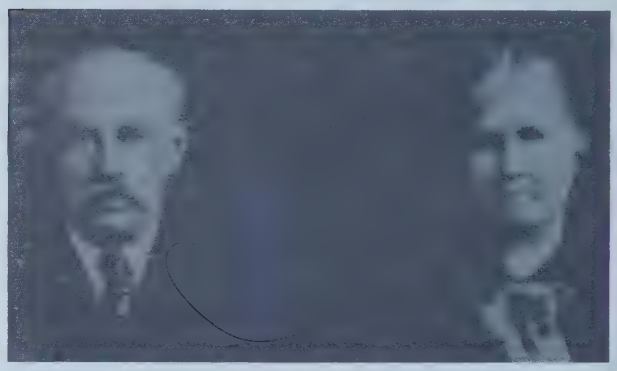
JUBA, John and Rosie

by Nick Juba

John Juba was born in 1858, in the Village of Buciw, Province of Galicia, Western Ukraine. At that time, the area was occupied by Austria. He received his public school education in the village and later served in the army for four years.

Rosie was born in 1861, in the same village. Losing her parents at a very early age, she stayed with her brother Sam Shyshlak, and obtained odd jobs here and there. Her young life was full of hardship allowing her to attend school for only three years.

In June, 1882, John and Rosie were married. John, a blacksmith by trade, took a very active part in community affairs. He also served as chairman of the village council for several years.



John and Rosie Juba, 1925

John belonged to the Village Labor Party and took active part in the election campaign when Ivan Franko was running as a member to the Austrian Parliament. At that time secret meetings were held and John was arrested and imprisoned for one month.

John and Rosie raised eight children. In 1903, they decided to sell their belongings and immigrate to Canada. Rosie's brother, John Shyshlak, was already in Canada. In March of the same year, the entire family boarded the train to Hamburg, Germany, and then sailed by ship to Halifax, Canada. From there, they travelled by train to Alberta, arriving in Strathcona on the south side of present-day Edmonton.

After two days of rest they hired a man who owned a team of horses to take them to John Shyshlak's place in the Warwick district. After staying there a few days they moved to live with Nick Yakimec, who had filed on a homestead much earlier. John went back to Edmonton and got a job with the C.P.R. at Crow's Nest Pass. Some of the older children also went to Edmonton to obtain employment.

In 1904, John filed on a homestead, SE 4-53-13-W4th. There he built a small shack and moved into his new home. Two more children were born to the family there, Nick in 1905, and Nancy in 1907. All ten children received some education but as they grew older they gradually started to move away.

Katie, the oldest, married Murmey Eaton. Mary

married William Laniuk, and Anna married John Hawirko. Alex, after working here and there, filed on a homestead in the Angle Lake district north of present-day Derwent. He married Jenny Kurpil. Jessie married Mike Sadoway. Matt married Katie Cymbaluk, and John married Josie Strychaluk. Bessie married Peter Chmilar. Nick married Anne Gusniowski, and Nancy married Leo Benoit.

In 1917, John bought another quarter section, SW 3-53-13-W4th. In 1940, John passed away at the age of 83 years. Rosie died in 1950, at the age of 90 years. They were buried in the St. Nicholas Greek Catholic Cemetery of Warwick.

JUBA, Nick and Anne

by Nick and Anne Juba

I, Nick Juba was born in 1905, on the farm, SW 4-53-13-W4th. I attended Kiew Public School. After finishing Grade VIII, I went to Vegreville High School where I finished Grade XII.

During the depression years I was not able to continue my education. I did take a 16-month course in Electrical Engineering in Calgary Technical school. However, after graduation I was unable to get a job, so I stayed on the farm with my parents.

In 1938, dad gave me one quarter section of land, SW 3-53-13-W4th. He gave my brother John his homestead in 1927.

In 1929, brother John married Josie Strychaluk and they moved to his farm. With their help, I was able to farm.

In 1940, dad passed away. In 1946, John bought more land two and one half miles north of Lavoy. In 1947, I bought John's farm and he moved to a new place north of Lavoy.

I took a very active part in community affairs. Elected as a trustee of Zaporoze School, I served in that capacity for several years. I joined United Farmers of Canada, Alberta section in 1938. In 1940, I was chosen as a delegate to the convention in Edmonton. At this convention the name of United Farmers of Canada, Alberta section, was changed to Alberta Farmers' Union. From then on, I was chosen as a delegate almost every year. I was also a director of the Union for several years. In 1952, our district organized the Rural Electric Association, and I served as a director and chairman of this association.

In 1953, I married Anne, daughter of Frank and Mary Gusniowski who farmed in the Beauvallon district. We have one son, David, who farms in Beauvallon-Myrnam district.

Anne had an unmarried brother who passed away in 1969, at the age of 52 years. Anne's mother passed away in 1970, at the age of 69 years, and her father passed away in 1975, at the age of 88 years. All of their property was transferred to my son David.

In 1974, we bought a home in Vegreville. In 1978, we left the farm and retired to Vegreville where we are presently residing. We still have our farms which we are renting out.

Nick and Anne Juba with son David, 1954

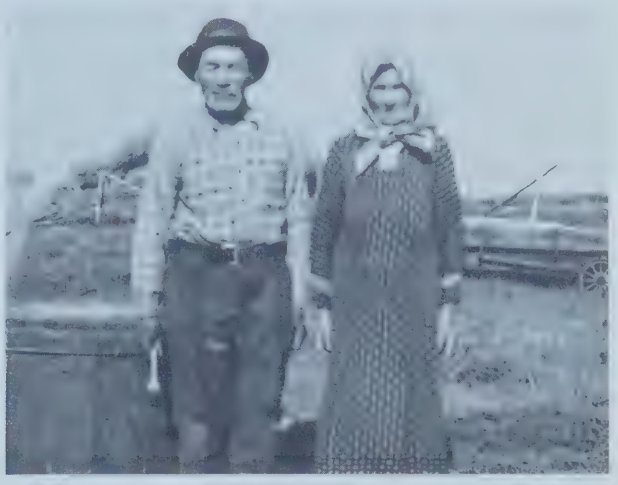
KACHMAR, Prokip and Palahia (Pearl nee Moroz)

Prokip Kachmar was born in 1873, in the Village of Swednetza, District of Yavoriv, in the Ukraine. Palahia (nee Moroz) was born in 1878, in the Village of Maniwski-Volia, District Mostiska, in the Ukraine.

Prokip, Palahia and their only son John, born in the Ukraine, immigrated to Canada in 1909. They settled in the Bruce district in Alberta, briefly, later moving to Camrose where Prokip worked as a labourer.

In 1913, the Prokip Kachmar family moved to the Musidora district where they began a mixed farming operation.

They were members of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Musidora and St. John's Institute in Edmonton. Palahia passed away in 1960, at the age of 82, and Prokip in 1968, at the age of 97.



Prokip and Palahia Kachmar, 1959

Prokip Kachmar's 92nd birthday, 1965. Front, (L to R) - Steve, Prokip and Peter Kachmar; standing - Jenny Yaremko, Margaret Dacyk, Katie Tarkowski (missing John and Mike Kachmar).

Children born to Prokip and Palahia Kachmar are: John, married Ann Grabas; Mike, married Olga Romaniuk; Katie, married Frank Tarkowski, now deceased; Margaret, married Stan Dacyk; Peter, married Ann Hrabec; Jennie, married Joe Yaremko; Steve, married Mary Duke; and Billy died during infancy.

KACHMAR, Mike and Olga (nee Romaniuk)

by Olga Kachmar and Liz Roshko

Mike was born in Camrose, Alberta, on September 18, 1911. His parents, Prokip and Palahia (nee Moroz) Kachmar, left their native Village of Swednetza, District of Yavoriw, Ukraine, in 1909. In Canada, they settled near Bruce, Alberta, and shortly after moved to Camrose.

In 1913, the family moved to the Musidora district to farm. Mike attended the Bushland School where as many as 50 children were enrolled, of whom about 20 were beginners not knowing a word of English. Gaining an education was difficult as the parents often kept the older children at home to help with farming. Mike remembers his father paying a $25. fine for not sending one of the children to school. A teacher could be persuaded, by a gift of food or an invitation to supper, to overlook the pupil's absence. The common disciplinary punishment was strapping or kneeling on pebbles and holding a "foot thick" dictionary above the head.

In 1930, Mike's parents moved to another farm leaving him to operate the homeplace. A typical working day began at 6:00 A.M. and ended after dark. Plowing was done with a sulky plow drawn by three horses. In 1933, the sulky was replaced by a gang plow drawn by four horses. Other farm machinery included a six-foot disc, harrows, a steel-wheel wagon and a seven foot binder. Mike's first tractor was a Massey-Harris 102 purchased in 1946.

On November 19, 1933, Mike married Olga, daughter of John and Annie (nee Fedechko) Romaniuk of Myrnam. Five-year-old John Romaniuk and his parents, Mihaylo and Yawdokia left their Village of Nebyliw, District of Kalush, Ukraine, in 1892, and immigrated to Canada settling for the ensuing six years in Manitoba. For six winters, John attended a German school. In 1907, the Romaniuks moved to Chipman and later to Myrnam where they faced the rigors of pioneer farming. During the evenings and on Sundays, John continued to educate himself by reading many books. Before long, he could read and write in Ukrainian, English and German. He often wrote articles to the "Canadian Farmer" and "Ukrainian Voice" newspapers. His article "Scoff Not at God" appeared in the C.P.R Almanac of the "Ukrainian Voice" paper in 1942.

John and Annie Romaniuk, 1939

Olga's mother, Annie, was born in the Village of Rahdovinci, District of Sokal, Western Ukraine. Annie and her parents immigrated to Canada in 1907, and settled in the Derwent district.

When Olga enrolled in the Krasnahora School, she could read and write in Ukrainian which was taught at home by her father. She attended school and completed Grade VI. After leaving school she helped at home and babysat neighbors' children receiving no remuneration.

Olga has a twin sister, Justine Tarkowski. Other sisters include: Mary (died at two years of age); Nancy (married Peter Chanasyk); Stella (married to Steve Palichuk) died in 1973; Emily (married Walter Bochon); and Pauline (married Nick Nadurak). Brothers include: Mike (married Sadie Romanow); William (married Kay Podilchuk); Peter (passed away in 1948); and Merlin

Mike and Olga Kachmar, 1936

(married Nancy Rohatynski). Olga's mother, Annie, passed away May 16, 1960, at 67 years of age. Her father, John, died on October 19, 1968, at the age of 81.

Mike and Olga commenced farming during the Great Depression years when wheat sold at 17 cents a bushel and hogs at 1 1/2 cents a pound. Cattle prices were $5. for a cow and $10. for a good steer. To supplement his farm income, Mike trapped muskrats and weasels and hunted coyotes. Muskrat pelts sold at $1.; weasel at $5.; and coyote at $10. to $25. each. He also obtained tenders to supply split wood to schools at $3. a cord. Mike had a knack for carpentry and was often hired to work at $1.25 per day. By 1950, the young couple was able to purchase a tractor, a threshing machine, a car, some power equipment, and in 1960, a self-propelled combine.

As early as 1935, Kachmars purchased a battery-operated radio. Their favourite radio program was "You Guessed It" and "Wilf Carter". To be in touch with local and world affairs, Mike and Olga subscribed to the "Western Producer", "Ukrainian Farmer", "Ukrainian Voice" and "Winnipeg Free Press" newspapers. Sundays and holidays were religiously observed. Often the young couple walked five to ten miles to dances and other recreation functions.

Mike and Olga's first home was a two-room, straw-thatched and mud-plastered structure. In 1942, the home was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. A new, more modern four-room house with a porch was built. Rural electrification came into the district in 1959, and the family began to enjoy the conveniences of electricity.

During the depression and drought years the family's food was home-grown and homemade. The main source of meat was pork and wild fowl. The outdoor mud-plastered "Peech" (oven) was used to bake bread and other foods.

The first ten years of Mike's and Olga's married life were dedicated exclusively to farming. In 1944, Mike began to take an active part in community affairs. He was an original founder and carpenter in building the Ivan Kotlarewski Educational Society hall in Musidora. Mike served for 19 years as president and for four years as vice-president of the Musidora Ukrainian Orthodox Church and hall. Interested in federal, provincial and municipal politics, he often speaks of the Social Credit 1935 promise of $25. Mike remembers when municipal and school taxes were $13. per quarter of land. Ratepayers could not pay them in cash and had to work on road construction with a two-horse team at $2.50 a day, or $4. with a team of four horses. As foreman, Mike received $3. a day.

Olga's first obligation was to maintain the home and help her husband on the farm. On many occasions she would pack her three children in a box and take them into the field where she picked rocks or stooked grain. In 1944, Olga organized the Ukrainian Women's Association in Musidora and served on its executive as president and secretary for 16 years. She subscribes to the women's magazine "Promin" and occasionally submits articles for publication.

The Kachmar family was also instrumental in assisting a displaced family from Germany. During the war, Maria Olshewski saw her husband murdered by Russians. Maria was left with her children, Olga, Victor and Sonya. Olga immigrated to Canada but the rest of the family was left displaced in Germany. Olga, through her friend, Emily (nee Elkow) Serna of Musidora contacted Mike and Olga Kachmar who sponsored the family to Canada. In 1946, Mike and Olga signed an affidavit assuming legal and financial responsibility for the Olshewski family who settled in Calgary. Maria Olshewski married Stephen Szpaler. They are now retired and the two children have prominent businesses and university education. Mike and Olga are happy to have helped.

In 1973, after farming for 40 years under difficult and often disheartening circumstances, Mike and Olga retired to Two Hills where they joined and are active members of the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Olga joined the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association, Lesia Ukrainka Branch and is presently on its executive. They are also members of the St. John's Institute in Edmonton. In 1983, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mike and Olga are blessed with three children: Marshall, Elizabeth and Stephanie who attended Franko School and Two Hills High School.

Marshall, born on November 1, 1937, farmed with his parents and later attended University of Alberta, where

Mike Kachmar's 70th birthday, September, 1981. (L to R) - Liz and John Roshko, Marshall and June Kachmar, Stephanie and Dr. Joe Pochynok.

he registered in the Faculty of Engineering. He married June Pundick on November 4, 1961. They have four children: Denise, Darlene, Michael and Jolene. Marshall was production manager of Amoco Canada in Swan Hills, Alberta, and transferred to Elk Point in 1984, where he holds the same position. June was post office clerk in Swan Hills.

Elizabeth (Liz), born August 13, 1939, attended McTavish Business College. She married John Roshko on November 1, 1958. They have three children: Michael, Steven and Kevin, and two grandchildren. Michael married Cindy Witwicky and they have two children. Both are employed in Edmonton. Steven married Debbie Marchak and is a machinist for Dreco in Edmonton. Kevin is in Grade VII. Elizabeth and John live in Smoky Lake where Liz is a computer operator and John is principal of the H.A. Kostash High School.

Stephanie, born on May 5, 1941, enrolled in nurse training at University of Alberta. She married Dr. Joe Pochynok on January 16, 1965. They have two children. Gordon is attending university and Gerald is in high school. Stephanie and Joe reside in Edmonton where Stephanie works with the public schools while Joe is engaged in dental practice.

Olga and Mike Kachmar and grandchildren, 1981. Seated, (L to R) - Olga, Jolene and Mike Kachmar; standing - Darlene Kachmar, Jerry Pochynok, Cindy, Michael and Steven Roshko, Denise Kachmar, Gordon Pochynok, Michael Kachmar, and Kevin Roshko.

KACHMAR, John and Anna (nee Grabas)

John Kachmar was born September 27, 1906, in the Halychina region of the Western Ukraine. In 1909, when he was only three years of age he immigrated to Canada with his parents. The family landed in Halifax, then travelled across Canada, settling in Bruce, Alberta. After living there for a short time, John moved his family to a farm near Musidora.

Annie Opalynski, John and Mary Kachmar, circa 1925

In 1923, at the age of 16, he worked on a railway at Pocahontas, near Jasper, Alberta. Wages at the time were 35¢ an hour, and John worked ten hours a day. Restaurant meals were 20¢. From 1926 to 1927, John laboured as a farmhand near Edmonton. On November 22, 1931, John and Anna Grabas were married by Reverend Kamenetsky at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Buchach.

Anna Grabas was born November 23, 1912, in Kalnykiv, Western Ukraine. In September, 1924, at age 12, she immigrated to Canada with her mother. They arrived in Halifax, then travelled by train to Innisfree where they were met by the Pasieka family. After attending school for three years, Anna worked as a maid in the Innisfree area.

John and Anna farmed at Musidora where they raised three children: Olia, born on August 11, 1933; John born on November 10, 1936; and Eugene born on November 23, 1946. All of the children attended Franko School and completed their schooling at Two Hills High School.

Olia took a stenography course at McTavish Business College, then worked for the Department of Highways in Edmonton. On September 21, 1953, she married John Krewusik of Two Hills. They have four children: Stephen, Patricia, Sylvia, and Terry all living in Edmonton.

John and Anne Kachmar Family, 1963. (L to R) - Olia, Anne, John Sr., John Jr., and Eugene.

Peter and Anne Kachmar family, 1954. (L to R) - Peter, James (Jim), Pat, Carol and Anne.

After completing high school, John attended McTavish College. In 1957, he moved to Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, where he worked for Giant Gold Mines.

On April 20, 1963, he married Anne Byrne, a school teacher from Newfoundland. At present, they reside in Georgetown, Ontario. John is employed as vice-president of finance for Dickenson Group of companies, in Toronto. They have one daughter, Barbara, who is attending University in Toronto.

Eugene attended Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton. On July 10, 1971, he married Mavis Serediak, a school teacher from Hairy Hill area. At present, they are living on a farm in Spirit River where Eugene is employed with Bawden Drilling. They have two sons, Trevor and Tyler, attending elementary school in Spirit River.

John and Anna farmed at Musidora, for 40 years before moving to Two Hills in 1972. They were involved in community work there. Both are members of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Musidora and in Two Hills. They belong to the Senior Citizens Club in Two Hills, and the Shandro Pioneer Museum.

KACHMAR, Peter and Anne (nee Hrabec)

by Anne Kachmar

I, Anne Kachmar, the oldest child of Nick A. and Pauline Hrabec, was born and raised on a farm, near Myrnam. My family consisted of my sister, Mary A. Saruk, and three brothers: Andy, Peter N., and Paul.

We attended the one-room Bohdan School, where as many as 40 children, ranging from Grades I to IX, were taught. Ukrainian reading and writing were offered after regular school hours. The same teacher also taught music and offered musical instrument lessons.

During the two-month summer vacation period, catechism, Ukrainian reading and writing, various types of craftwork, were taught by two nuns. The children accomplished much throughout these two months, thanks to the kindness and teachings of the nuns.

In 1940, Peter Kachmar bought 160 acres of C.P.R. land, NW 3-54-11-W4th, which consisted of bush, for $400. About four years later, he purchased a quarter section from Bill Delawski, (NW 12-54-12-W4th) where most of the buildings had thatched roofs. There was an older house built in 1920, in which we never lived. A newer one was built in 1942. Both had cedar shingle roofs.

In 1945, Peter and I were married. Prior to that time, Peter lived on a farm with his parents, Prokip and Pashka (Palahia) Kachmar, approximately five miles south of Musidora. Peter had four brothers and three sisters: John, Mike, Steve, and Billy (who passed away as a small child); Katie Tarkowski, Margaret Dacyk, and Jennie Yaremko.

At the age of 18, Peter found work at Baldwinton, Saskatchewan. The pay was a mere $4. a day, but room and board was included.

We purchased a quarter section from Steve Lysakowski in 1961, and another one from Mrs. Lysakowski in 1967. At first, most of the field work was done by horse-drawn machinery. In 1940, Peter and his brother Steve bought an Allis Chalmer tractor and a 28 inch Case threshing machine from John Topichka. Later, he purchased the Massey Harris 44 and the farm machinery was upgraded accordingly.

Peter constructed several thatched roofs, and still remembers the technique involved. He did much of the carpentry work in the district, while I did the farm chores and looked after the children. Over the years, Peter became a man of all trades. He was able to repair most of the machinery himself as well as to weld parts if required.

In 1947, we bought our first car, a 1942 Pontiac. However, it wasn't until 1951, when our oldest child, Jim, started school, that roads were cleared in the winter to enable accessibility for the school bus.

In June, 1959, with the help of a shovel, a pick, a lot of hard work, and determination, we dug our way through a small opening under the house, to a 24 x 30 foot hole, which would later become our basement. We then cemented the floor and constructed concrete walls. All of the concrete was mixed by hand. A water cistern, nine by twelve feet was built. Now we had softwater without

Peter and Anne Kachmar family, 1980. Back row, (L to R) - Elaine, James, Carol, Pat, and Don Coley; front row - Christopher, Anne holding Curtis, Peter and Jamie Kachmar.

having to melt snow.

The next exciting moment came in 1960, when electricity was installed. That meant we no longer had to use a wood burning stove. Oh what a treat!

In 1960, Peter's dad, Prokip Kachmar, who was 86, moved in with us. He passed away at the age of 96.

In 1962, Peter and our son Jim installed waterworks, enabling us to have running water and indoor plumbing in our home. In 1965, our dreams of owning a combine were fulfilled, and in 1967, a telephone was installed in our house.

In 1972, a decision was made to retire and we bought a lot for $100. in Two Hills. However, it wasn't until 1980, that we actually moved from the farm and lived in our house in town.

From 1978 to 1982, I was employed by the Two Hills Eagle View Nursing Home as an activity aide. Looking after Peter's dad in earlier years was a definite asset in my new employment.

We were blessed with three children: Jim, Pat, and Carol.

Jim married Elaine Hawreliuk in 1967. They have three sons: James, Christopher, and Curtis. Jim is employed by Dillingham Corporation.

Pat married Don Coley in 1977, and they have been blessed with a son, Ryan Lee. Pat is employed at the Edmonton Journal.

Carol is employed by Royal Rubber Stamp Company.

All of our children currently live in Sherwood Park.

Peter and I still farm our land, which is surrounded by the Hutterite Brethren colony.

Farming has always been a gamble and always will be but Peter and I have found it to be both challenging and fulfilling. We worked very hard, but it was all worthwhile.

KACHMAR, William and Sophia (nee Koreniowski)

William, son of Stefan and Frozina (nee Pawlik) Kachmar, was born in the Village of Tuchla, District of Yaroslaw, Ukraine. As a young man, he worked hard to help his parents raise the family of 12 children. After serving in World War I, he married Sophia Koreniowski, on February 12, 1918.

Sophia, daughter of Alexius and Catherine (nee Fijalek), was born in the Village of Miekisz Novyj, District of Yaroslaw, Ukraine. William and Sophia were blessed with four children: Mary, Anne and George born in the Ukraine, and Olga in New Kiew, Alberta. To raise his first three children, William decided to immigrate to Canada where, according to reports, there were opportunities for a better future.

On June 28, 1928, William's two sisters, already in Canada, sponsored him. On July 7, 1928, bidding farewell to his wife and three children, he sailed from Danzig on the SS Baltonia ship, arriving in London, England, on July 10. In London, he boarded the ship Auronia and arrived in Quebec on July 22.

On the way to Leduc, William and his friend experienced a humorous incident. William's fare showed Leduc, "Alberta," while his friend's read Leduc, "Alta." At Leduc, William got up to leave but his friend remained in the seat, prepared to continue his journey to Leduc, Alta. The conductor clarified the misunderstanding.

Alex and Maria Killick (William's sister), Sophia and William Kachmar, 1936

William's sister, married to John Klimosko, farmed near Leduc. It was here that William stayed for a short time, then went to work for his other brother-in-law, Alex Killick, eight miles southwest of Two Hills. During the ensuing one and a half years, William earned enough money to bring his family to Canada and to buy a 12 by 14 foot granary, for a house, which he moved to Alex Killick's farm. He also purchased a cow and calf.

On January 14, 1930, Sophia and the children left for Lviv to be examined for the journey to Canada. Because doctors demanded $10., which she could not pay, he scratched their eyelids to make it look like trachoma and sent them home. In due time William instructed Sophia to go to Danzig. Here, the doctors approved their passports and on August 7, 1930, the family sailed on the SS Metagama ship to London. On August 14, they sailed from Southampton to Quebec, arriving there on August 22. During the ocean trip, Sophia was seasick. The

William and Sophia Kachmar with their four children, two sons-in-law, and some of their grandchildren, 1956

children thought she might die and they may never see their dad again. Their trip from Quebec to Vegreville was almost uneventful. In Montreal, the family stepped off the train barefooted. A little girl, standing close by and having compassion for the barefooted family, gave Annie's five-year-old brother, George, 25¢.

At Vegreville, Sophia and the children were greeted, with tears and laughter, by William and Mr. Hladky, a neighbor. After breakfast, the family travelled 26 miles to Hladkys for a lovely dinner. That same day, they drove to Alex and Mary Killicks for supper, where Sophia finally saw their granary house. In it there were two beds, a table, chairs and a stove. The family boarded at Killicks for one week and then moved to their own home.

On Sunday the family walked five miles to the New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Church where they were greeted very kindly. The children attended the Wolia School where Mr. Robert McQuillan was the teacher.

Shortly, William bought a team of horses and a wagon. He also rented a farm close to the Kiew Holy Ascension Ukrainian Catholic Church. In the summer, the children went to school by walking or riding on horseback and in the winter they were conveyed by cutter.

The log, mud-plastered and whitewashed house on the rented land was bigger and more comfortable. It was here that Sophia, attended by a midwife, gave birth to her youngest child, Olga.

Sophia and William Kachmar with their grandchildren, 1960

In 1936, William purchased the SE 26-53-13-W4th, two miles from the church and one and a half miles from Krasne School. That same year, the family built a two-room house with the help of Nick Karpliuk, as carpenter. In five years the family had 89 acres under cultivation, growing grain, raising cattle and hogs. Later, William purchased another quarter, NE 26-53-13-W4th.

Years that followed brought contentment and happiness. The neighbors were cooperative in helping one another. Kachmars became members of the New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Church and hall and sang in the church and concert choirs. They participated in plays and dramas and attended Christmas concerts, pie and basket socials and amateur nights. In summer, berry and mushroom picking was very enjoyable.

In 1942, William purchased his first Whippet car. Anne was its first driver. William tried driving once, but, after nearly taking off one corner of the house, he gave up.

During the family's years of farming, they experienced two set-backs. Once when threshing 1100 bushels of wheat from a summerfallowed rented land, the farmer paid him only $40., as his share. The other set-back occurred when his crops were hailed out 100%. There were times when William was tempted to apply for welfare, but as long as he could work, he felt it was his duty to support his family. He was thankful for being in Canada where there was freedom and an abundance of food.

In 1956, William and Sophia retired to Two Hills where they built a small house. They left the farm to their son, George. Because pension cheques were insufficient, George and Anne supplied them with cream, eggs, milk and meat.

In 1964, Sophia suffered a stroke and passed away in 1969. In 1966, William also had a stroke, followed by another six months later. He passed away in 1968. The children are thankful for their parents' guidance and pray that God may find a place for them in His Heavenly Home.

KACHMAR, George and Ina (nee Gushnowski)

In 1930, George immigrated to Canada with his parents who came from the Yaroslaw district in the Western Ukraine-Poland at that time. The family settled at their uncle Alex Killick's place near Wolia School. Two years later the family moved to the New Kiew district where George and the family farmed for many years. For a couple of years, George went to New Kiew School, then to Krasne and later to Two Hills, where he finished Grade XI. In 1942, George left school and farmed with his dad on SE 26-53-13-W4th. In 1956, he married Ina Gushnowski of Plain Lake. Reverend Fathers Hanushewsky and Tarnawski performed the marriage ceremony.

During the 20 years of farming the couple faced many risks. There were hailstorms and droughts that demolished the crops completely. They lost many livestock because of diseases.

George and Ina were and still are active in community

Kachmar family 1982. Seated, (L to R) - Ina and George Kachmar; standing - Kenny, Debbie and Terry Kachmar.

clubs. During his boyhood, George took part in many dramas and comedy plays. He travelled to other towns and performed in three-hour plays. George also sang in the New Kiew and Two Hills choirs. He served on many executive positions with the different organizations. George was a director of the Lavoy Electric Association, President of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and Hall at New Kiew, President of the Catholic Parish in Two Hills, past President and treasurer for the Lion's Club and Agricultural Society, director for the Lion's Eventide Homes and councillor for the Town of Two Hills.

Ina has been a secretary treasurer for the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League and took many parts in plays and concerts while at school. Today, Ina and George are still active in many clubs and enjoy singing in church during service.

In 1975, the Kachmar family sold their farm belongings and moved to Two Hills. Since then, George has been working for the County of Two Hills as school maintenance man while Ina works for the Two Hills Municipal Hospital.

George and Ina were blessed with three children: Kenny, Terry, and Debbie.

Kenny, the oldest son, attended and graduated from the Two Hills High School. At the age of seven, Ken joined the Two Hills Ukrainian Dancers. Ten years later, Ken began his own dance instructing career. In 1976, Ken joined the Cheremosh Ukrainian Dancing Ensemble in Edmonton. Today he is instructing seven Ukrainian dance groups in Northeastern Alberta.

Terry, the second youngest, also attended Two Hills High School and Vegreville Composite High. After a short career in carpentry, he found employment with Tuboscope, an Amercian oil line company.

Debbie, the youngest and only daughter, is finishing her Grade XII at Two Hills High School and is also active in Ukrainian dancing. At present she is a member of the Two Hills Ukrainian dancers and the Sopilka Dance Ensemble of Vegreville.

KERELUIK, Dan (Dizio) and Lisavata

by Peter D. Keryluk

Dan was born in 1891, to Peter and Marafta Kyryluk in Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine. He attended school in the Ukraine but on arrival in Canada he was amazed to discover that he didn't have to attend school.

Dan helped his father clear the homesteads that were purchased. When he was old enough he worked at Swift's packing plant in Edmonton, and later received recognition for his many years of service. He also worked in clearing the Frank slide.

Dan married Lisavata Kormysh in 1912. Lisavata (Elizabeth) came to Canada in 1911, with another group of Sypynci settlers. They homesteaded on the SE 2-56-13-W4th, and expanded their land base, raised horses, cattle, and pigs. Dan bought his first car, a Chevrolet Touring in 1926. Grain was hauled by sleigh to Vegreville, a distance of 26 miles, usually a two-day return trip. On return trips freight was hauled to local stores. On one occasion on his return trip home, he was assailed by a couple of thugs. He grabbed a logging chain and swinging it in a large arc, soon discouraged them. When filling a car lot, the neighbors helped one another. Often four horses were used to pull through the tough spots. The hardships ended when the C.P.R. built a railroad through Kaleland and Two Hills in 1927.

Dan had a great sense of humor. One day after unloading a load of grain at Two Hills elevator, he was asked by the agent what his name was. Thinking that the agent knew who he was from previous grain deliveries, he jokingly said 'Billy Bossack'. The agent, not being Ukrainian, made the check out accordingly. When Dan went for supplies at Jacob Olinyk's store, there was much laughter.

Elizabeth and Dan Kereluik, 1958

Dan was kind-hearted as well, and never turned anyone away who was hungry or in need of help. He disliked politics but believed in good government. When he bought his first Cockshutt drill all the less fortunate could use it, just for the asking.

An original founding member of the Alberta Wheat Pool, Dan was also an active member of the Szypenitz Greek-Orthodox Church. Brick for their church was hauled by team from Vegreville.

During winter he loved going north for timber or tamarac posts, a trip that took four days. Most of the lumber that was needed for building was bought this way.

Dan (Dizio) Kereluik's children, 1981. Standing, (L to R) - Margaret (Pawliuk), Peter, Anne (Buckley) Jenny (Kansky), Moses; seated - Mrs. Annie Gordichuk (sister to Dan), Dan and Andrew. (Missing is David and Marie).

Elizabeth and Dan had eight children: Andrew, Jenny, Margaret, David, Moses, Anne, Peter and Marie.

Andrew, the eldest child, was born in 1913. He attended Szypenitz School from Grades I to X, and then Two Hills High School. Andrew married Rose Petruik of Bellis and farmed at Duvernay, Bellis, Kaleland and Willingdon. In 1950, he was involved in the logging industry on the west coast. After his divorce he remained on Queen Charlotte Island until his retirement in 1980. He now makes his home in Andrew. Andrew and Rose had four children: Norman, Cecil, Tennessee and Liane.

Jenny graduated from the Two Hills High School and worked in Yellowknife. She married John Kansky of Winnipeg who was in the armed forces during World War II. They had three children: Bob, Marylyn and Danny and made their home in Edmonton. John died in 1983.

Margaret married William Pawliuk of Kaleland. (See William Pawliuk history).

David served in the navy during World War II. He married Doreen Hippensteele of Vancouver. Through the Veteran's Land Act he purchased the original homestead, and farmed for 14 years. He then moved to Edmonton and later to Kelowna. Vincent, Benny, Dennis, Errol and Bonnie are their children.

Moses married Lynn Billey of Willingdon. After farming for a few years, he went in to the trucking business in Edmonton, known as Kereliuk's Transport. After selling the business, Moses is semi-retired. Three children: Dianne, Kenneth and Maurice (deceased 1958), were born to Moses and Lynn.

Anne took her schooling in Szypenitz and ventured to Yellowknife for employment. She married Lloyd Bonnyman and had two children, Ross and Linda. Widowed in 1950, Anne remarried Harold Buckley of Peace River. Harold was employed with Geophysical Service International which took them to Iran, Australia and Libya. They later made their home in Calgary when schooling became a problem. They had three children: Tevie, Frank and Elizabeth.

Peter (See Peter D. Keryluk history).

Marie, the youngest in the family, attended public school in Szypenitz and high school in Two Hills. After attending Alberta College, she worked as a secretary. Marie married an American, John Farrell (deceased) and makes her home in New York,

Elizabeth passed away in 1961. Dan lived alone until 1972, and then resided with his youngest son, Peter, for seven years. His last two years were spent in the Eagleview Nursing Home where he passed away at the age of 90, on April 29, 1981.

KERYLUK, Peter D. and Zenovia (nee Karbashewski)

by Zenovia Keryluk

Peter, the youngest son of Dan and Lisavata Kereluik, was born March 21, 1923. He obtained his primary grades in Szypenitz and his high school in Two Hills. Then he ventured to Yellowknife, and worked as a "flunky" in a mess hall for Consolidated Mining and Smelting. Kitchen experience proved invaluable to him as his wife was employed and he had to share in the house chores.

Peter and Zenovia Keryluk, 1948

During the war years, Peter helped his father on the farm, and in winter he found employment in the coal-mines at Fernie, and the sawmills on the west coast. After the war he was employed with Trans American Mining Corporation, N.W.T. where he mushed dogs while prospecting and staking claims. He also worked on the Snare River power project.

Peter and Zenovia were married in Kaleland Church on August 8, 1948, by Reverend Chrustawka. Because they had no buildings on their land they lived in various places while farming. In 1950, they moved to Holberg, B.C. where Peter was employed as a cat skinner. They lived on a floating log camp and it was mandatory for children to have life jackets when out of the house.

Their third child, Arlene, was born in Port Alice, a small community a short way by boat from Holberg. In 1953, they returned to farm, when the company Peter worked for closed down operation. Peter then purchased a truck and worked with his brother Moses, from 1956-58. He worked on the D.E.W. (Distant Early Warning) line in the Arctic, and with the extra money earned was able to buy more land and build a barn. Whenever money reserves were low he easily found a job on road construction for the County of Two Hills.

In 1967, after a lengthy stay at home, Peter found employment on the Hinton Resource Railway to Grand Cache. After, he devoted his full time to farming, which included dairy farming for seven years.

In 1972, Zenovia decided to enroll in nurse training at Grant MacEwan College since that was her lifelong ambition before she was married. Two years later Zenovia and Arlene, her oldest daughter, graduated at the same time with a diploma in the nursing program. Since then Zenovia has been able to get her B.Sc. in Nursing through the University of Alberta.

Peter and Zenovia raised nine children:

Gerald, born in 1950, graduated from Two Hills High in 1967 and received the Hotelmen's Association Honor Award. In 1971 he received an honors Science degree from the University of Alberta and is now employed by the Federal Research Station in Lethbridge. Gerald married Ruth Scott from England, and they have two boys, John-James and Andrew-Peter Dizio.

James, born in 1951, graduated from Two Hills High School and joined the workforce in Thompson, Manitoba. After obtaining his telecommunication radio license, he moved to Dauphin, Manitoba, where he is employed by the R.C.M.P. Dauphin sub-division. He married Carolyn Nickiforuk of Two Hills. They have one son, Christian.

Arlene, born in 1953, graduated from Two Hills High School and attended the University of Alberta in Home Economics. She received her diploma in nursing from Grant MacEwan College in 1974. Arlene married Gene Wolkowycki of Ft. McLeod. The Wolkowyckis have four boys, Kevin, Joel, and twins David and Phillip.

Myrna, born in 1955, married Lawrence Sapach of Swan River, Manitoba. She graduated from Two Hills High School and worked in a bank. After being divorced she remarried Darrell Drouin of St. Paul. They have two boys, Reid and Neil.

Lana, born in 1958, graduated from Two Hills High School and took the diploma nursing program at Grant MacEwan. She married Rodney Boida, and they have a daughter, Lindsey.

Peter D. Keryluk family at Lana's wedding, 1982. Standing, (L to R) - Christine, Brent, Arlene, Gerald, Tracy, Glenn, Lana, James, Peter, Zenovia and Myrna.

Brent, who was born in 1961, graduated from Two Hills High School and is enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Alberta.

Christine, born in 1964, graduated from Two Hills High School and enrolled in the University of Alberta dental hygiene program. She is presently working in Lethbridge.

Glenn, born in 1966, graduated from Two Hills High School in 1984. He received the Rutherford Scholarship and the Joe Harasym Memorial Scholarship for his high academic standing and is currently enrolled at the University of Alberta in pre-dentistry.

Tracy was born in 1970 and is presently attending the Two Hills High School.

KERYLUK, Ostafy and Odokia
KERYLUK, Petro (Peter) and Marafta

by Peter D. Keryluk

At the turn of the century, four sons and two daughters, children of Ostafy and Odokia Keryluk left their homeland to build a new life in Canada. The sons,

Pictured above from (L to R) - Nick Ropchan, Mary Mandryk, Veronia in checkered dress, Maria Lazaruk in black shawl, and Martha Ruptash, 1927.

Petro (Peter), Teofil (Tom), Anton and Hryhory (Harry), and the daughters, Veronia and Maria were born in the District of Shypynci in Bukovina, Ukraine. Aristocratic oppression in the old country was no longer tolerable and the promise of a 160-acre farm for $10. was too hard to resist.

Tom immigrated to Canada with the Lutzak family and married one of their daughters in 1900. A year later, Peter (my grandfather) along with his wife and children, Anton together with his wife and children, Veronia and her husband, Wasyl Wynnychuk and three children, and Maria (single) sailed from Hamburg, Germany. Harry, the youngest son, along with his mother (Odokia) arrived in 1902. Ostafy, the father, and the eldest daughter, Irene who was married to a Saleha, stayed behind.

Grandfather (Peter) who was the eldest in the family, was born in 1863 and died in 1944. He married Marafta Boychuk who was born in 1875 and died in 1913. They emigrated with six children: Parakhtey, born in 1884; Maria, 1888; Dizio (my father), 1891; Kalyna, 1894; and Nick in 1897. Their baby, one-year old Elia, died enroute to Canada. Being of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox faith, it was terrible to see the baby buried at sea. Another daughter Anne was born in Canada, in 1904, and married John Gorgichuk. The Kyryluk surname has several name variations: Kereliuk, Keryluke, Kereluk and Kerluck.

Petro Keryluk and wife Mrs. Gorgichuk, 1930

After landing in Halifax, the family boarded a train for a ten-day trip to Edmonton. According to my grandfather, the train had a lengthy stop in Winnipeg, and the immigrants gathered firewood for a bon-fire. With the few utensils and staple foods, they cooked up a hot, delicious meal. This ingenuity amazed the train crew and some other passengers.

At Edmonton, the families were helped by other settlers, who were travelling by oxen to Wostok. A Nemirsky family supplied accommodation and directed the immigrants to their homesteads. Peter's first homestead was NW 34-55-13-W4th where he lived in a "Burdei" (sod house) for several years before he built a log house. He purchased two other homesteads, one for Parakhtey, NW 24-55-13-W4th, and the one I live on presently, SE 2-56-13-W4th, for my father. Unfortunately, Parakhtey died in 1910, enroute to Vegreville hospital after his feet were cut off by a binder

Anton Keryluk, 1925

from a run-away yoke of oxen.

The Keryluks and close relatives settled in close proximity of each other. This formed a block of immigrants who came from the same general area in the Ukraine, thus naming the district Szypenitz.

The first ten years of pioneer life were devoted primarily to clearing land and providing food and shelter. During the winter months, like many of the men-folk immigrants, Peter and Teofil walked to Edmonton seeking employment on railroads and in southern Alberta and B.C. mines.

Transportation was a problem. Supplies from Edmonton were often loaded on wooden-slab rafts, and floated down the North Saskatchewan River to Ispas, then named South Bend. My grandfather brought his breaking plow in this manner. A return trip took over a week.

Grandmother died at the early age of 38 leaving Grandfather Peter with a nine-year-old daughter Anne, and sixteen-year-old son Nick. Anne (Gorgichuk) spent a lot of time baby-sitting for my parents.

After living alone for many years, Peter married a widow, Mrs. Gorgichuk from Willingdon, who lived with him until her death, 20 years later. Peter lived alone until his death in 1944.

Peter was a devoted member of Szypenitz Church and served as caretaker for many years without pay. Being a peaceful man, he was often called by relatives to settle family feuds.

Maria - the oldest daughter of Peter was born in 1888, in the Ukraine. She married a neighbor, Peter Taschuk, in 1903. They had six children: Jenny, Lena, Alice and Baby Maria, all died in childhood. Son John became a school teacher and married Hazel Preston. They had two girls, Nova and Iris. Nova married Dominice Chomel of Toronto and lives there. Iris married Emelio Gioia of New York where she resides. Elia, also a school teacher, married Carolina Fraser. Elia died in 1980. Maria was institutionalized for many years and died in the forties.

Kalyna - born in 1894, daughter of Peter and Marafta, was seven years old when she arrived in Canada. She married Dick Mickalyk of Glendon. They had nine children: Matilda, (deceased); George, Metro and Alec of Glendon; Elizabeth Krawchuk, (deceased); Peter of Edmonton; John of Bonnyville; Rose Brunton of

Calgary; and Richard of Leduc.

Maria - daughter of Ostafy and Odokia, was born in 1883. She came to Canada in 1901, with her two brothers, Petro and Anton and sister Veronia. She worked for Cy Richardson, a rancher in the Whitford-Vegreville area for $4. a month. In 1904, she married Nicholai (Nick) Lazaruk of Soda Lake. They had 12 children. Metro (deceased) married Mary Eliuk; Elizabeth married John A. Tkachuk; Tom (deceased) married Mary Kinasewich; Paul (deceased) married Anne Cherniwchan; Bill married Lili Margaret Priestly; John (deceased) married Kay Moroz; Anne married to William Strynadka; Vera was wed to Harry Stinson; Dick married Jean Predon; Myrtle was wed to Steve Charuk; Nora to Tom Smith; and Rose to Wallace Murray. Maria passed away in 1973.

Veronia - was born to Ostafy and Odokia in 1872 in the district of Shypynci in the Ukraine. She married Wasyl Wennechuk and had three children, Marafta, Metro and Jenny, before coming to Canada. Veronia, along with her children sailed to Canada with her brothers Petro and Anton and her sister Maria. Her husband Wasyl had left the Ukraine earlier and ended up in Argentina. He later joined her in Canada. They settled on their homestead, NE 28-55-13-W4th, where their fourth child, Mary, was born. Wasyl died in 1905 and was the first person buried in the Szypenitz Cemetery.

Veronia was a mid-wife, and delivered many children in the district. She also was a cook, and catered to weddings and "Khrams" (holiday celebrations). She died in 1937.

Marafta (Martha) born 1893, in the Ukraine, married Wm. O. Ruptash. They had six children, Mary (deceased), Anne (deceased), Mike, Alex, Sam, and Irene (deceased).

Metro - 1895-1974, married Mary Ursuliak on November 22, 1919, and took over the homestead from his mother. They had nine children: Martha deceased (1980), Pearl, Bill, Ann (1924-1926), Rosie, George (deceased 1981), Mike, Evelyn, and Gloria.

Jenny (1899-1927) married Nick Ropchan and they had two sons, Metro and Bill.

Mary of Edmonton was born in 1905, married Alex Mandryk who operated Mandryk Brothers store in Hairy Hill. They had five children: George, Mike, Harry, Mary, and Nick.

Metro and Mary Wennechuk and children, 1938. Back row, (L to R) - Pearl (Kopiak), Bill, Martha (Ropchan); middle row - Metro Gloria, and Mary holding baby Evelyn; front row - George and Mike.

KERYLUKE, Nick and Frozina

by Martha Ursuliak

Nick, son of Peter and Marafta, was born May 3, 1897. He married Frozina Fedoruk on August 26, 1916, and farmed on the original homestead, NW 34-55-13-W4th. They had nine children: Martha, Peter, Manoly, Sylvester (deceased in childhood), Marion, Sophie, Sylvester, Natalka and Donald.

Martha was born November 17, 1917, and married on October 28, 1934, in Szypenitz Church to Steve, the youngest son of Nicholas Ursuliak. We lived on the homestead of Steve's dad until the spring of 1940. Then we moved to my dad's farm as the homestead was given up.

Steve and I enjoyed farming, but due to poor farming prices, we sold our belongings and moved to Vernon in 1942. In 1955, we moved to Edmonton. We have seven children. Sonya was born on June 14, 1935, and married Bill Baziw in 1954. They have three children: Dean, Murray and Bradley. Lori, the eldest daughter passed away in 1960.

Marjorie of Nanaimo was born November 30, 1936, and married Ron Marshall. They have three married daughters and one son, Terry.

Allan, born May 9, 1938, married Joan Morris of Edmonton and they have three children: Andrea, David and Neil.

Terry, born February 4, 1940, married Gloria Stashkiw. He died December 1, 1965, when an offshore drilling rig capsized in the South China Sea.

Ron, born June 4, 1941, married Vernice Lopinski of Cudworth, Saskatchewan. They have two children, Karen and Gary.

Nick and Rosie Keryluke, 1952

William John, born September 10, 1948, married Joey Sywenky and raised three children: Lea, John and Ron. After a divorce, he married Darlene Dowhaniuk.

Debbie of Edmonton was born December 18, 1953, and married Branko Marentic. They have two children, Lana and Kyle.

Peter was born December 24, 1919, to Nick and Rosie Keryluke of the Szypenitz district. After marrying Olivia Dolinski he operated a watchmaker business in Edmonton. Now retired in Peachland, he and Olivia had four children: Delores, Tanya, Anita and Benny.

Manoly was born in 1921, and served in World War II. He married Amelia Eluik and lives in Vancouver.

Marion who was born in 1925, married Mike Ursuliak. Five children: Zenia, Terry, Nova, Barren and Blaine were born to the Ursuliaks.

Sophie, born 1927, was wed to Joseph Donati. The Donatis who live in Kelowna raised two children, Ramon and Renne.

Sylvester, a twin, was born in 1929. He married Anne Nikituik, and they have three children: Annette, Nicole and Ryan. They live in North Vancouver.

Natalka was born in 1937, married Frank Horb, and raised six children: Roland, Lorraine, Donna, Jeffrey, Jody and Jason. They make their home in Edmonton.

Donald was born in 1941, in Vernon. He is married and has four children.

Nick moved to Vernon, B.C., in 1939, and died in 1971. Frozina passed away in 1981.

KERELIUK, Hrehori and Maria (nee Chrapko)

by Ustina Yurchuk and Kalena Awram

Our father, Hrehori Kereliuk was born in 1875, in the Village of Shypynci, in the Province of Bukovina, Ukraine. He was the youngest son of Ostafy and Odakia (nee Hrushka) Kerliuk in a family of four sons: Petro, Anton, Teofil, and Hrehori, and three daughters: Veronya Wennychuk, Irana Saleha, and Marie Lazaruk.

The family immigrated to Canada in the spring of 1900. As soon as they could, father and Uncle Nicholai Lazaruk took up jobs in the Lethbridge coal mines. Three years later, father came back with some money, and married Maria; the daughter of Simion and Parasena (nee Wakaruk) Chrapko whose family immigrated to Canada from Berhomet, Bukovina, Ukraine, in 1900. They had six children: Metro, Ivan, Maria, Vasyl, Elisaveta Skrepnyk, and Stephan.

At first our parents lived with Uncle Anton and his family, in their burdei (sod dugout). After a short while, they bought a homestead in the Shypenitz district a few miles east and north of the present Village of Hairy Hill.

The first implements they owned were a scythe and an axe which grandfather Chrapko brought from the old country. With a few simple tools, father built his own burdei and settled down with my mother on their own homestead, NE 35-55-13-W4th.

Because times were very tough, father left mother on the farm and sought work on the railroads in B.C. Meanwhile, mother walked 20 miles to the Whitford Post Office for mail from the old country.

Father came back with two oxen and a single-furrow plough and began farming. They worked very hard for long hours, but with the co-operation and help from each other, the immigrant settlers were able to establish themselves in their new land.

To purchase supplies, our parents walked about 100 miles to the supply store in Strathcona. There they bought their supplies and rafted them down the North Saskatchewan River to Duvernay, and then home by oxen.

The Kereliuk family was very active in the building of the first Orthodox Church in Szypenitz. This church burned down, but a few years later another was built, in the same area. Szypenitz School was also built one mile east of the church.

Hrehori and Maria raised nine children: Ostafy, married Maria Slevinsky; Vasyl married Joan Petruk; Kalena married Ivon Awram; Elisavata married Emanual Boshak; Frozina married Anton Hrapinski; Parasena married Stuart Hodgson; Ustina married John Yurchuk; Mike married Alice Posnikoff; and George married Victoria Grekul.

Hrehori and Maria Kereliuk's anniversary, 1948

KERYLUK, Teofil and Elisaveta (nee Lutzak)

by Peter Keryluk

Tom and Elizabeth Keryluk, 1942

In 1900, after serving with the Austrian Army for three years, Teofil sailed for Canada. Accompanying him was his wife, Elisaveta, along with the rest of the Peter Lutzak family. They were from the Village of Shypynci, Ukraine, under Austrian rule at the time.

From their homeland, they travelled to Hamburg, Germany, and then by Cunard Steamship Lines to Halifax. The voyage was rough and long, and most of the passengers became seasick.

Upon arriving in Canada, their major handicap was their inability to understand and speak the English language. When a sick and hungry child in the family, required milk, one of the men knelt down before a Canadian, and indicated the motion of milking a cow. He was understood and they were provided with some milk. They laughed and joked that Myketa had just milked a stranger.

There was another long ride across Canada, by train to their destination of Strathcona. Here they spent a day or two at the immigration house. Upon awakening, on the morning of August 28, 1900, they saw fresh snow on the ground. They found this very sad and discouraging, in comparison to the climate they had left behind.

Soon they were met by Nemerski's, settlers from Wostok, who welcomed them to their homestead. Here they spent their first winters in a mud-plastered building.

In the spring of 1901, the Keryluks settled on a homestead, NW 4-56-13-W4th, in the present school District of Szypenitz. Father, with his brother Peter, would often walk to Strathcona, build a raft, and load it with necessities such as flour, sugar, and small farm implements. On one trip, they even brought an entire family down the river to Bellis.

Their diet consisted mostly of wild game, birds, and berries. On one of their many hunting trips, one of the men discovered another aspect of their new environment, which has continued to provide laughter throughout the years. One of the men attempted to pick up a small animal, which he considered to be somewhat pretty. The animal was a skunk.

As more settlers began to arrive, they built churches and schools, cultivated more land, and traded their oxen for horses.

Pictured above are Tom Keryluk's six daughters and three sons - Lena, Mary, Anna, Jennie, Margaret, Verna, Metro, Peter and Harry, 1971.

My parents raised a family of nine children, however they lost two sons. Dick died of the flu before the age of one, and Steve lost his life in a farm accident in 1930, when he was seven years old.

My oldest brother Metro, born March 24, 1901, married Annie Chrapko in 1923. They were blessed with seven sons and three daughters: Richard, George, John, Mike, Orest, Rose, Elizabeth, Tommy, and Terry, who all live in B.C. Marie resides in St. Paul.

Mary, born March 1, 1903, married coal-miner Nick Eliuk in 1918. They had three children: Shoonia, Anne, and Billy.

Harry, born September 8, 1905, married Irene Ursulak on October 14, 1928. They have five children: Nick, Steven, Alex (who passed away in September of 1979), Marjorie, and Shirley.

Anne, born December 29, 1907, married George Pawluk in 1925. They raised two children, George and Mary.

Jennie, born June 1, 1910, married Bill Werenka in 1931. They have three children: Marge, Mary, and Johnny.

Verna, born September 9, 1915, married Steve Ursulak in 1934. They were blessed with a family of four: Terry, Teresa, Audrey, and Marlene.

Peter T. Keryluk and family, 1960. Standing, (L to R) - Marlene, Judy, Terri; seated - Peter, Patricia and Martha.

Peter, born April 23, 1913, married Martha Mereska on June 13, 1937. They raised a family of four daughters: Patricia, Marlene, Judy, and Terri.

Margaret, born May 15, 1920, married Fred Skakun on June 3, 1937. They have a family of six: Norman, Evelyn, Allan, Eddie, Betty, and Alana.

Lena, born June 3, 1925, married Alex Mereska on January 15, 1943. They have a family of three: Lorraine, Donna, and Marvin. They lost Linda at the age of four, on November 13, 1950.

After living through all of life's joys and sadness, dad passed away on September 10, 1943, and mother died on January 31, 1971.

KERELIUK, Anton and Elizabeth

by J.H. Taschuk

Anton Kereliuk immigrated to Canada in 1901, with his wife Elizabeth and their two children, John and Jennie. He homesteaded on NE 34-55-13-4, in the Lainuk district. Their other children - Tom, George, Metro, and Maria - were born in Alberta.

Anton Kereliuk family.

Jennie died in 1918, Mother and Metro in 1919, and Maria in 1920. Anton passed away in later years. They are all buried in the Szypenitz Cemetery.

Tom Kereliuk married Jenny Kutash and they farmed in the district until their retirement in 1976. They had four children: Elsie, Orest, John, and Jean. Jenny died in 1983. Tom Kerliuk presently resides in Edmonton.

Elsie is married to John Wiwad and they had five children: Dennis, Donna, Barbara, Betty, and Jack. Dennis passed away in 1973, at the age of 13 years. Donna is married to Norman Lapaschuk and she raised two children. Barbara is in nursing school, and the rest of the children are at home.

Orest married Gloria Blonsky and they had four children: Raymond, Richard, Michael, and Julie. Raymond died at three months of age. The family resides in Edmonton.

John is married to Eustine Shukalak and they have three children: Eileen, Brian, and Miles. They reside in Edmonton, and also have a farm in the Two Hills district.

Jean married Mike W. Lutzak from Hairy Hill. They have six children: Dorothy, Jenny, Lorraine, Elizabeth, Michael, and Paul. Dorothy has one son Christopher and is presently in nursing school. Jenny is managing "Palamaruk's 5¢ to $1.00 Store", which Jean and Mike bought in 1985. The rest of the children are in school. Mike and Jean also farm in the Hairy Hill district, and are active members in the Szypenitz Church.

George Kereliuk, the youngest of the two surviving boys married Mary Kokotylo, daughter of John and Vera and raised 11 children: Elizabeth, died at six months of age; Doris who married John Severyn and raised two children, Dale and Robert; Sonya, who married Marshall Dzurko and raised three children (Doug, Darrell, and Sharon); Tillie married Nick Petrashuk and they have five children (Gary, Lenny, Kathy, Leslie, and Kelly); Georgina married Nick Hauca and they have three

50th wedding anniversary of George and Mary Kereliuk, 1982. Back row, (L to R) - Willis Kereliuk, Rob Severyn, Gary Petraschuk, Ron Kereliuk, Gordon Manchuk, Eugene Kereliuk, Nick Petraschuk, Marshall Dzurko, John Severyn; third row - Norman Ziegman, Nick Hauca, Valerie Ziegman, Sonia Dzurko, Georgina Hauca, Bonnie Manchuk, Tilly Petraschuk, Dale Severyn-McPhail, Pat Kereliuk, Holly and Darrell Dzurko; second row - Lonnie Petraschuk, Cindy Hauca, Baba Kereliuk with Jessica Dzurko, Gido Kereliuk with Raven Dzurko, Kelly Petraschuk with Jolene Kereliuk, Jody Kereliuk, Geoffrey Hauca; front row - Christopher Manchuk, Karla Kereliuk, Michelle Manchuk, Jason and Jamie Kereliuk, Leslie Petraschuk, Pamela Hauca, Kathy-Jo Petraschuk.

children (Geoffrey, Pamela and Cindy); Ronald married Pat Hucalak and they have four children (Jody, Jason, Jamie, and Jolene); Willis married Diana Koch and they have one child, Heather; Clifford joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, at 18 years of age, and died in the service on March 4, 1969; Bonny married Gordon Manchuk and they have two children, Christopher and Michelle; Valerie married Norman Zeigman; and Eugene who married Debbie Saruga and raised two children, Karen and B.J. Eugene was killed in an accident on December 27, 1983.

KILLICK, Stefan and Ksenia (nee Pidluzny)

by Nellie (nee Killick) Sokalski

Stefan and Ksenia (nee Pidluzny) Killick immigrated to Canada from the Western Ukraine, then Austria, in 1903, with their sons, John age three, and Bill age one. They settled and farmed in the Calmar district, where two more children were born: Mike in 1904, and Mary in 1906.

In 1908, the family moved to the New Kiew district. In the years to follow they had six more children: Kate, Nick, Annie, Rose, Josie, and Nellie.

In 1918, the oldest son, John passed away, followed by mother, Ksenia, who passed away in 1920. Our father Stefan, passed away in 1936, at the age of 68.

In 1934, Mike married Antonia Sokalski and they farmed in the New Kiew district. They have four children: Emily, Rose, Susan, and Edward.

In 1935, Mary married Mike Kraychy. They lived in the New Kiew district, and had four daughters: Cassie, Helen, Patricia, and Sally.

Kate married Mike Kuriatnyk and they lived in Edmonton. They had two daughters, Mary and Josephine. Mike passed away in 1977.

Annie married John Poplowski and they lived in Winnipeg. They had three daughers: Rita, Irene, and Jean. John passed away in 1965.

Rose was nursing in the Vegreville St. Joseph's Hospital. She moved to Lethbridge where she married Herb Neidermier. They adopted two children, Barbara and Barry. Herb passed away in 1979.

Pictured above is the Killick family - Mike Kraychy (Mary's husband), Josie, Rose, Bill, Nellie, Nick, Kate, Mary, Olga Rosko (cousin) and Annie, 1934.

In 1938, Josie married Steve Horon, and they live in Lavoy. They have two daughters, JoAnne and Judy.

In 1938, Nellie married Stanley Sokalski and farmed in the New Kiew district. Later they moved to Vegreville, where they are still residing. Nellie and Stanley have three children: Carol, Lawrence, Louise, and four grandchildren.

Nick married Nancy Tymchuk and they farmed on the home place until the time of his passing in 1968. They have three children: Sylvia, Walter, and Veronica.

KILLICK, Mike S. and Tina (nee Sokalski)

by Emily (nee Killick) Duk

Mike, the third son of Stefan and Ksenia (nee Pidluzny) Killick, was born in October, 1904. He came to the New Kiew district with his parents and brothers Bill and John, and sister Mary. The family settled on NW 3-54-13-W4th.

In 1934, Mike married Tina, the youngest daughter of Anton and Teresa (nee Warbun) Sokalski, of New Kiew. Tina was baptized Antonia, a version of her father's name.

Anton and Teresa Sokalski, circa 1919

Anton and Teresa Sokalski came to the Beaver Lake area on June 5, 1899. Later they moved to New Kiew, and were closer to their relatives. The Sokalskis had seven children: Joseph married Mary Koraluk; Frank married Pearl Wolaniuk; Rose married John Magdiak; Karol (Carl) married Mary Warawa; and Anne married Alex Pedruski who died in 1918. Later she married Joseph Soloway. Paulie married Tony Kowalski, and Tina married Mike S. Killick.

Tina and Mike had four children; Emily, Tom, Rose, and Susan. All attended Wolia School, except Susan who enrolled at Two Hills school.

Emily married Julian Duke of the New Kiew district. They have four children: Anthony, Bernadine, Laurie, and Glen. Presently they reside in Vegreville, but attended school in Two Hills for some time.

Tom married Gladys Straty of Hairy Hill and raised two children: Edwinia and Trevor. The family resides in Sherwood Park. Tom owns the original home quarter of land, which is now operated by a third generation of Killicks.

Rose graduated from the Misericordia Hospital School

of Nursing in Edmonton. She married Bob Henderson and they have one daughter, Caroline Marie. Presently, Rose is married to Wayne Hokanson and they have one daughter, Randi. They live in Surrey, B.C.

Susan married Al Grant of Innisfail and raised two children: Ria and Cameren. The family resides in Edmonton.

In 1972, Tina and Mike moved to Vegreville. Tina passed away in February, 1983. Mike continues to reside in Vegreville.

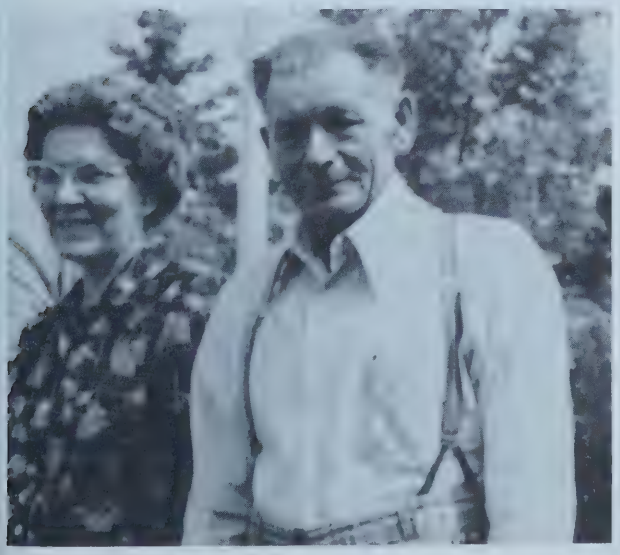
KIS, John and Sophie (nee Yakimowich)

John Kis was born in the Province of Galicia, Ukraine, on July 23, 1902, to a family of eight children. Life was not easy, as his parents died when he was 12 years old. He worked at his sister's, making bricks and then at the age of 21, entered the army for three years. The opportunity to immigrate to Canada came on June 23, 1928, when he was sponsored by Alex Boratynec, a relative in St. Paul. John Kis then moved to Two Hills and worked on a farm for Joseph Gudz for approximately $350. per year. In 1934, he bought property on Main Street and started his own blacksmithing business.

While visiting relatives in St. Paul, in 1935, he met Sophie Yakimowich. She was born August 14, 1916, at Slawa, to a family of six girls and two boys. Her parents originally emigrated from Bukovina. On January 25, 1936, they were married at St. Michael's Church in Elk Point, and settled in Two Hills.

The newlyweds spent the first year in a one-room house behind the blacksmith shop. Then they moved into a newly built log house at 4704 - 51st Street, where they rented a room for five dollars per month. Blacksmithing lasted until the mid 50s. John spent the next 17 years working for Highland Produce Ltd.

John and Sophie raised two children: Roselind, and Marshall.



Sophie and John Kis, 1975

Pictured above are daughter Roselind, her husband Ken Harasym, and children Pamela, Deena, Peter and Lynn, 1965

Roselind was born in Two Hills on February 16, 1940. She attended Two Hills Elementary School and High School from Grade I to Grade X. On November 1, 1956, Roselind and Kenneth Harasym were married in the Knox United Church in Edmonton. They resided in Alberta until 1965, when they moved to B.C. The family moved to Salmon Arm, B.C., in 1971. Ken passed away in November, 1972. Roselind completed her first year Arts and Science at Okanagan College in Salmon Arm in 1977. She has been working for a firm of chartered accountants in Enderby, B.C. for the past four years. Roselind and Ken have four children, one boy and three girls.

Pamela (1957) married William Burley in 1974. They have a family of three: Gail, Dustin and Carl, and live in Fort St. John, B.C.

Deema (1958) married Robert Allan in 1979. They have a family of two boys, Ryan and Shawn, and reside in Fort St. John, B.C.

Peter (1960) joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1977, and was discharged in January, 1983. He is presently working for the C.P.R. in B.C.

Lynn (1963) received a scholarship and attended Okanagan College in Salmon Arm. In November, 1983, she was accepted into the Canadian Armed Forces and is

Son Marshall Kis, his wife Lynn, and children Benjamin, Joshua and Jeremy, 1983

presently stationed in Ottawa, Ontario.

Marshall, was born on April 5, 1949. In 1980, he married Lynn Beckitt from Mersey Side, England. They have three boys: Benjamin, Joshua, and Jeremy. Marshall and Lynn reside in Calgary, and work in the oil industry. He is a geologist and Lynn is a petroleum engineer.

John and Sophie Kis still live at 4704 - 51st Street, in the original house built in 1937.

KISILEWICZ, Mikola and Tecla (nee Killar)

by Borden Kisilevich and Rose (Kisilevich) Wolos

Mikola (Nickolaus) was born in 1850, to Stanislau and Joannes (nee Szubert) Kisilewicz, in the Village of Grymaliwka, Brody District, Province of Halychina, (Galicia), Western Ukraine. Tecla was born February 16, 1862, in the same village, to Franciscus and Maria (nee Hnatiuk) Killar.

Mikola, at the age of 26, and Tecla age 13, were married amidst much celebration by the family and the villagers, on February 28, 1876, in the Rite Latin St. Trinity Parish in Schurowich, District of Radziewchow, Poland.

They had eight children before they left for Canada: Catherina, born in 1878; Stefan, 1883; Pawlo, 1887; Anastasia, 1891; Mary, 1892; Joseph, 1893; Stanley, 1897; and Anne in 1900.

Mikola and Tecla Kisilewicz, 1910

In the spring of 1901, Mikola, Tecla, their children, son-in-law - John Cylurik, and Catherina's husband, packed their meagre possessions and embarked by train across their beloved land, to Hamburg. Here they boarded the vessel S.S. Lake Superior, destined for Winnipeg via Quebec. Mary stayed behind with an aunt and came a year later.

The ocean voyage took 14 days, and upon arrival in Quebec City, on May 10, 1901, everyone became sick as a result of the rough trip. A four-day train journey took them to Winnipeg. Three days later, after a brief rest, they travelled by train to Strathcona (South Edmonton), Alberta.

By the Strathcona station, Mikola, Tecla, and their family were met by Tecla's brother John, who by this time was married and owned a house. John took the family by wagon down the South Victoria Trail, east of Edmonton, to relatives at Wostok. They continued to New Kiew where they settled on SW 34-53-13-W4th. Their 128-acre farm was located beside a small lake, where once the Cree Indians hunted buffalo. Catherine and her husband settled nearby on SE 34-54-14-W4th.

The first home was a log structure with a thatched roof, located on a clearing near the south end of their property.

Many hardships had to be endured; many challenges had to be faced. Mikola broke the land using a walking plow and a team of horses for which he is said to have paid $500. Crops were sown by hand, cut with a sickle, and threshed with a flail. Later he purchased a 13-shoe seed drill, one of the first in the district.

Mikola often walked 110 km. (70 miles) to Edmonton and 40 km. (24 miles) to Vegreville, for food supplies and clothing.

Three more children: Peter, born in 1902; Rose, in 1904; and John 1907, were born to Mikola and Tecla.

Tecla, planted large gardens and sold vegetables in order to get money for necessities. Mikola grew his own tobacco which he smoked after a drying and smoking process.

Tragedy struck the family in 1905, when 12-year-old Joseph encountered a bear. Trying to outrun the chasing animal, he aggravated a boil on his foot resulting in blood poisoning. Joseph died a short time later.

In 1911, a new log home with a shingled roof was built. It had two large rooms separated by a wide hallway which

Mikola and Tecla Kisilewicz descendants, 1984

served as a porch, a design common among residents.

Before a church was built, a visiting priest, Father Olescewski, celebrated mass at Kisilewicz's, John Bachinsky's, and Karol Adamowski's homes.

In time, the children grew up and married: Stefan and Karolka Wasylciw; Pawlo and Maria Samoil; Nancy to Harry Kott; Maria to Anton Kubin; Stanley and Sophie Bartoshek; Annie to Victor Franchuk; Peter and Nancy Shulem; Rose to Steve Semotiuk; and John and Jessie Kitz.

In 1918, Nancy contracted the "flu" and died at the age of 27, leaving her grieving husband Harry with seven children. Stefan's wife, Karolka also died of the "flu" leaving four children in her husband's care.

That year, Mikola and Tecla hired a carpenter, Alex Gura, to build another house. A young carpenter, Steve Semotiuk, did the finishing and completed it in 1920. The house still stands on the property today.

Mikola passed away on May 13, 1929, at the age of 79. Peter and his wife Nancy then took over the farming operation. Tecla continued to live with them until her death on August 13, 1942.

The original farm of Mikola and Tecla remains in the family name and is looked after by grandson, Mike Kisilewich and his family.

KISILEWICZ (Kisilewich, Kisilevich) Stephen and Karolina

by Rose Wolos

Stephen, second child of Mikola and Tecla, was born on March 14, 1883, in the Village of Grzmaliwka, County of Brody, Ukraine, then under the Austrian Empire.

He immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1901 and two years later worked on the railway at Frank. Later, he helped build log homes in Edmonton and learned English as he worked. Working with surveyors throughout Alberta, he memorized townships and sections and could tell, without the use of a map, where individual farmers lived. In 1909, he settled on a homestead, NE 30-53-12-W4th, at Plain Lake. He married Karolina Wasylciw, daughter of Wowryniec and Anna Bak, on June 4, 1910, at the residence of Father Oleszewski, at Krakow, Alberta.

The newlyweds cleared land and built a log house covered with sod. Four children: John, Paul, Mike, and Tillie were born to them.

Stephen and Nancy Kisilewich (Kisilewicz), 1919

A new home, built by carpenters Malowany and Zurawell, was completed in 1917.

During the flu epidemic of 1918, Karolina passed away at the age of 25. It was a difficult time for Stephen. On May 18, 1919, he married Anastasia Iskiw, at the Plain Lake Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with Reverend N. Kryzanowski officiating.

Anastasia was a widow with two children: Mary, born in 1916, and Anne in 1918. She was the daughter of Leo and Rosalie (nee Kulyk) Dutka, who came to Canada from Ukraine in 1914.

Running a mixed farming operation, wood and vegetables were often sold to help pay doctor bills. Stephen and Anastasia attended church at Plain Lake and the Roman Catholic Church in New Kiew, for which Stephen hauled lumber and cement when the church was being built in 1927-28.

Nominated as school trustee in the late 1920s, he later was the foreman of a road improvements project. Work was done by horses and fresnoes. A man with two teams earned $7.50 for ten hours work while a one-man unit working alone earned $2.50.

Kisilewich children (Anne is missing), 1970

Stephen and Anastasia raised the following family:

Nadia, born 1920, passed away at the age of 18, in 1938.

Magdelan (Margaret), born on March 7, 1921, married Ralph Wright on December 30, 1941. They have two children, Marlene and Terry, and reside in B.C. They also have five grandchildren.

Angela, born April 12, 1922, married John Krawchuk and lived in Two Hills for 17 years. John passed away in 1970. They had no children. Angela then married Trifon Ruptash in 1974, and resides in Vegreville.

Martin was born October 8, 1923. In October, 1942, Martin was called to serve in the forces; however, he received a three month extension leave.

In July, 1946, he received a discharge from the army and worked as an orderly at the University Hospital in Edmonton. For three years he worked for the Department of Transportation on Highway 45, east and west of Two Hills, for 85¢ an hour.

In 1952, he married Helen Dziwenka and a year later moved to Vegreville where they raised four children: Elbert, Marvin, Sandra, and Kevin. They also have five grandchildren. Martin and Helen reside on the farm.

Martin works as caretaker for the County of Minburn No. 27.

Karol, who was born September 9, 1924, passed away on October 16, 1924.

Pearl was born July 17, 1926, and was married to Robert Davis on June 29, 1949. Residing in B.C., they have two children, Dellas and Shirley Gauthier.

Joe, who resides in B.C., was born March 17, 1928, and worked in Edmonton until 1983.

Rosie was born July 21, 1929. She married Fred Wolos on October 19, 1957. They reside in Edmonton and have one child, Barbara.

Adam, who was born July 13, 1930, married Sophie Szezebel on November 19, 1955. They reside in Edmonton and have two sons, Rick and Douglas.

Anne Iskiw (Kisilewich) was born in 1918, in Calgary. She married Walter Peteski (Petecki) on June 19, 1938. Walter passed away in 1964. They had no children.

Mary Iskiw (Kisilewich), who was born in 1916, in Calgary, was married to John Petecki.

Stephen and Anastasia retired to Edmonton in 1953 where Anastasia passed away on December 7, 1953, at the age of 67. Stephen lived in Edmonton until his death in 1970, at age 87. They were laid to rest at Plain Lake Cemetery.

KISILEVICH, John and Tillie (nee Palichuk)

by John, Tillie and Family

I, John Kisilevich, son of Stephen and Karolina (nee Wasylciw) Kisilevich, was born on February 25, 1911, at Plain Lake.

My brothers, Paul and Mike, sister Tillie and I, lived with our parents on the homestead at Plain Lake. In 1918, I lost my mother during the flu epidemic. A year later, my father married Anastasia (nee Dutka) Iskiw. I helped my father clear the land and attended Krasne School, until I was 15. Brother Paul and I shot rabbits for food. For extra money, gopher tails were sold for a penny each. We also trapped coyotes, weasels, and muskrats.

John and Tillie Kisilevich, 1938

In 1931, I earned $1. a day. By 1932, I had saved enough money to rent a quarter section of land near father's homestead. That year I bought my first bicycle.

On a cold January 19, 1938, I married Tillie Palichuk at the New Kiew Church. We travelled to marriage service by horse-drawn sleigh. At a small reception at my parents' home, we received a few gifts and $77. in donations.

After living on the rented land for nine years, we bought our own land, NW 21-53-12-W4th, in 1947.

John and Tillie Kisilevich with their children, 1980

We were blessed with three children: Dave, Diane, and Bernie. Two of our children are married, and we now have six grandchildren.

Dave, married Veronica Strap and raised four children: Wayne, Karen, Elaine and Jacqueline.

Diane is married to Eugene Osadchuk, and has two children: Clifford and Colleen.

In 1975, we sold our land and moved to Vegreville. My wife Tillie and I worked at the Auxiliary Hospital for seven years. We are now retired.

KISIL (Evich), Mike and Pauline (nee Kozak)

By Mike Kisil

Mike Kisil (evich) the third child of Stephan and Karolina (nee Wazylciw) Kisilewich, was born on November 6, 1914. After leaving Krasne School in 1932, he worked for one season as a farm hand in the New Kiew, Lavoy, and Ranfurly districts. Then he apprenticed as a painter. In 1939, Mike founded a decorating company named Mike's Painters and Paperhangers and operated this business for 40 years. During the war, Mike served overseas for two years.

On October 7, 1933, Mike bought a return ticket on the

Mike and Pauline Kisil and their four daughters - Joy, Beatrice, Renee and Mary Ann, 1948

C.N.R. from Lavoy to Edmonton. However, he did not use the return part of the ticket and so he still has in his possession the return ticket. This ticket is his treasure because the C.N.R. passenger train to Lavoy is a thing of the past.

On November 8, 1936, Mike married Pauline Kozak of Edwand, Alberta, and the couple was blessed with four children: Joy, Beatrice, Renne and Mary Ann. Joy was married to Reverend Murray Wenstob of Viking; Beatrice to Dale Holtby of Benito, Manitoba; Renne to Dr. James Voloshin of Edmonton; and Mary Ann married Stanley Helgeson of Edmonton.

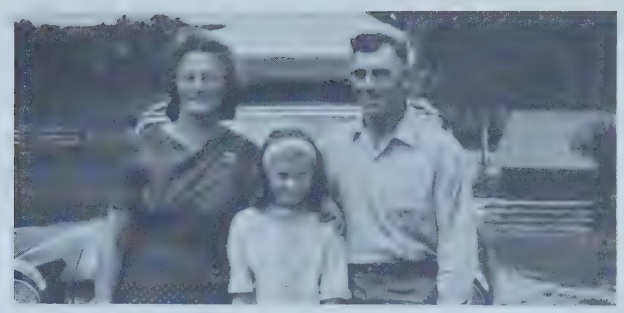
Mike and Pauline Kisil (Kisilevich) family, 1968. Back row, (L to R) - Mike and Pauline Kisil, Murray and Joy Wenstob (Kisil); Renee (Kisil) and Jim Voloshin; Beatrice (Kisil), Jeff and Dale Holtby; Tena, Mary Ann (Kisil) and Stan Helgeson; children - Michael Voloshin, Timmy and Bonnie Wenstob, Lana Holtby, Cathy Wenstob, Tracy Holtby, Susan Voloshin, Linda Wenstob, Tim Voloshin.

Mike and Pauline have 18 grandchildren, three of whom are adopted. Now retired, Mike and Pauline are enjoying life. During the winter months they travel in the southern United States and in summer in Canada.

KISILEWICH, Paul and Mary (nee Sirman)

by Paul Kisilewich

I, Paul Kisilewich, the second son of Stephen and Karolina (nee Wasylciw) Kisilewicz, was born on April



Mary, Rosemarie and Paul Kisilewich, 1958

21, 1912. From age eight to 15, I attended school. I helped my parents at home, and worked on Uncle Stanley's farm for a year. In 1935, I did custom work, crushing oats and sawing wood. From May, 1940, to August, 1941, my brother Mike and I were painters in Edmonton.

On June 19, 1943, I married Mary Sirman, daughter of Nichola and Paraskewia Boychuk. The marriage took place at New Kiew Holy Ascension Church. We moved to Mary's home place, NW 28-53-12-W4th. In November, 1953, our only child, Rose Marie was born.

Mary and I operated a mixed farm and were involved with community functions. In 1953, the first Ukrainian Catholic Women's League was organized and Mary was nominated vice-president. Later she held various positions in the league. I operated the store in the hall, during social functions and was altar sexton (bratchik) in church.

Daughter Rose Marie married David Matwie. They have two children, and reside in Edmonton.

Mary passed away in 1974. In 1978, I married Sarah Moroz (Axani). We now reside in Two Hills.

Sarah and Paul Kisilewich, 1981

KISILEWICH, Peter and Anastasia (Nancy)

by Mike Kisilewich

Peter Kisilewich of New Kiew, son of Mikola and Tecla Kisilewich was born in May, 1902, at Chipman. He worked for farmers in Lavoy, Ranfurly, Vegreville and in

Peter and Anastasia Kisilewich, circa 1931

Saskatchewan. In 1927, he returned to his parents' homestead, SW 34-53-13-W4th, after his older brother Stanley moved out on his own. Peter did not have the opportunity to attend a regular school, but did obtain some education.

On October 20, 1928, at St. Peter and Paul Church in Plain Lake, with Stefan Kitz and Julia Dehid as attendants, Peter married Anastasia Szulym who was born on May 24, 1906, in Zerebki Krolewskie, Skatal, Poland.

Family of Peter and Anastasia Kisilewich, early 1940s. Back row, (L to R) - Anastasia Kisilewich, nephews Mike and John Lokszyn; front row - Elsie Jautz, Edward, Jerry (in tie), Mike, Walter, Tony and (bottom right) Jean Wall.

She was the youngest daughter of Demetry and Palanka (nee Baran) Szulym. Anastasia decided to immigrate to Canada, but her sister Katerine Lokskyn refused to leave her homeland to join her husband Prokip, living in Haight, Alberta. On March 23, 1928, Anastasia left her family.

Arriving in Halifax on April 6, she travelled to Strathcona, where she was met by her brother-in-law, Prokip, and taken to live with the Kubin family. In a short while Anastasia went to work for Mikola and Tecla Kisilewich in New Kiew.

After her marriage to Peter the family moved to their own farm. Later, Peter and Anastasia exchanged farms with Peter's younger brother, John, and returned to live on the homestead with their parents.

Peter and Anastasia persevered many hardships on the farm. Raising seven children was a difficult task for Anastasia, but with her mother-in-law's help, the burden was lessened, as the women helped each other in gardening, cooking and baking bread in a peech (clay oven).

The homestead was a haven for many weary travellers who stopped to rest and have a meal while continuing their journey to Mundare, Vegreville, Chipman or Edmonton. In order to earn extra income Peter trapped animals and sold their pelts.

On August 9, 1945, tragedy struck the family when Peter passed away at the age of 43, leaving his wife and seven small children, (the oldest, 16, and the youngest, 3) to fend for themselves. Because there was no social assistance of any kind, the older boys earned some money working as farm-hands in the New Kiew, Lavoy and Ranfurly areas. They would help their mother pay some of her debts. There was very little socialization after Pete's death, aside from the fact that the Nuns taught catechism in the summer time in the years 1947 to 1948.

Peter and Anastasia's seven children are:

Jerry, of Edmonton, married Kassie Kruk, daughter of John and Mary Kruk of Plain Lake. They have one daughter Shirley and a son Kim. Jerry is a self-employed carpenter, while Kassie works for the Royal Bank.

Walter of Edmonton, passed away at age 30.

Melbert (Tony) of Vegreville married Elsie Palsatt, daughter of Andrew and Eva Palsatt of Lavoy. Their two children are Kevin and Terry. Tony works for Vegreville and District Co-Op while Elsie is employed at the nursing home.

Mike of Lavoy (see history under Mike Kisilewich).

Edward who resides in Edmonton, married Lois Duff, daughter of George and Irene Duff of Lethbridge. Lois passed away in 1974. They had two children, Jason and Robi. Edward is the administrator of the Court of Queens Bench.

Elsie who lives in Lacombe, married Gus Jautz, son of Gus and Norma Jautz of Humbolt, Saskatchewan. They have two children, Diane and Patricia. Elsie is a teacher while Gus is employed by the police department.

Jean of Edmonton married Albert Wall, son of Jake and Peana Wall of Hague, Saskatchewan. They had two children, Shelly and Darren. Jean, a Registered Nurses' Aide, passed away in 1980.

After being in failing health for some time, Anastasia passed away on October 28, 1984.

KISILEWICH, Mike and Elsie (nee Mazurek)

by Mike Kisilewich

Mike Kisilewich, son of Peter and Anastasia Kisilewich, left home in 1950, to work in Edmonton in construction and as a truck driver. In 1951, he returned to farm on the homestead with his mother and younger brothers and sisters.

Mike recalls working with horses until 1953, when their first tractor was bought.

On November 10, 1956, Mike married Elsie Mazurek, daughter of Joseph and Christine Mazurek of Innisfree and continued to live on the homestead for six years. When Mike's younger brother and sisters left the farm, Mike's mother, Anastasia was remarried to Mike Shavchook of Mundare.

Mike Kisilewich family, 1982. Back row, (L to R) - Brian and Doreen Tennant; Elsie, Mike and Dwayne Kisilewich; front row - Lavern and Jackie Kisilewich.

Mike and Elsie have three children:

Dwayne of Houston, Texas is a linalog inspector for the A.M.F. Tuboscope. He married Jackie Dutton, daughter of Earl and Marg Dutton of Edmonton, and raised one daughter, Margaret Patricia.

Doreen who lives in Lavoy, is a respiratory therapist in the Vegreville area. She is married to Brian Tennant, son of Jane Tennant-Ursulak and the late Vern Tennant of Vegreville. Brian is employed with the department of highways.

LaVern, of Sherwood Park, is a radiological technologist.

Mike and Elsie now reside in the Lavoy area and continue to farm the homestead and operate a trucking business. They are still active members of the New Kiew Church and hall.

KISILEVICH, John and Jessie (nee Kitz)

by Borden Kisilevich

John, the youngest son of Mikola and Tecla Kisilewicz, was born in 1907, in a thatched-roof log house built by his parents, who arrived in Canada in the spring of 1901. John had five brothers and five sisters. As a child, he

John and Jessie Kisilevich, 1929

went to Wolia School (meaning "will"). He worked on the land alongside his parents and family. On May 22, 1929, at the age of 27, John married Jessie Kitz.

Jessie's parents, Sam and Anastasia (Halkow) Kitz, and their two sons, Steve and John, also set out from the village of Buciw at about the same time as John's parents, and settled in New Kiew. Following their settlement, the other children: Katy, Annie, Jessie, Bill, Mary, and Mike were born. Jessie attended New Kiew School. In 1916, when Jessie was nine years old, her father died on September 16, leaving the family to clear the land and survive. Considering that Jessie's mother had no schooling in the English language, the family came through tough and trying times, as did all residents, in the district.

After their marriage, John and Jessie lived briefly on his parents' homestead. Two years later, their son, Borden, was born. In 1932, with their son and an orphaned niece, Tillie Kisilevich (daughter of Stefan), they moved to their farm, SW 27-53-13-W4th, kitty-corner from the former New Kiew store, owned by Bill Duke. Soon other children were born: Melvin, Alexandra, and Orest. Years later, Tillie moved to her aunt's place in Cranbrook, B.C., where she met and married Bob Williams of the U.S.A. Settling in San Francisco, California, they raised three children: Priscilla, Robert, and Rick.

John and Jessie farmed during Canada's worst depression. Having learned "survival" skills with their parents, they were able to feed and clothe the family despite a severe shortage of funds and resources. To add

Kisilevich family (taken at the 50th wedding anniversary of John and Jessie Kisilevich in 1979). Standing, (L to R) - Vivien, Borden, Dale, Gail, Brent, Betty, Orest, Cindy Fasenko, Mike and Sandra Lastiwka, Ronald, Kim, Melvin, Brian, Deanna; seated - Darren, John, Jessie and Leanne.

insult to injury, the elements did not always cooperate as time and time again the crops, which provided finances, would be destroyed.

John was active with the local Ukrainian Farmer Labor Temple Association, (later the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians), the Farmers' Union, as well as the Two Hills Cooperative Association. Jessie always took a very active interest in Ukrainian cultural activities.

The children: Borden, Melvin, Alexandra (Sandra), and Orest, attended Krasne School, under the tutelage of Mr. and Mrs. William Chernecki, Taras and Olga Soldan, and Mr. and Mrs. Mirsil Podealuk. When Krasne School was phased out, the children were bused to Two Hills where the oldest three completed their high school. Borden, Melvin, and Sandra moved to Edmonton at different intervals with John, Jessie, and Orest following in 1954.

Borden attended business college, and worked in a stock brokerage firm and a railroad. Later he obtained a commerce degree from the University of Alberta, and worked in chartered accountancy. Returning to University, he obtained his second degree in education, and is now a teacher. During his high school days, Borden played a piano at dances with the Dick Geleta orchestra, and the Johnny Berezan band from Vegreville. In Edmonton, he played with the Swingtones (Orest Mulka and John Mandrusiak), with the Bill Boyer Orchestra at the Rainbow Ballroom, and with John Mackie and the Four Sharps. He now leads his own band, The Sound Merchants. Borden is married to Vivian Zacharchuk of Drumheller, and they have two children, Dale John and Leanne Denise, both students.

Melvin attended business college. Completing his degree in industrial accounting, he worked for Westons, MacMillan Bloedel, and Imperial Oil. Presently he is employed with Edmonton Power. He is married to Diana Demchuk and they have three children: Ronald, a mechanical engineer; Gail, a correctional officer; and Darren, a student.

Sandra, attended business college in Edmonton, worked for a bank, Westons, Waterloo, and the City of Edmonton. She was married to Robert Fasenko (from Hairy Hill) and had a daughter, Cindy, who currently is a letter carrier in Edmonton. When Cindy was one year old, her father passed away of a heart attack. Sandra and her second husband, Mike Lastiwka, of Edmonton, were formerly in the motel business, and now own Custom Tree Movers in Edmonton.

After moving to Edmonton, Orest completed his junior high school at H. A. Gray, and his high school at Victoria Composite. He worked for Healy Motors, Waterloo Motors, and is now employed by the City of Edmonton. Orest is a board member of the City of Edmonton Civic Employees' Credit Union. He is married to Betty Nahorniak and they have two children, Brent and Brian, both students.

John and Jessie are now enjoying retirement in Edmonton.

KISILEVICH, Stanley and Sophie

I, Sophie Bartoshyk, born in 1907, came to Canada with my parents, Bill Bartoshyk and Eva Yakimovich and sister, Mary, in 1910. When we arrived in the Vegreville district we came to Mr. Fedyna's place. Later my parents settled in the Myrnam area. They raised a family of six more children: Mike, Peter, Joe, Lena, Anne (deceased) and Tillie (deceased).

Sophie, Lillian, Lawrence, Safron, Stanley and Lloyd Kisilevich, 1948

There was no Village of Myrnam until 1927, when the CPR went through but there was a post office. My mother, Eva Bartoshyk, asked me, then 17 years of age, to drive her across the river to her brother's place and leave her there. Brother Joe would bring her back over the ice.

The river was shining like glass. Someone had sprinkled snow and manure to define the way across, and render the ice less slippery. It was still very slippery, however and the horses slid; one horse strained one way and the other horse strained the opposite way. Halfway across, the ice was heaving in large swells. I cried with fright. After mother got to her destination, I braved the ice crossing again.

The horses ran as fast as they could, and I slackened the reins to give them their head as the ice was swelling and heaving as before.

Of such were the pioneer women made!

I married Stanley Kisilevich, son of Nicholas and Tecla, on January 31, 1926, at Myrnam. Stanley was

Stanley and Sophie Kisilevich on their 50th wedding anniversary, January 31, 1976

born in 1897, in New Kiew (NW 27-53-13-W4th). Our post offices were Warwick, New Kiew, and later Lavoy.

We were blessed with five children: Olivia (deceased), Lillian Kozak (deceased), Lloyd and Lawrence (twins) (deceased), and Safron, who was born in 1930, and who presently resides in Edmonton.

My husband and I went into mixed farming. I did my own sewing for the family. Stanley had a blacksmith shop and made his own tools and wooden rakes. He also shod horses and fixed broken machinery parts.

After we sold our land we retired to Two Hills. Stanley passed away in 1977, at the age of 80. I continue to reside in Two Hills.

KITT, Kindrat and Mary
KOZICKI, Andrew and Sophia (nee Kitt)

by William J. Yaremko and Emil Kozicki

Andrew, son of Paul and Julia (nee Konualec) Kozicki of Strymitoze, Galicia, Ukraine, was born in 1895. He came from a family of four boys and two girls: Andrew, Martin, Steve, Stan and Fadusia of the Ukraine, and Mary (Zahoda) of Athabasca. Andrew attended school to the age of 12, then helped his father at home until he was 14. In 1910, at the age of 15, Andrew immigrated to

Kindrat and Mary Kitt, 1936

Andrew and Sophie Kozicki, 1918

Canada, leaving his parents and all his family behind. In Canada, he worked from Winnipeg to the Pacific Ocean on railroads, coal mines, sawmills and farms. Wages were 50¢ to $1.50 per day, with room and board supplied.

Sophia Kozicki (nee Kitt) was one and a half years old, when, in 1903, her parents, Kindrat and Mary Kitt immigrated to Canada from Bilavci, Ukraine. "A trip from Halifax to Edmonton, in a slow moving and crowded train, seemed just endless", said Kindrat to Emil Kozicki, in 1943, when they were talking about pioneer days. Kindrat and Mary lived at their relative's place, (Dan Kitt of Mundare), and worked in the district for a year. In 1904 or 1905 Kindrat and Mary purchased an ox and a small wagon. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kitt gave them a dog when they were leaving a community called "Farmilia", now New Kiew.

At New Kiew, they bought 160 acres of undeveloped land (SE 2-54-13-W4th) for ten dollars. In 1905 a 14 by 30 feet log house was erected. Flat rock was used for footings. Round-log walls, plastered with brown clay were white-washed from inside and out. The roof was thatched with bundles of long rye straw. Furniture was hand-made. All summer long the family walked

The Kozicki family. (L to R) - Annie, Julie, Nancy, Steve in the chair, and Mary, 1921

Emil Kozicki's family, (L to R) - Susan, Lilly, Peter, Emil, Terry and Marshall, 1980

barefooted, as money was unavailable to buy shoes.

The family's main source of food was deer, prairie chickens, rabbits, wild ducks, and fish, which was plentiful at Plain Lake. As years went by, more land was broken, more buildings were erected and new machinery was bought.

Sophia came from a family of five sisters and one brother: Nadia passed away in 1908, and two sisters died in 1914, three days apart during the flu epidemic. In the 1930s her brother, John, was killed in a binder accident. Sister, Mary Chudakevich still lives in Edmonton.

Andrew Kozicki and Sophia Kitt were married in 1918 in New Kiew. They worked and farmed for a number of years in Mundare, Lamont, Bruderheim and New Kiew district. In 1929, they purchased C.P.R. land for $150. In the ensuing years the Kozickis broke the land, erected some farm-buildings and with the help of their sons Emil and Walter bought machinery.

Sophia's mother, Mary Kitt, passed away in 1941, and was buried in the New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Church Cemetery. Her father, Kindrat, remarried to Eva Kitt in 1942. They retired and moved to Myrnam in 1943. Their land was taken over by daughter Sophia. Kindrat Kitt passed away in 1958, and was buried at New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Church Cemetery.

Andrew and Sophia were members of the New Kiew Church, and later joined the Plain Lake parish. In 1960 the Kozickis retired and moved to Vegreville. Their son, Emil, took over their land. He also operates his own feed mill in Lavoy.

Andrew and Sophia raised 12 children: Julia, Nancy, Annie, Fadasia, Mary, Elizabeth, Steve, Emil, John, Walter, Orest and Bill who passed away in childhood.

The Kozickis were pioneers of New Kiew and Two Hills districts. Andrew passed away on April 20, 1973, at the age of 78 years. Sophia passed away on December 26, 1973, at 72 years. Both are buried at the Riverside Cemetery at Vegreville.

The Kozicki's family reunion, 1978

KITT, Harry and Eva (nee Chmilar)

by Walter H. Kitt

Harry Kitt arrived in Canada from the Ukraine in 1907, with his wife, Taciana, and their sons, Tom age four, and John who was two. They settled on a homestead north of Plain Lake, NW 33-53-12-W4th.

Eva and Harry Kitt, 1930

The Kitts built a small two-room house, a barn, chicken house, and cleared a few acres of land for grain and a garden, with their two oxen. Being well on their way to prosperity, the glory of it soon ended when Harry's wife took ill and passed away, leaving him to look after two boys. The hardships of looking after two small boys, and trying to make a living, forced him to look for a wife. After a short courtship, he married an 18-year-old girl, Eva Chmilar. Eva's parents came from the old country and settled south of Morecambe, with their two grown girls and two boys. Although she was a step-mother, she raised the two boys like their real mother would have.

Harry and Eva lived happily together, working hard, and during the years were blessed with two boys, and two girls; Walter, Mary, Bill and Anne.

John worked on the railway for one and a half years, and later as a carpenter for a few years. He bought a farm

The Kitt family in 1920. Standing at the back, John (age 16); seated - Harry and Eva Kitt, Walter (ten), Mary (eight), and Bill (four).

four miles from his home place and resided there after some buildings were constructed.

When Tom grew up, he received title to a farm. Tom was married to Annie Warawa in 1924. They lived together one year, before Annie passed away. Tom later married Anastasia Cymbaluk and they were blessed with seven children, of whom three passed away. Still living are: Steve, who lives in Quebec, Mike and Bill who reside in Two Hills, and Mary Mandrusiak who lives in Lamont. They all have their own families.

John married Pearl Hryciw in 1928. They were blessed with five children: Harry, Joe, Peter, Elsie and Rosie. Elsie resides in Edmonton, and the rest of the family live in Two Hills.

KITT, Walter H. and Mary (nee Lukanuk)

At an early age, Walter realized that he would not like to farm, and supported the idea of doing something easier. In 1928, at the age of 18, he left home and began house and sign painting, in various towns, until 1935. He then sold made-to-measure clothing and did watch repairs in Mundare, later moving to Derwent to open a shop there.

In the spring of 1937, Walter took a trip to Vancouver, and Victoria, and after travelling around for six months, returned home. In February, 1938, he married Mary Lukanuk, of Morecambe. They moved to Innisfree, where they started a jewellery shop and continued to sell made-to-measure clothing. Walter started auctioneering and held many auction sales in various places.

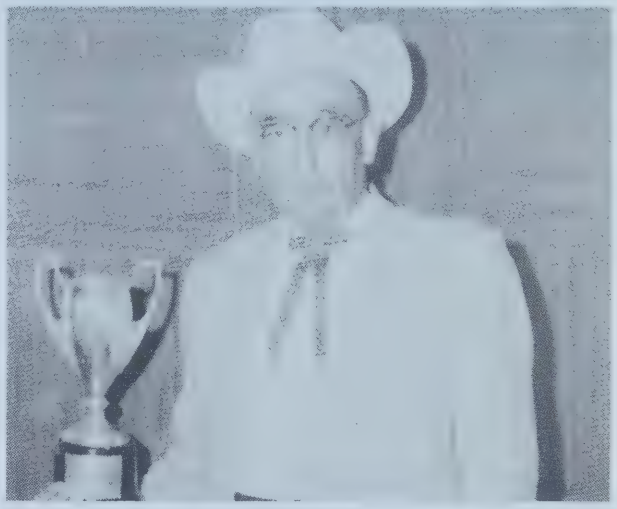
After nearly a year in business, the Kitts moved to Vegreville for the winter. In the spring of 1939, he was asked to take over the farming operation as his father was in poor health. His father passed away after being ill for a year and a half. Walter then quit farming, and moved to Myrnam where he bought a house and opened a jewellery shop once again, started auctioneering, sold monuments, and did basically anything and everything to make a dollar.

In 1948, he moved to Vernon, B.C., for a short time, then returned to Myrnam. Walter and his family made their final move to Two Hills in 1949, where he continued auctioneering and established a real estate, and an insurance business, until his retirement in 1983. His present occupational hobby is art paintings, craft work, and glass signs.

The Walter Kitt family - Gloria, Walter, Mary and Loree Kitt, 1948.

Walter has one brother and two sisters: Bill, Mary, and Anne. Bill, who married Mary Klymochko, lives in Cranbrook, B.C. Mary married Bill Sydora. She is widowed and lives in Vegreville. Anne married Steve Klymochko. She is also widowed and lives in Vegreville.

Walter and Mary are blessed with two children. Loree owns a T.V. appliance and furniture store in St. Paul. He married Yolande Richer and they have four children: Lorelei, Michael, Deannie, and Christopher. Gloria Smoliak is a legal secretary and lives in Drumheller with her two daughters, Cathy and Caren.



Walter H. Kitt, 1961, auctioneer for 45 years (1938 to 1983). Walter won trophies for six years in a row, was director of the Auctioneers Association for seven years, and its president in 1961 and 1962.

KITZ, Senko and Anastasia

by Lillian Kitz-Basaraba

"Undaunted was their courage as they left their native homeland to seek fortune in an unknown wilderness."

These were my grandparents who persevered the rigorous pioneer life on this Canadian soil; thus leaving a memorable and precious legacy to their family, friends and relatives.

Senko (Simeon) Kitz, the eldest son of Stefan and Marie Kitz (Geleta) was born in 1870, in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl, Western Ukraine, (known as Halychina). He married Anastasia (Nancy) Halkow, the eldest daughter of Stefan and Maria Halkow (Kostyk). She was born in 1871, in the same village as Senko.

With promises of vast tracts of land, a freedom from oppression and poverty, and with enough money to pay the passage to Canada, Senko and Anastasia decided to pursue their destiny. Little did they realize the nightmare of having to overcome the unbearable living conditions, unsurmountable hardships, prejudices and discrimination.

Senko (1915) and Anastasia (1933) Kitz

In 1901, Senko and Anastasia with their sons, Steve, age three and one year old John bid a tearful farewell to their loved ones, boarded the train to Gdansk, Poland, and set sail to Liverpool, England, and then to Canada.

On arrival in Halifax, the family continued their journey to Winnipeg where they spent one week in the Immigration House before their departure to Edmonton (Strathcona). Here Senko and Anastasia were met by their close friends: the Kaliwushkas, Pauks and Orfinos who offered to assist them. After living for one year with the Titko family in Beaver Lake, Senko staked out a homestead, NW 30-53-13-W4th, two and one half miles west of New Kiew.

The harsh reality of making a dream come true, enabled Senko and his wife to employ their worldly possessions - a sickle, scythe, pick-axe, and proceed to clear some land before a crude type of sod house could be erected. A year later this was replaced by a three-room log cabin, and in 1915, a more stylish two-storey lumber home was constructed.

Many long hours were spent in breaking the land and preparing the soil for seeding. In one year, three or four furrows of land could be seeded by hand and if successful, three or four sacks of grain would be harvested with a sickle, scythe and flail. Their meager food supplies were supplemented by the environment which yielded berries, mushrooms, edible roots and wild animals.

Every six months, Senko and his friends trekked a 120 kilometre trail to Edmonton to purchase such necessities as flour, sugar, and salt, while Anastasia stayed home tending the family.

Being despondent over the small rewards that this new land had to offer, Senko often wished to return to his homeland. However in 1902, when his mother Maria and family: Nick, John, Jessie Killick, Annie Sen and Katherine Yaremcio arrived in Canada, he found more peace with himself.

Several years later, he purchased a cow, two horses and some crude machinery to cultivate more land. From these simple beginnings, the farming operations expanded to include more land, machinery and animals. Forces of nature often played havoc with the crops, resulting in a total loss, thus making farming unprofitable.

Although the family committed itself to hard labor, they still found time to satisfy their spiritual and recreational needs. In 1908, Senko and a few neighbors and friends, namely: Senko Geleta, Jacob Yuskow, Michael Yaremcio and Yakiw Lazowski constructed the St. Nicholas Russo Greek-Orthodox Church. Prior to that, services were held at the Kitz residence. The hospitality of the family enabled them to entertain many neighbors, friends and relatives. Even travelling strangers were welcomed to share a cup of tea. Family gatherings were prevalent, especially during the festive season.

Education was greatly valued. Although it was not a necessity, Senko and Anastasia encouraged their children to read and write in their own language as well as attend the English school whenever possible.

In the early beginnings with no hospitals or doctors, Anastasia prepared her own medicinal concoctions; garlic for influenza, romnyanok (dried herbs) for stomach ailments and dried-up puffball dust for cuts or wounds. To relieve migraine headaches or highblood pressure, little suction cups (banyki) would be placed over an inflicted cut to remove some of the supposedly-bad blood. Neighboring women helped each other during childbirth.

In 1916, tragedy befell the family when, after a short illness, Senko passed away at the age of 46, leaving Anastasia with eight children. The oldest was 18 and the youngest only three. Facing the adversity, Anastasia continued to farm and raise her young family.

Senko and Anastasia had eight children:

Steve was born in 1897 and died in 1968. John born in 1900, passed away in 1981. (See histories).

Katherine, (1902-1948) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, married Reverend John Zazulak and they raised two children, Alexandra and Anatoly.

Annie Horon was born in 1905 and died in 1984. Jessie Kisilevich, (1907-), William (1909-), Mary Duke (1911-1961), and Mike (1913-1985) were the other children. (See histories elsewhere.)

Surviving the hardships of pioneer days, the reality of widowhood, the Depression Years and the Second World War, Anastasia lived a long life, enjoying her children, her 23 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. On

Senko and Anastasia Kitz family. (L to R) - Mike, Mary Duke, William, Jessie Kisilevich, Anne Horon, Katherine Zazulak, John and Steve, 1942

January 7, 1956, at age 85, she passed away and was interred beside her husband in the Russo Greek-Orthodox Cemetery.

May the memories of my grandparents be a lifetime treasure to be cherished in the many years to come.

KITZ, Steve and Pearl

by Lillian Kitz-Basaraba

Steve Kitz of New Kiew, Alberta, the eldest son of Senko and Anastasia Kitz was born on December 15, 1897, in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl,

Kitz family, Back row, (L to R) - Steve, Pearl, Bill and Mary Duke, Grandma Kitz, Mike, John Kisilevich; front row - Lillian Kitz, Sandra and Melvin Kisilevich, 1940.

Western Ukraine. In 1901, he and his parents immigrated to Canada.

Growing up on the family homestead, Steve realized very little of the carefree childhood days that most children experience. As soon as he was capable, Steve and his younger brothers and sisters worked alongside of their parents up-rooting trees, turning the sod and seeding the land. There were no elaborate machines to ease the burden of their aching arms. Dedicated to his work, Steve spent countless hours laboring on the land, constructing buildings and caring for the younger members of the family.

There was very little time for socialization or any formal education as most children attended school for just a few months of the year. Most of Steve's education was acquired during the winter months in the New Kiew School.

Steve often relished the thought of having his own spending money,--a thought that one could only dream of. As a young lad of 13, he and his younger brother John once sold three loads of firewood in Vegreville, for 25¢. With this money they bought a box of oranges--a Christmas present for the entire family.

As the family began to prosper, more land, cattle and machinery were acquired. This prosperity was soon marred by the untimely death of Steve's father, obligating Steve, at age 18, to look after his mother and younger brothers and sisters. The task was met with courage and determination.

On February 26, 1935, Steve married Pearl Yuskiw, the youngest daughter of Phillip and Xenia Yuskiw (Boyko). Pearl was born on May 15, 1902, in the Village of Sokolia, County of Mostiska, Western Ukraine. In 1926, she left her native home-land and immigrated to Canada. Her sponsor was her cousin, Bill Yuskow. Pearl lived with the family for one year. She then moved to Vegreville and finally to Edmonton where she found employment in various restaurants. After her marriage she returned to the farm.

The "Dirty-Thirties" were reminiscent of the early beginnings of pioneer life. Employment was scarce and farm prices fell. Steve recalls selling his best cow for $15. in order to purchase some seed grain and a few other essentials, leaving him only with a few dollars for the next several months. Despite the adversities of the Depression Years, the family found time to appreciate the cultural and social aspects of life.

As a youngster, Steve displayed great musical talent. Using his talent, he taught the youth group of the community to play various musical instruments, as well as to sing and engage in drama activities. Steve also took an active part in helping the choir master of his church. In his earlier days, he was a member of the United Farmers' Association and then the National Farmers' Union, promoting the cause for united farmers.

Steve and Pearl were blessed with three children and two grandchildren.

Steve and Pearl Kitz family, 1963. (L to R) - Pearl, Steve, Elsie Kochan, Lillian Basaraba, and Sam.

Steve and Pearl Kitz' grandchildren - Connie and Darren Kochan, 1983

Lillian is a teacher in Two Hills.

Sam lives on the family farm and has been actively engaged in mixed farming.

Elsie lives in Sherwood Park and works for Gainers' Ltd.

Granddaughter Connie is enrolled in education at the University of Alberta.

Grandson Darren is attending junior high school.

Because of ill health, Steve retired from active farming in 1967, and on August 20, 1968, he passed away.

Pearl enjoys reading books, newspapers, and attending to her garden. May she be blessed with good health as she trods into her sunset years; and may their heritage be a living memory for the many generations to come.

KITZ, John and Helen

as told by Marion Marlatt

John Kitz of Plain Lake, Alberta, the second oldest son of Senko and Anastasia Kitz, was born on March 23, 1900, in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl, Western Ukraine. At the age of one year he immigrated with his parents to Canada. As a young lad, John and his brother Steve spent countless hours helping their parents set up a homestead. The rigors of pioneer life demanded much energy.

Upon his father's death, he moved away to start a life of his own.

In 1918, he married Helen Lazowski, daughter of Jacob and Paraskevia Lazowski. Helen, born on October 29, 1900, in the Village of Hinovich, County of Yaroslaw, Western Ukraine, came to Canada with her parents when she was only a few months old.

Both John and Helen, as a young couple, worked hard to establish their family farm. It was their driving determination to be successful that prompted John and Helen to engage in extra activities. In the late twenties, John spent several years on road construction in the district, while Helen displayed her homemaker's talent as a seamstress, sewing garments for only 25 cents a piece. Furthermore, John undertook the task of working in bush camps while Helen picked fruit in British Columbia. With the extra money earned, more improvements were added to the farm.

John and Helen were extremely happy to be the first owners of a 1929 Pontiac, four-door sedan. This made the monthly journey to grandma's place much easier. However, this wasn't the only luxury, for the family was also the first to buy a radio in 1928 and to install a farm telephone on their property. As the farm prospered, John and Helen were able to purchase a threshing machine, thus establishing a community business helping their neighbors and relatives.

John Kitz family, 1970. Standing - Daughter Marion and Murray Marlatt; seated - Helen and John Kitz.

They were also community-minded people. In the early thirties, John was a trustee of the Krasne School. Because of the close distance to school, many teachers often found board and lodging at the Kitz residence. Social gatherings, such as surprise parties, were popular in the early forties, when people would gather at a certain place for a social evening. Both John and Helen were great participants in such events.

Although the pioneer life was demanding, it had some of its rewards in making people realize that goals could only be achieved through hard work. After spending 48 years on the farm, John and Helen sold their farm, and in 1965, moved to Two Hills, anticipating to live a more relaxed life. Unfortunately, nine years later, Helen succumbed to illness and became wheel-chair ridden until her death on July 10, 1980. A few months later, on September 13, 1980, her husband John passed away.

John and Helen were blessed with three children. Marion, the oldest, completed business college, married Murray Marlatt, and lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. Bill (deceased), a business adventurer in Edmonton, married Mary Zylenko. They had two daughters. Sharon married Jerry Willes and they have two children, Carrie and Jason. Linda married Cliff Borchers and they have two sons, Chad and Cody. Nicholas, the youngest son, living in Kelowna, British Columbia, is a civil engineer. He is married to Evangeline Soldan and they have a daughter, Barbara.

John Kitz family, 1948. (L to R) - Mary, Bill (son), John and Helen.

Son Nick, his wife Evangeline, 1985.

KITZ, William S. and Josie

William (Bill) Kitz, of New Kiew, Alberta, the third son of Senko and Anastasia Kitz was born in Canada on December 30, 1909. Like his older brothers and sisters, William experienced the many adversities of pioneer life. However, his vigor and determination enabled him to forbear these hardships, as he painstakingly labored on the virgin land. Later, William and his brother Mike acquired a Cockshutt 30 tractor (supported on steel wheels) which somewhat alleviated the burden of land cultivation.

Josie and Bill Kitz with their sons Edward, Norman and Walter, circa 1945

On October 15, 1932, William married Josie Dehid, daughter of Jan and Anastasia Dehid. Josie was born on October 31, 1906, and prior to her marriage, was employed as a salesclerk in Vegreville, Calgary and Edmonton. Later, for three consecutive summers, she worked in a confectionery store and as a hairdresser in Cold Lake. Josie was actively involved in the Ukrainian youth groups participating in Ukrainian dancing.

In 1933, William and Josie purchased their grandmother's homestead where they continued to expand their farming operations. However, in 1940 and 1945, they bought and resold land, finally settling in the Warwick area. In the course of their farming operations, William and Josie took pride in establishing a registered herd of Hereford cattle, and modernizing their farm with the newest farming equipment. In 1970, they sold their farm and retired in Vegreville.

Josie and Bill Kitz during their 50th wedding anniversary celebration, 1982

William and Josie often reminisce about their early years—when Josie trapped jack-rabbits and weasels, selling each pelt for 10¢, when William tried desperately to find some leisure time to play in baseball tournaments, instead of attending church service, and when during the Depression years a wagon load of oats was sold for $10.

In those days a person had to be economy-minded. Josie would often sew her own garments and sell Christmas cards for a certain percentage of the sales' commission.

Although William and Josie valued education, they had the opportunity to complete only their grade-school. Josie attended Wolia School and William attended New Kiew and Fairwood Schools.

During his farming career, William was active in the Farmers' Union of Alberta organization. At the present time William and Josie are active members of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Vegreville.

William and Josie have three children:

Walter, an electrician, lives in Vegreville and has his own electrical business, "Pleasant Electric." He is married to Janet Curken and they have a daughter, Christine.

Edward, a pharmacist, lives in Edmonton and is married to Suzette Knops of Brussels, Belgium.

Norman, a pharmacist, lives in Westlock and is married to Anita De La Salle. They have three children: Shauna, Shane and Sharla.

KITZ, Mike and Rose

Mike Kitz of New Kiew, Alberta, the youngest son of Senko and Anastasia Kitz, was born on November 4, 1913, in Canada.

Being the youngest, Mike was spared most of the pioneer hardships that his parents and older brothers and sisters had to endure. However, he does recall having to pick rocks, pull roots and continue the work of his family.

Mike and his sister Mary attended school at New Kiew and Fairwood.

In 1942, Mike married Rose Horon, the youngest daughter of Wasyl and Anna Horon. Rose was born on September 7, 1914. She can vividly recall having to spend her honeymoon on a 40-acre parcel of land which had to be broken, cleared of roots and made ready for planting crops.

Taking over his parents' homestead, Mike remained on the farm until 1948, at which time he moved to Two Hills where he was casually employed in painting and carpenting while still maintaining full-time farming operations. Later, for a short time he worked at the Duvernay Chemcell Plant. Rose found employment at Geleta's Drugstore, Palamaruk's Five to a Dollar Store and Pundick's General Store. However, Two Hills was not

Mike and Rose Kitz, 1942

destined to be their home. In 1961, Mike and Rose moved to Vegreville where they presently reside. After being employed with Service Meats for a number of years, Rose joined her husband in the painting business. In 1977, they sold the family farm and retired.

As youngsters, Mike and Rose had great talents and ambitions. Mike being musically inclined, in 1934, mail-ordered his first guitar from a music store in Regina. After a few lessons, he joined the Dick Geleta Orchestra and played in the band for 11 years. Rose's girlhood dreams were fulfilled when she became a carnival queen for the Plain Lake parish and was second runner-up for the Borschiw parish. Her other interests were handicrafts and cake-decorating. Although Rose has made countless number of petit-point pictures, embroidery items, and patch-work quilts, her biggest pride and joy was in decorating hundreds of wedding cakes.

Several years ago, Mike and Rose toured their parents' native homeland. Their visit included the Ukraine and Poland. Here they met many friends and relatives whose hospitality left impressionable memories which they will greatly cherish for many years to come.

At the present time, Mike and Rose continue to enjoy their retirement. They are members of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and Rose belongs to the St. Ann's Women's League where she is an active participant in the activities of the church.

May their contributions to the pioneer heritage be a memory to their many relatives and friends.

KOLISNIAK, Andrew and Elena (nee Hrynyk)

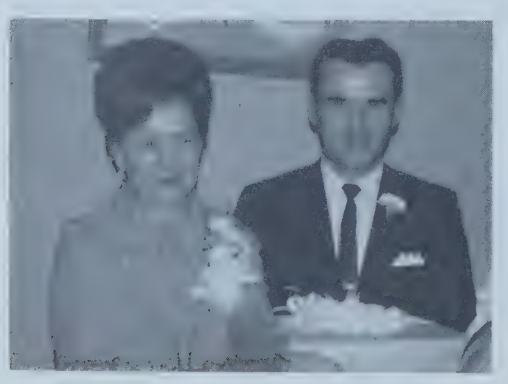
Andrew, the son of Wasyl and Wasylena Kolisniak was born in 1895 in the Village of Nizirna, Province of Galicia, Ukraine. In 1905, at the age of ten, he arrived in Canada with his parents and settled in the Musidora district.

In 1917, Andrew married Elena Hrynyk, daughter of Fedor and Marie Hrynyk. Elena was born in 1900 in Borschiw, Province of Galicia, Ukraine. She came to Canada with her parents on July 23, 1906, at the age of six years. The family settled in the Royal Park district.

After their marriage, Andrew and Elena lived with Andrew's parents for a few months. Shortly thereafter, they purchased a homestead where they built a two-room log house and an outdoor oven (peech). A horse and a cow were their only farm animals. Slowly they cleared and cultivated the land and erected additional buildings.

In 1919, a deadly flu swept the country causing many deaths. Andrew and Elena were able to play a great role in helping the sick neighbours. They supplied them with food and homemade remedies such as garlic and wine which helped many to survive.

In 1920, their first daughter Annie was born. Within 15 years they were blessed with six more daughters: Mary, Olga, Rosie, Sophie, Justine, and Zenovia. All



Rose and Mike Kitz, 25th wedding anniversary, 1967

Andrew and Elena with son Walter and granddaughter Karen, 1961

were born at home with the assistance of a midwife. Because the family quickly outgrew their two-room house, a summer house was added.

To keep his family fed, Andrew often took sacks of wheat to the Mundare mill. He returned two days later with flour, cream of wheat, puffed wheat and cracked wheat, from which Elena made cabbage rolls. At this time Andrew was able to buy a sack of apples for $1.50 and ten pounds of peanuts for 50¢. Elena planted a big garden consisting of potatoes, and vegetables which she canned, preserved and dried. Countless hours were spent picking berries and even catching partridges. Cheese would be packed and frozen in wooden pails. Canned meat was preserved in salt brine. Wild meat and fish were plentiful. With the surplus fat, Elena made soap, which was used for the family wash.

The four Kolisniak girls attended Chornik School where they were teased about being a complete wagon (4 wheels).

In 1930, due to the ultimely death of Andrew's brother, Mike, the family moved to Musidora where they looked after Andrew's parents until their death. The children then attended Franko School which now stands in the Ukrainian Heritage Village near Edmonton.

In 1934, their first son, Walter, was born; followed in 1936, by a son, Orest William, and a daughter, Victoria. During this time Andrew and Elena took a very active part in organizing and building the Musidora Community Hall. They were active members of the Musidora Greek-Orthodox Church, where Andrew served as president, and held other executive positions for 20 years.

As the family grew and prospered they were able to purchase their first car in 1937, and a tractor in 1942. During these years, changes took place at which time most of the girls left home, leaving the boys to assist with the farming operations.

In 1961, after a lengthy illness, Elena passed away. For another two years Andrew made his home with his son Orest and daughter, Victoria. Eventually, he sold the farm and retired in Two Hills. Andrew lived with his daughter, Victoria, and son-in-law, John Werenka, until his death on May 1, 1972 at the General Hospital in Edmonton. Elena and Andrew rest in the family plot in the Musidora cemetery. They are survived by ten children, 23 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Andrew and Elena Kolisniak children celebrating Annie's 60th birthday, 1980

KOLISNIAK, (Lasek) Sophie and John

Sophie, daughter of Andrew and Elena (nee Hrynyk) Kolisniak, was born November 22, 1926, on a homestead, five miles north of Musidora.

At the opening of Musidora Community Hall, Sophie won the title of "Queen" for the sale of the most tickets. She took part in many plays and concerts in the district.

Sophie married John Lasek on September 27, 1945 and settled in the Musidora district. She was a member of the Ukrainian Women's Association, and was president of the club for five years.

In 1970, Sophie took up employment in the Eagleview Nursing Home, where she is presently employed.

In 1976, John and Sophie built a home and moved to town. However, John continued to farm.

John and Sophie had three children: Leonard, Lawrence, and Ronald. In 1967, Leonard graduated from NAIT in Exploration Studies. He later returned to the Institute and continued in Electrical Technology. Leonard is presently working in Edmonton as a Journeyman Electrician. He is married to Terry Congon, and they have one son, Ivan.

In 1972, Lawrence graduated from Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Business Marketing. He married Beverly Smoliak, and they have three children: Jackie, Nicole, and Crystal. Lawrence is presently the manager of the Tire Centre in Edmonton.

Ronald graduated from Two Hills High School in 1972. He is married to Caren McKay, and they have two children, Cherie and Michelle. Ron, who lives on the farm, is presently employed with Westmin Resources in Two Hills.

KOLISNIAK, Walter and Florence (nee Kuhn)

Walter, son of Andrew and Elena, (nee Hrynyk) Kolisniak, is one of ten children born to them in the Musidora district. Walter received his elementary education at Franko and Musidora Schools, and his high school at Two Hills. As a youngster, Walter, and his brother Orest served as school janitors. He was a member of the 4H Beef Club at Myrnam and received several grand Champion awards.

In 1956, Walter married Florence, (nee Kuhn) and took up residence on the family farm. Florence is one of eight children of William and May Kuhn of Mundare.

Walter and Florence were active members of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian National Hall in Musidora. Both took active parts in plays and concerts.

For a short time, Walter was employed as a grain buyer for Pioneer Grain Company. His tenure was short, however, as the elevator burned down. Walter then worked for the British American Oil Company which was operated for 32 years by his uncle, John Kolisniak. The untimely death of his uncle resulted in Walter taking over the business in April, 1958. He continues to operate the same business.

In May, 1958, Walter and Florence were blessed with the arrival of their daughter Karen. Later that year, they

moved to Two Hills.

Walter has seen many changes during his 26 years in the oil business. The British American Oil Company's name changed to Gulf Canada. Prices, which were $7.99 for a barrel of gasoline have risen to a whopping $59. a barrel.

Walter and Florence are members of the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Two Hills Chamber of Commerce. Walter has served on various executive positions for the following organizations: Lion's Club, Elks Club, Fish and Game, and was a member of the Agricultural Society. He had the opportunity to serve on Two Hills town council for 12 years under the administration of the late Mayor, Dick Geleta.

In 1977, Walter resigned from Town Council and moved his family to a farm one mile east of Two Hills. Being an aggressive business man, he sold recreational vehicles for Wicks of Canada, and mobile homes for Neonex.

Raised on a farm, Walter, along with his brother, Orest, and their sons, purchased some farm land and carried on with a straight grain farming operation.

Florence, presently employed as clerk typist by Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation, manages the Two Hills office where she has been employed since 1975.

Daughter Karen was born May 5, 1958, in Two Hills, where she attended elementary and high school, graduating in 1976. She passed her Grade VII in piano and theory two, and took figure skating, baton lessons, and Ukrainian dancing. After graduating she worked for Gulf Oil in Calgary as a draftsperson. She then moved to Edmonton and was employed by Smith International, Drilco Division. On June 9, 1984, Karen married Jim Berry, who is employed by Edmonton Telephones. As a hobby, Jim goes rodeoing on weekends. They make their home in Edmonton.

Clarence was born on July 22, 1960. He received his elementary and high school education in Two Hills, graduating in 1978. Clarence has been a member of the Two Hills Ukrainian dancing club for eight years. He also played minor hockey.

After attending N.A.I.T., Clarence was employed by Alberta Government Telephones. He continued to pursue his studies, completing his fourth year at N.A.I.T. in Communications Electronics. Presently he is employed by Alberta Government Telephones at Fort Saskatchewan.

Kolisniak family, 1982. (L to R) - Walter, Florence, Craig, Karen and Clarence.

On July 24, 1982, Clarence married Jacqueline, (nee Holinsky). Jackie is employed in Edmonton by Drs. Kornell and Williams as a medical dicta-typist.

Craig, the youngest son, born November 10, 1964, took all his elementary and high school education in Two Hills, graduating in 1981. He participated in Ukrainian dancing, played hockey and played an electric guitar. Craig pursued his studies in Edmonton at Concordia College for one year. He played hockey at the college, getting the Big C award for that year. Continuing his studies at the University of Alberta he has completed his second year in Business and Commerce. During the summer break, he has been working at the Gulf Bulk Plant for his father.

Clarence and Craig are still very active in hockey and have played a number of seasons with the Two Hills Eagle Hockey Club. After moving to Edmonton, they joined the Edmonton Executive League, playing on the same line.

KOLISNIAK, William Orest and Janet (nee Hilton)

William Orest Kolisniak, the second son and ninth child of Andrew and Elena Kolisniak, was born in Vegreville, Alberta, on October 23, 1936. He grew up on the farm east of Musidora.

Orest attended Franko School for Grades I and II, then Musidora School for four years. While attending school at Musidora, Orest, and his brother Walter, were janitors for three years. For one year's hard work, hauling wood and coal, lighting the fire and sweeping the school, they earned $40. which they promptly spent on a bicycle. For the rest of his schooling, Grades VII-XII, he went to Two Hills.

Orest was a member of the 4-H Beef Club in Beauvallon, manager and player with the Musidora Fastball Club, a member of the executive for the Musidora Youth group, and the president of the Musidora Hall Committee for two years.

In 1962, his father sold the farm and retired to Two Hills. At this time Orest started working for his brother Walter who was with B.A. Oil. He also operated a B-A Service Station for two years.

During this time, Janet Hilton came to Two Hills as the District Home Economist with the Department of Agriculture. She was born and raised in Calgary and had just completed her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Orest and Janet were married in Calgary in 1965, and continued to live in Two Hills. In 1966, their son, Kevin William was born in Two Hills.

At this time Orest had the opportunity to take over a Bulk Oil Agency in Vermilion, and moved his family there in 1967. There, Kathryn May was born in 1968, and Elana Lynn in 1971. During their ten years in Vermilion, Orest managed the B-A Bulk Agency and then the Gulf

Service Center.

The Kolisniaks were active in various groups in the community.

In 1977, Servico transferred Orest back to his birthplace, Vegreville. Here, the children had the opportunity to learn through Ukrainian dancing and language classes about their Ukrainian heritage.

At the present time, Orest is a Gulf reseller operating a Service Station and bulk agency in Vegreville and one in Vermilion. His brother, Walter, and he are also 'hobby' farmers on their land near Two Hills. Janet helps out at the service station and is involved with the Home Services Board, F.C.S.S. Board, Figure Skating Club, and is treasurer of the St. James Parish of the Anglican Church. Kevin plans to attend university, to take courses in business and commerce.

In high school, Kevin was president of the students' union, manager of the basketball team, and played hockey and baseball.

Kathy is an avid volleyball player, lifeguard, and plays fastball and slowpitch ball.

Elana figure skates, bowls, plays the piano, and spends much time with her pet dog, Muggsy, and her extensive doll collection.

KOLISNIAK, Zenovia

Zenovia, daughter of Andrew and Elena Kolisniak, was born in 1930, on the family homestead. She spent her first two years there and then moved to Musidora with her family. After she completed her education at Franko School she continued to live with the family, helping with household and farm chores.

At the age of 21, she left the farm and went to Vermilion where she worked for a year. With good job prospects she moved to Vancouver, for six years. In 1958, she returned to Musidora to spend a few months with her family. She later moved to Calgary staying there for several years until she chose Edmonton as her home.

KOLISNIAK, John and Rose (nee Nikiforuk)

John, son of Wasyl and Wasylena (nee Elkow) Kolisniak, was born on June 9, 1902, in the Village of Nazirna, County of Kolomea, Halychina, Ukraine. In 1905, the family immigrated to Canada and settled on a homestead near Musidora. John spent his early childhood attending Franko School and helping his parents on the farm. In 1918, he helped organize and build the Adam Kotsko Ukrainian National Home in Musidora, where he participated in many plays and concerts. He also helped organize the first Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which was built on land donated by his father.

On November 16, 1924, he married Rose Nikiforuk, daughter of Dmytro and Elana (nee Lakusta) Nikiforuk from the Village of Zawale, County of Sniatyn, Halychina, Ukraine. In 1902, the Nikiforuks immigrated to Canada, settling near Wostok where Rose was born on August 19, of the same year. Later, they moved to the Lanuke area where Rose spent her childhood, attending Nizir School. After operating a general store in Musidora, John and Rose moved to Two Hills in 1927, and participated in many business ventures as well as in community affairs. John was a member of the Town Council and served as mayor of Two Hills for many years. He was also an active member of the Board of Trade, one of the original founders of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox parish in Two Hills, and a member of the Elks' Lodge.

Rose was one of the founders of the Ladies' Broomball Club. She was active in the Ladies' Sports Club which was later reorganized as a chapter of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada. In 1967, she received recognition for 25 years service in this association where she served on the executive for many years. Rose was also a member of the Order of the Royal Purple.

Rose and John Kolisniak with their daughter Josephine at their 25th wedding anniversary, 1949

John and Rose had one daughter, Josephine, born June 9, 1927. Josephine attended school in Two Hills until Grade XI, and when her parents moved to Edmonton in 1945, she completed her Grade XII at Victoria Composite High School. Josephine attended the University of Alberta from 1946 to 1950. In 1949, John and Rose Kolisniak moved back to Two Hills where John continued his service with the British American Oil Co. until his death in 1958.

After graduating in 1950, Josephine returned to Two Hills where she initiated a Home Economist Program and taught Home Economics in Two Hills, Myrnam, Hairy Hill and Willingdon. In 1952, she moved to Edmonton, where she continued to teach. In 1953, she married Dr. Bohdan Michalyshyn, son of Hryhory and Maria Michalyshyn of Edmonton.

Four grandchildren: Elizabeth, John, Michael, and Peter are part of the Kolisniak family.

John Kolisniak passed away at Two Hills, on April 14, 1958, at the age of 55. Rose died in Edmonton May 9, 1969, at the age of 65. They are both buried in the Edmonton Cemetery.

KOLOTYLUK, Dr. Timothy and Doreen (nee Moulun)

Timothy Dale, son of George and Jenny (nee Jarema) Kolotyluk of Smoky Lake, was born in Willingdon, on July 26, 1952.

On June 29, 1974, Tim married Doreen, daughter of Camil and Therese (nee Therriault) Moulun of Falher, Alberta. The newlyweds made their home in Edmonton, where Tim was completing medical school, while Doreen undertook her first year of teaching at J.H. Picard School.

Tim, Mathew, Stefan, Doreen and Sacha Kolotyluk, 1983

On November 11, 1977, while Tim was interning in the Misericordia Hospital, their son, Stefan Yuri, was born.

During the summer of 1978, Tim and Doreen purchased their first home in Two Hills. In September the family moved into their new home and Tim began his medical career.

On February 28, 1980, Tim and Doreen welcomed the addition of their second son, Matthew Timothy, and two years later on October 19, 1982, daughter Sacha Michelle Lorna arrived.

Dr. M.E. Chonko attended the birth of both Matthew and Sacha.

KORDOWSKI, Hrehory and Tetiana (nee Perwysiak)

by Bill Kordowski

Hrehory was born in 1868, and Tetiana in 1871, in the County of Sniatyn, in Western Ukraine. After marriage in 1891, they lived in the Village of Semykivci.

In May, 1903, they immigrated to Canada with a young family, their relatives, Joseph and Maria Dadensky and Stefan and Maria Eluik along with their families. The voyage from Hamburg to Halifax across the Atlantic Ocean took about two weeks.

On arrival in Halifax, they were granted immigrant status on June 18, 1903. They then travelled west by train across Canada to Edmonton, Alberta, and by oxen to Beaver Lake, near old Vegreville. Here they lived in a small hut for about two years. Hryhory worked at any job he could find, for about 50¢ a day. The work on the railroad brought about one dollar a day. During this time he searched the surrounding region for a homestead. Finally one was located on NE 32-54-11-W4th in a district which was later named Musidora. There, they built a log-sod-covered cottage, raised a family, and dedicated themselves to the development of the untamed land, and community life. Their first priority was a garden, dug and prepared with a spade, in the virgin prairie soil.

In 1909, Hrehory obtained title to his homestead. A portion of the land was forested with good spruce timber, which he logged. Joe Lapierre, of Duvernay, Alberta, who owned a steam engine-powered sawmill, was hired to saw the logs into lumber. In 1913, he built the first lumber home in the community.

There were no churches in the region at the time; thus services were held in private homes. Reverends W. Drapaka and Maksim Zalizniak, were the two missionaries from the Presbyterian Church, who served the region.

The settlers from Central Europe found the English language a barrier and the need for school became the foremost communal goal.

Hrehory Kordowski and his family harvesting, August, 1912

Hryhory and Tetiana Kordowsky, 1932

Qualified teachers were very scarce and initially the schools could operate only four to five months a year. Many children had to walk three to four miles to school along trails, but it was not long before one could hear the children sing, "The Maple Leaf Forever".

By harvest time in 1915, the family had cleared and brought under cultivation some 40 acres of land using oxen and meager tools and implements such as ax, grub hoe, breaking plow, and disc harrow. The grain was sown by hand and drag-harrowed a couple of times to cover the seed with soil. This was the procedure until a seed drill was acquired. Early fall frosts sometimes damaged the crops, but, because the virgin soil was productive, many of the early privations and struggles had been overcome.

With time, the region prospered, the family grew up and one by one left home, and the pioneers grew old with toil.

Sister Mary passed away in 1912 at the age of 18. Nastia, the youngest, passed away in 1913 at the age of four.

Our mother passed away in 1937, and father passed away a year later. They were laid to rest in the Lanuke Cemetery south-east of Two Hills.

O Canada, bless your pioneers and leave a wreath for those that have departed.

KOSTEK, Alex and Martha (nee Hnatiuk)

Alex Kostek and Martha Hnatiuk were born in the Brody area of the Ukraine on March 26, 1892, and July 18, 1897, respectively. Alex's father was a high school teacher, and Martha's parents were small land owners.

In 1921, after Alex had completed a stint in Franz Joseph's Austrian army and served in World War I, he and Martha were married and built a modest home in the Village of Klekotiv. Although the newlyweds toiled for five years on land they did not own, they soon discovered that this was not the place for economic security.

After much soul searching, Alex and Martha decided to leave their native land for a new start in Canada where some of the town folk had immigrated to earlier. Their children, Anne - age five, and Mike - age six months, accompanied them.

Austrian soldier Alex Kostek and his bride Martha Hnatiuk, Brody, Austria, 1918

After a long and tiring sea journey of some 11 days, the Kosteks arrived in Halifax in October of 1926. A week later, after a long train ride, they were met in Vegreville by John Hryciw of the New Kiew area. It was John Hryciw who had forwarded "ship-card" money to Alex and for one long year repayment had to be made by clearing land, chopping wood and harvesting crops for Mr. Hryciw.

In the fall of 1927, Alex and Martha left the Hryciw farm and took residence in a small make-shift shack on the farm of William Chrapko who lived just north of the about-to-be hamlet of Two Hills. A year later, another house was built on the outskirts of Two Hills.

In 1928, Alex obtained a section-hand job with the C.P.R. shortly after it had passed through Two Hills. A year later, he obtained yet another job as janitor of the new brick school in the village. In later years, caretaking activities at the school were shared by all membes of the Kostek household, including the youngest member, Olga, who was born in 1929.

For 18 years, Alex was the official janitor of the school, starting at a salary of $18. per month and leaving at a salary of $45. for the six-room school. Vestiges of his and Martha's toil as school custodians are still evident today in the lovely trees they carefully planted and tended along the west and south boundary of the elementary school.

Alex and Martha Kostek family, circa 1934. (L to R) - Martha, Olga, Mike, Anne and Alex.

In 1956, after 28 years of service with the C.P.R., Alex Kostek retired and was awarded a princely pension of $11.45 per month, enough, he often commented, to buy one good bottle of brandy. In 1971, Alex and Martha celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

On April 22, 1977, Alex Kostek passed away at age 85. Six years later, Mother Martha Kostek passed away at the same age. Both Two Hills' pioneers are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Two Hills.

Thanks to their foresight, sacrifice and consideration, all three children, Anne, Olga, and Mike, were able to complete their education and earn university degrees and other professional credentials.

Anne Kostek (Shchurek) see individual history.

The Kostek family, 1976. Back row, (L to R) - Laurie, Keith, Rod, Lisa; front row - Mike and Gwen.

Mike married Gwen Gunn who in 1948, was one of the first registered nurses employed by the Two Hills Hospital. After a short teaching career in Two Hills, Mike was appointed principal of the public school. Residence was established in Edmonton in 1953, where Mike joined the Edmonton Public School Board staff. After 31 years of service as a teacher, principal, director, and assistant to the superintendent, Mike retired - only to rejoin the Edmonton school board as historian and archivist.

On November 24, 1984, Mike received a Province of Alberta Achievement Award from Premier Lougheed. Accompanying his framed certificate was the following citation: "A retired educator who has served his community for 33 years, Michael Kostek has exerted a very positive influence on thousands of people provincially, nationally and internationally. A native Albertan, he taught in Edmonton, became a Principal, Supervisor and at the time of his retirement held the position of Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of the Edmonton Public School Board. Contributing a monthly column for World Affairs Magazine, he also co-authored a number of textbooks and acted as Canadian editor for two elementary subject series. Recently Mr. Kostek approached the Edmonton Public School Board of Trustees with a request to sponsor him in writing a history of education within the system since its inception. After two years of gathering information, conducting surveys and reviewing archival and microfilm information, he completed the arduous task of writing *Looking Back*. Mr. Kostek was a driving force in having the original school of 1881 restored and thousands of Albertans visit it annually. In the community, he supports programs for new Canadians and the underprivileged. An outstanding Albertan, Michael Kostek has made a very significant contribution in the field of education."

Mike and Gwen have four children, all of whom are graduates of the University of Alberta. Three of the Kostek children reside in Edmonton and have chosen teaching as their careers:

Lisa, presently a curriculum editor, married David Alton who is employed by the federal government.

Rod, who is principal of Rutherford School, married Evelyn Van Aller. Rod and Evelyn are in the process of raising Michael, Jeff, James and Stephen.

Keith, who is on the staff of Edmonton Public School Board, married Terry Bos. They have one daughter, Robin and a son, Timothy.

Laurie is a communications co-ordinator with Peat Marwick in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Zeniuk family, 1977. Seated - Bill and Olga; standing - Douglas and Linda.

Olga, after graduating from high school in Two Hills obtained her R.N. Diploma in 1951, at the Edmonton General Hospital and worked in the Two Hills Hospital until her marriage to Bill Zeniuk in 1952. The Zeniuks and their children, Linda a registered nurse, and Douglas, a University of Alberta graduate in Commerce have established residence in Edmonton since 1977, where Bill was manager at the main branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia until recently being promoted to Regional Manager Commercial Services for Alberta. Previously Bill managed banks at Derwent, Alberta; Outlook, Saskatchewan; and Calgary. In 1958, when Bill was appointed to his first managerial position, he was the youngest and only Ukrainian Bank of Nova Scotia bank manager in Canada. Olga (known to many as Ollie)

pursued her profession till their last transfer to Edmonton where she excels in greenhouse gardening. She also has renewed her interest in mandolin playing which was initiated by instructor Mrs. Kay Myskiw in public school at Two Hills.

In 1978, daughter Linda married a Britisher, Clive Jones, a quantity surveyor and construction consultant. For one year, the Joneses lived in London, England, where Linda worked as a registered nurse and Clive as a draftsman. They have two sons, Lynden and Curtis, and reside in Edmonton. Doug is renowned for his world travels and at the time of writing was wending his way through Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia.

KOSTIUK, John and Mary

John Kostiuk was born December 8, 1898, in Zamulintse, Kolomea, West Ukraine. He grew up in this area and served in the Austrian army from October, 1917, to October, 1918. He then served in the Ukrainian army for two years. After coming home from the army, he worked on his parents' land and did odd jobs in the community.

As a young man, John left his homeland in May, 1925, and travelled to England where he boarded a ship for Halifax. From Halifax he travelled by train to Vegreville, then to Musidora by horse and wagon. In June, 1925, he was hired by Nick Dowhaniuk of Two Hills as a farm hand. After working for Mr. Dowhaniuk for four months, John travelled to Wayne, Alberta, where he toiled in a coal mine for five years.

Mary Marcinowski was born October 27, 1910, in the same area as John. On April 20, 1929, she left her homeland departing from Port of Danzig and arriving in London, England. In London, she boarded the ship "Majestic" (White Star Line) and reached her destination in Halifax on May 4, 1929. From Halifax she travelled by train to Innisfree, where she was met by a relative who took her by car to Musidora. She worked for relatives in the Musidora area for two years.

Mary and John Kostiuk, July 14, 1931

On July 14, 1931, John and Mary were married in Edmonton, by Reverend P. Sametz at St. John's Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church.

John worked in a general store in Musidora for his brother-in-law, Fred Humeniuk, for eight years, while Mary helped her sister-in-law with housework and gardening. In 1940, John and Mary bought their own general store in Musidora.

In 1933, a son, William, was born but lived for only three weeks. A daughter, Anne, who was born on September 21, 1935, attended Franko School. In the summer she walked to school, but in the winter she rode by horse and sleigh with the neighbor's children. She completed grades V to VIII in Musidora. On January 21, 1946, daughter Ruth was born. When Ruth reached school age, she and Anne travelled by bus to attend the Two Hills school.

John Kostiuk family, 1983. Back row, (L to R) - Anne and John Kozmak, Ronald Kaziuk; middle row - Patricia and Janet Kozmak, John and Mary Kostiuk, Ruth Kaziuk; front row - Tracy, Cheryl and Bryan Kaziuk.

Anne completed her high school and enrolled in a Registered nursing aide course in Calgary. After completing the program, Anne worked in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital. She married John Kozmak, a teacher from the Hairy Hill area, on July 13, 1956. Since their marriage they have resided in Two Hills. Anne and John have two daughters: Janet, who was born on March 24, 1964, graduated in the dental hygiene program at the University of Alberta in 1984; Patricia, born on October 11, 1967, is presently attending the Two Hills High School.

Ruth completed her high school in Two Hills and attended McTavish College in Edmonton. She later worked as a secretary for an oil company in Edmonton. Ruth married Ron Kaziuk, a teacher from Vilna, on June 22, 1968, and they presently reside on an acreage near Sherwood Park. They have three children: Tracy born July 31, 1975; Bryan born on April 30, 1977; and Cheryl

born on August 10, 1979. The children attend elementary school in Sherwood Park.

John and Mary were both involved in community work in Musidora where they were members of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox church and instrumental in the building of the hall. After operating their general store until the fall of 1972, they retired from business and bought a house in Two Hills where they presently reside. They belong to the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church and the Senior Citizens Club.

KOSTYNIUK, Joseph and Annie

by Nick Kostyniuk, son

In 1901, settlers from Central Ukraine were arriving in Canada and settling in the Western Provinces. Many of those who came to Alberta, settled about 90 miles east of Edmonton, in the Plain Lake region. This was where my grandparents George and Anna Kostyniuk, and John and Ewdokia Predyk homesteaded.

George and Anna Kostyniuk raised seven children: four boys - Joseph, Michael, Dmytro and Alec; and three girls - Mary, Tekyana and Dora. John and Ewdokia Predyk raised five girls - Mary, Annie, Katherine, Tillie and Pearl. The Predyks had settled half a mile south of the Plain Lake Church.

Joseph Kostyniuk married Annie Predyk in 1917. They were wed in the old Plain Lake Church and settled on a farm where four children were born: Mary, Nick, John and Tillie. All four attended Plain Lake School.

Joseph and Annie Kostyniuk with their children, 1937. Standing, (L to R) - John, Nick, Mary Stepushyn and Tillie (Werbitsky) Yaremchuk.

In 1938, Joseph passed away at the age of 44 and Annie was left to care for the children, nine to 17 years of age. That same fall the oldest girl, Mary, married Peter Stepushyn. To this union were born two children, Lorna and Wilfred. In 1945, the family moved to Inwood, Manitoba, where another child, Kenneth, was born. All three children are now married and live in Manitoba.

In 1946, Tillie married Alex Werbitsky of Innisfree, and raised three daughters - Theresa, Gail and Winnie. After Alex's death in 1973, Tillie moved to Edmonton. All three daughters are now married.

John married Mary Chmilar of Two Hills in 1949, and moved to a farm in that area. Here they raised three boys. Lawrence is married and lives in Edmonton, while Gerald and his wife now live on John and Mary's farm. The youngest son, Robert, lives in Two Hills with John and Mary who retired in 1982.

In 1950, Annie and her son, Nick, moved to Edmonton. Two years later, Nick married Olga Soldan of Two Hills and settled in Edmonton. They have two boys, Brent and Alan, both of whom are married and live in Edmonton.

Annie lived in her home and kept boarders until early 1981, at which time she moved to the St. Basil's Senior Citizens' Residence in Edmonton. In March, after only seven weeks of retirement, she passed away.

Her body rests beside her husband, Joseph, in the Plain Lake Cemetery, half a mile from her parents' home, and one mile from her homestead.

KOSTYNIUK, John and Mary

by Emilie Gorgichuk

In 1949, John Kostyniuk married Mary Chmilar. For two years they operated the Kostyniuk farm in Plain Lake before purchasing the Chmilar farm in 1952. After buying more adjoining land, they took over the farming operation from Mary's father, John Chmilar.

Mary and John raised three sons who graduated from the Two Hills High School and attended N.A.I.T.

John and Mary Kostyniuk and family, 1984. Back row, (L to R) - Monica, Lawrence, Robert, Marianne, Gerald; front row - Tara, John, Mary and Dana.

In 1972, the oldest son, Lawrence, married Monica Palmer. They have two daughters, Tara and Dana. Lawrence is in the trucking business. Gerald married Marianne Spanell, in 1978. He received his plumbing ticket, and in 1982 took over the farming operation from his parents. Robert is working at Two Hills and living at home.

In 1982, John and Mary retired to Two Hills. They are very active members of the Plain Lake Catholic Church.

KOTT, Harry and Nancy (nee Kisilevich)

by Martha Elaine Pasechnik (nee Kott)

It was June 1, 1903, when Harry Kott came to Canada from his birthplace, Galicia, Ukraine. He came with his parents, Paul and Maria Kotovich and his brother and

Harry and Annie (Strychune) Kott, married in 1920.

sisters. (Harry later changed his name to Kott.) The Kotts sailed on the S.S. "Armenia" from Hamburg to Halifax and travelled to Edmonton by train. They came in search of land, independence, religious freedom and opportunity.

The family settled in the Plain Lake district. As a young lad of 15 years, Harry helped his parents clear the black fertile land by hand, working hard from sunrise until sunset on the land he loved so much. A log house was soon built, and the interior plastered with a simple mud mortar mixed and applied by hand. Straw was used to cover the roof. This was the beginning of a new life. There were no luxuries and very little was bought ready-made. To help out with the basic necessities, Harry took a job on the railways in B.C.

A few years later, Harry married Nancy (Anastasia) Kisilevich. They homesteaded in the Lanuke district and built a cosy home surrounded by hills and valleys. When Harry became a widower (his wife Nancy died in the flu epidemic of 1918), left with seven small children, he married Anna Strychune. Eight more children were born of this union.

Times were very hard in those days. Large gardens were grown and vegetables were stored in root cellars for the long winter months. Berries were picked and canned for fruit and jam.

Dad had a love for hunting and fishing and much table meat came from wild game. On one of his hunting trips, his rifle fell off the wagon and the barrel was bent. Being a blacksmith, dad repaired the barrel. That rifle is still in the family today. During the summer months, the smokehouse was in constant use. Smoked fish and beef jerky were very delicious, and a luxury. Homemade sausage, cheese and butter were made regularly. Grain was milled for cereal and flour. Bread was baked in outdoor clay ovens.

Mother made most of the clothing by hand. Yarn was spun from sheeps' wool, and during the long winter evenings, sweaters, socks and mittens were knitted to keep the children warm on their long walk to Lainuk School, two and one-half miles away.

Dad operated a blacksmith shop where he did jobs for local farmers. Horses were used for transportation and for farming, making his job an important one in the community. Dad purchased his first vehicle, a 1928

Annie and Harry Kott, 1953

Chevrolet.

In 1946, Mom and Dad moved to Franchere, (north of Glendon) where they owned and operated a small general store. After living there for about seven years, they moved to Edmonton in 1953.

Dad passed away on July 1, 1962. Mom passed away on February 7, 1973.

Following are their children:

Dan, deceased March 25, 1975. His widow, Alice, lives in Two Hills.

Frank and Margaret Kott of New Westminster, B.C.; John, deceased January 12, 1979. His widow, Helen, lives in Vegreville. Other children include Olga and Paul Horban of Edmonton; Nellie and Adam Werenka of Two Hills; Sophie Pastushuk of Edmonton; Vera Melnychuk, deceased November, 1957; Larry and Bill Kozniuk of Delburn, Alberta; Clara Drome of Victoria, B.C.; Peter and Ann Kott of Edmonton; Kathy and Gordon Kellough of Edmonton; Dorthy and Les Fulmore of Edmonton; Marie Jurak of Edmonton; Joe and Gloria Kott of Los Angeles, California; and Martha and Peter Pasechnik of Edmonton.

Now, as the years go by we look back at the "olden days" and the cherished memories of our parents and grandparents.

KOWALSKI Family

Maciey (Mike) Kowalski was born in Moschiska, Poland, in 1881. At the age of 24 he immigrated to Canada, landing in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1901. Mike then travelled across Canada to Fort Edmonton. Upon arrival he worked on a railroad crew until late fall.

Mike left Edmonton in early winter and walked the 100 miles to Warwick near the Farmilia district in the New Kiew area and arrived at the home of his sister, Katherine Najdziak.

During the winter Mike filed for a homestead, (NW 30-53-12-W4th) ten miles east of Warwick. Times being hard and money scarce, Mike found work on a farm near Stony Plain. In the fall, he returned to his homestead, where he built his first home and purchased his first livestock—two heifers, one of which soon mysteriously disappeared.

In 1902, Mike married Mary Florko from Beaver Lake. The couple had two children, John and Angela.

After Mary passed away in 1906, Mike married Annie

Andrukow, an immigrant from Poland. Two more children were born: Rosie and Joseph (Joe).

Rosie passed away in 1931 at the age of 14. Angela died in 1962 and Mike on November 18, 1957. Mike's second wife, Annie, passed away in 1963. Mike's oldest son, John, also passed away.

Mike, Annie, and Rosie were laid to rest in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at New Kiew.

Mike's son, Joseph Kowalski, married Caroline Sheptycki of Chipman in 1942, and they farmed the homeplace until 1958. Their son, Allan, was born in Vegreville in 1943. Allan's first years of schooling were at Krasne School. Now married, Allan lives with his wife Sharon, and son Darrian, in Edmonton.

In 1958, due to Caroline's multiple sclerosis disability, the family moved to Two Hills.

Joe continued to farm from town until 1963, at which time he sold his farmland and started working with his new-purchased gravel truck. During his years in Two Hills, Joe served on the Two Hills volunteer fire department and on the board of trustees of New Kiew Roman Catholic Church.

Caroline passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital in Edmonton in 1976 following a lengthy illness.

Joe spent two years at Pocahontas, near Jasper, before entering into partnership in the Rex Motor Inn and the Highwayman Hotels in Edmonton.

KOZITSKY, Steve and Rose (nee Stefanetz)

Rose Stefanetz, the youngest daughter of the late Gregory Stefanetz was born in Duvernay, Alberta, in 1932. She attended Szypenitz School and helped on the farm for 16 years. In 1949, she married Steve Kozitsky, and they were blessed with two daughters and one son, Linda, Brenda and Darcy. The Kozitzkys reside in Edmonton.

Pictured above are Steve and Rose Kozitsky with children Linda, Brenda and Darcy, 1968

KRAWCHUK, Tymko and Helen (nee Bila)

Tymko Krawchuk was born in 1873, in the Province of Galicia, Western Ukraine, then under Austrian rule. In his twenties, Tymko married Helen Bila, who was also born in the same year, in Galicia. They lived in Austria until they were 29 years old, and had a family of two sons, John and Harry.

Because there was no future in Austria (Ukraine), they set their vision to immigrate to Canada. That same year, with their two boys, and whatever possessions they owned, they boarded a ship, Arcadia, for Canada. During the voyage, storms were prevalent and seasickness was experienced by all. After 14 days at sea, the ship arrived at the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia, on May 29, 1902. After being cleared by immigration authorities, they boarded a train to their final destination, Edmonton, Alberta. Their arrival in Edmonton was a very unpleasant experience, as they were strangers unable to speak English. They had no place to stay, and had only a few dollars in their pockets.

At Edmonton, they were picked up by a farmer who took them to his residence in the country. On a few occasions, Tymko had to walk to Edmonton, a distance of about 70 miles, to look for a job.

The first parcel of land owned by Tymko Krawchuk, was a homestead in New Kiew, a log and mud-plastered home. During that period, the oldest son, John, died. Because the New Kiew land was not to their satisfaction, they sold the homestead in 1910, and purchased two quarters of land (SW 33-53-12-W4th and NW 33-53-12-W4th), at Plain Lake. The land was covered with solid bush, but gradually, after a number of years, log and mud-plastered buildings were built and the land was broken. The Plain Lake farm became their permanent place of residence.

Helen and Tymko Krawchuk, Plain Lake, circa 1920

On January 24, 1924, Tymko passed away, leaving Helen with a family of seven children: Harry, John, Bill, Peter, Mary, Pearl, and Nancy. Family unit farming was carried on until all the children were married and self-supporting.

Harry married Sophie Gudz, who passed away in 1975. Presently Harry is living in the Two Hills Hillside Lodge. Mary and her husband John Laniuk, are now deceased. John married Angela Kisilewich. He passed away on June 14, 1970. Bill, with his wife Olga Muzichka, retired to Two Hills. Pearl and her husband, Joe Golinowski, farmed in the Myrnam district until Joe passed away in 1967. Presently, Pearl is retired and lives in Two Hills Hillside Lodge. In 1946, Peter married Mary Knapp. He is now retired and resides in Edmonton. Nancy married Walter Petasky, and both are retired in Two Hills. Helen passed away in 1958, at the age of 85.

The surviving family and their children visit each other occasionally and get along very well as a family group.

KRAWCHUK, Harry and Sophie (nee Gudz)

by Lil Krawchuk

Harry Krawchuk was born in Austria on August 11, 1902, and immigrated to Canada with his older brother, John, and his parents, Tymko and Helen, on May 29, 1903. They settled on a homestead in the New Kiew district, SW 22-53-13-W4th. In 1910, Tymko sold this land and purchased SW 33-53-12-W4th and NW 33-53-12-W4th, in the Plain Lake district.

When Harry's father died of a heart attack on January 24, 1924, at the age of 53, Harry, being the oldest of the family, was left to provide for his mother and younger brothers and sisters.

On November 2, 1924, Harry married Sophie Gudz and the couple lived with Harry's mother and family for two years. They then moved to the second quarter, (NW 33-53-12-W4th). Harry and Sophie experienced many hardships setting up their own home while continuing to help Harry's mother and family. During that time money was very hard to come by. Many things had to be sacrificed in order to survive. Although they were not rich, they were one big, happy family.

Krawchuk family, 1945. (L to R) - Nick, Olga, Sophie, Harry and Anne Krawchuk.

In 1925, Harry and Sophie saved up enough money to buy two horses and some used machinery. As Harry's younger brothers and sisters finished school, they left home to seek their own future. This left Harry and Sophie in charge of all the farming operation. Harry continued to care for his mother as he did her daily chores. Helen received an old age pension of $30. a month, which was minimal but helpful.

Harry and Sophie raised a family of three sons and two daughters: Alec, born on July 29, 1925, died on January 31, 1927; Anne, arrived on March 20, 1927; Harry Jr. born on October 21, 1928; Nick, on November 17, 1930; and Olga, February 25, 1935. The children attended the Krasne and Lanuke Schools.

Anne left home and went out working. Harry Jr. and Nick helped their father on the farm, and Olga, was her mother's helper.

In 1944, Harry improved his farming methods by buying a Massey Harris Pacemaker tractor and some used machinery. He continued to use horses for harvest and grain hauling. That same year, Harry bought his first car, a 1929 Chrysler, for $300. Harry and his sons farmed until 1957, when Harry and Sophie retired and moved to Two Hills. Harry then transferred his land to his sons, who are farming it today.

On November 2, 1974, Harry and Sophie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Sophie died suddenly on August 17, 1975 at the age of 72.

Harry and Sophie's children are all married: Anne married Tom Cymbaluk. The Cymbaluks farm in the Two Hills district.

Harry Jr. married Jean Eliuk and they reside in Two Hills.

Nick married Lillian Zelez. They live in Two Hills.

Olga, who married Nick Hawaleshka, also lives in Two Hills.

Harry and Sophie were also blessed with nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Harry received the 1905-1955 Golden Jubilee Senior Citizens' Award. He now resides in the Two Hills Hillside Lodge; and at the age of 82, is grateful for his good health and his many friends.

Harry Krawchuk Jr. taking an afternoon off, 1944

KRAYCHY, Michael J. and Mary (nee Killick)

Mike, son of Joseph and Katherine (Begoray) Kraychy, was born in 1902. His parents came to Canada from Swiniaci, Ukraine, with their children Nancy and Joe, settling in Redwater. This is where their children: Anthony, Mary, Mike, Henry, Fred, Bill and the youngest, Jean, were born. Joseph Kraychy passed away in November, 1943, in Redwater; their mother, Katherine passed away on September 21, 1965, in Edmonton, at the age of 93 years and eight months. Mike's brother Anthony passed away on January 27, 1982, in Edmonton.

Mary, one of ten children of Stephen and Cassie (Pidlushny) Killick, was born in Leduc. Her parents came to Canada in 1903, from the Ukraine with two children, John and Bill. They homesteaded in Leduc for six years. There, Mike, Mary, Kate, and Nick were born. Then they moved to the Two Hills district and purchased land. There her sisters Ann, Rose, Josie, and Nellie were born. Cassie Killick passed away February 18, 1920, and their father Stephen passed away on December 9, 1937. Their brother John passed away January 17, 1918, and Nick, June 28, 1968.

Mike and Mary Kraychy, who were married on August 31, 1936, resided in Redwater, Alberta, for four years. They then moved to the New Kiew district where they rented and later purchased half a section of land from a Mrs. Wolshinsky.

Mike and Mary Kraychy family, 1984. Seated, (L to R) - Mark and Darlene Gretzan, Mike Kraychy, Bradley Barsness, Mary Kraychy, Lorie and Lena Munro; standing - Dwayne Zaharichuk; Melvin, Cassy and Marvin Gretzan; Sally, Keith, and Kelly Barsness; Patsy and Benny Munro.

Mike and Mary were blessed with four daughters: Cassie and Helen were born in Redwater, Patricia and Sally were born in Vegreville. Today they have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Cassie was married July 5, 1958, to Stan Gretzan, Manager of Display at Eatons. They have three sons: Mark, Marvin, and Melvin. Cassie's husband, Stan, passed away August 16, 1970. Cassie is employed as a cashier at McGavins for the past eight years. Her son, Mark, was married on November 28, 1978, to Darlene Bohush. They have two lovely daughters, Tara and Lisa.

Helen was married on June 30, 1962, to Edward Zaharichuk. They also have three sons: Darryl, Dean, and Dwayne. Helen has been selling Real Estate for the past ten years. Her husband, Edward is employed at Alberta Transportation as technologist for the past 24 years.

Patricia was married on May 8, 1965, to Ben Munro. They have two daughters, Lana and Lori. Pat is employed as an accountant and payroll supervisor for Crown Well Servicing Ltd. for the past ten years. Ben is Audit Manager at Edmonton Savings and Credit Union.

Sally was married on May 19, 1973, to Keith Barsness and they have one daughter and a son, Kelly and Bradley. Keith is the owner of K & K Rentals and Gradall Services. Sally is secretary-treasurer of the firm.

Helen and Patricia live with their families in Sherwood Park; Sally and family live on an acreage near Sherwood Park, while Cassie resides in Edmonton.

KREVENCHUK, Steve and Raifta (nee Shynkowska)

by Iris Mandrusiak

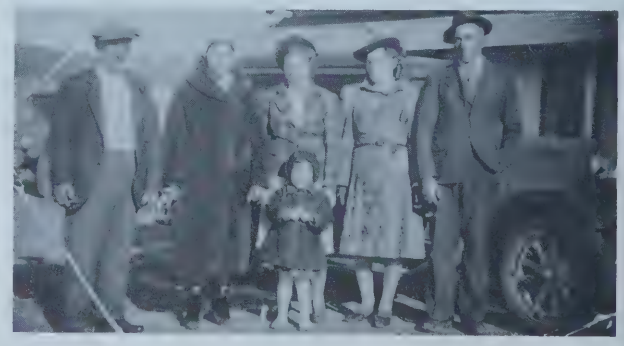
Steve Krevenchuk was born in 1885, in Iwankoutz, Bukovina, Romania. He came to Canada, as a bachelor, in 1911, and started farming in the Musidora district. Raifta Kevenchuk (nee Synkowska) was also born in Iwankoutz, Bukovina, Romania, in 1887. Her first husband died in the old country, leaving her with two children, Walter and Mary.

Leaving her children with her mother, Raifta came to Canada in 1912. For two years she worked in Estevan, Saskatchewan, in a cafe and then moved to Musidora. Here, she met Steve Krevenchuk to whom she was married in 1914. Shortly after marriage, Steve went back to work on the railroad in Winnipeg, Manitoba, then came back to continue farming.

In 1922, the Krevenchuks saved enough money to bring Raifta's two children to Canada. In 1924, Walter (16) and Mary (13) arrived in Canada. Steve and Raifta had nine children.

After coming to Canada, Walter lived in Musidora. He married Helen Polidchuk of Hairy Hill, and worked on the railroad in B.C. for 25 years. They have two children, Bill and Florence, and nine grandchildren.

Mary married Martin Krevenchuk and they farmed in



Steve and Raifta Krevenchuk with daughters Elsie, Mary, son Dick and granddaughter Angie, 1941

Musidora. Martin passed away in 1962, and Mary now resides in Two Hills. They have three children: Lee, Sany and Alexander, and eight grandchildren.

Martin and Elsie were twins. Martin lived in Two Hills, then moved to Edmonton. He also worked in the mines in Virgin Town, Ontario. Martin passed away on October 4, 1976.

Elsie married Metro Mandrusiak (see Metro Mandrusiak history) in 1936, and farmed in the Musidora district until retirement in 1979. They have two sons and two daughters: Marshall, Orest, Angie, and Diana. There are eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Metro passed away on May 7, 1983.

Dick married Mary Maskaliuk of Derwent. After working in Vegreville, he moved to Edmonton. The Maskaliuks have two daughters and two sons: Shirley, Connie, Henry, and Robert, as well as six grandchildren. Dick passed away on March 1, 1976.

George worked in Vegreville, then moved to Edmonton, where he still resides.

Nick married Marian Kornicki of Mundare and resides in Vegreville, where he works for the Town. They have four children: Elaine, Sandra, Dale, and Murray and three grandchildren.

Lena married Harry Chilibecki of Warwick and then farmed in the Warwick district. The Chilibeckis have five children: MaryAnn, Bernice, Jean, Bill, and Edward, as well as seven grandchildren.

Silver married Rose Hrenuik of Hairy Hill and now resides in Edmonton. They have four children: Della, Daryll, Barry, and Brent.

Stella married Bernard Robinson of Lafond and now resides in Fort McMurray. They have four children: Bonnie, Brenda, Wayne, and Barry, as well as two grandchildren.

Emily married Kevin McCarthy of Cold Lake and now resides in Medicine Hat. They have three children: Denise, Brian, and Trent, and two grandchildren.

In 1942, Steve and Raifta moved to Kaleland district, where they rented a farm. Moving to Hairy Hill in 1946, Steve worked as a drayman until his death on February 29, 1949. Raifta moved to Vegreville to live with her son, Nick, until her death on February 25, 1963.

KREWUSIK, Mike

Mike is the fifth child of William and Wasylena Krewusik (nee Shokoples). Mike's parents and his sisters, Mary and Helen, and brothers John and Steve emigrated from the Village of Zawale, in the County of Sniatyn, Western Ukraine, to Canada in 1903. Shortly after the family arrived in the Fort Saskatchewan area, Mike was born on January 17, 1904.

Mike's father worked as a land surveyor and while doing survey work in the Lanuke area, his boss told him that the quarter section, NE 16-54-12-W4, was good land. Mike's father decided to take this quarter as his homestead. This land turned out to be very productive and was excellent for raising cattle. By 1907, enough money was saved from selling cattle to buy NW 15-54-12-W4 and SE 21-54-12-W4.

Mike Krewusik, circa 1940

Mike's brother Metro was born in 1907, and brother Nick in 1910. Mike attended Pobeda School from 1909 to 1915. In 1923, his father moved to Vegreville and purchased a livery barn which he operated until his death in 1938.

Mike took over and farmed NW 15-54-12-W4 and SW 21-54-12-W4 from 1923 to 1928. Then he leased his land to his brothers and moved to Calgary where he was hired as a cowhand on the BAR 50 RANCH and worked here until 1930.

During his employment he also trained as a veterinarian. In 1930, Mike moved back to the farm and farmed until 1940, when he enlisted with the Edmonton Fusiliers.

In 1945, upon discharge from the army, Mike went back to the farm. With the help of the V.L.A. he bought a tractor and power equipment and farmed until 1969. During this time Mike was an active member of the Two Hills Canadian Legion and is presently a life member.

In 1969, the Hutterian Brethren were buying up the land in the area. He decided to sell and move to Edmonton where he is presently enjoying his retirement.

KREWUSIK, Steve and Tillie (nee Gudz)

In 1903, Steve Krewusik came to Canada with his parents, Wasil and Wasylina (nee Shokoples) Krewusik, from the Village of Zawale, County of Sniatyn, Western Ukraine. Steve was only three years old on arrival in Canada and the family settled on NE 15-54-12-W4th in the Pobeda district.

Tillie Gudz's parents, Joseph and Annie (nee Pustynichna) Gudz, arrived in Canada in 1904, from Klekotiv, near Brody, Ukraine, and settled on NW 12-54-13-W4th in the Lanuke district.

Steve Krewusik and Tillie Gudz were married on June 23, 1929, in Vegreville, Alberta. The wedding party was made up of best men, John Krawchuk and Andrew Soldan, and bridesmaids, Katie Humen and Nancy Hnydyk.

Steve and Tillie Krewusik's wedding, 1929

Steve and Tillie lived on the farm of Wasil and Wasylina until October, 1933, when they purchased a 12 foot by 16 foot shack from Paul and Warwarka Miskew for $85. They moved it to the property provided by Mr. Dick Fife near the Vermilion River just south of the present townsite of Two Hills.

Here, Steve and Tillie raised eight children: John, Elizabeth, Henry, Joe, Marian, Sandy, Shirley, and Metro. Two daughters and two sons died at a very early age.

John (Adelaide Kachmar), Sandy (Mariane Shevchook), and Shirley (Paul Kuroluk), all live in Edmonton, Alberta, after moving from Two Hills. Joe (Lil Hoover) lives in Prince George, B.C., since leaving Two Hills.

Steve and Tillie Krewusik farmed until 1946. In the 1950s Steve went to work at the Duvernay Chemical Plant. He also did carpentry work in the Two Hills area. In 1958, they purchased a butcher shop in Two Hills, which Tillie operated for a year.

Steve Krewusik died as a result of a car accident on June 20, 1959.

Tillie Krewusik moved to Edmonton several years later. She now spends her days in retirement with her four children, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

John, Joe, Sandy and Shirley, 1939

KRUCIK, Ernest and Phyllis (nee Coombe)

Ernest Krucik was born at home, to William and Magdalyna Krucik of Lindbergh, Alberta. The youngest in a family of ten children, Ernest attained his schooling at Primula School, and then operated the family farm for a few years.

When the Lindbergh Salt Plant opened in 1947, Ernest obtained employment there, first apprenticing as a welder, and then obtaining his journeyman's welding ticket.

In 1950, he married the former Phyllis Coombe of Heinsburg and together they moved to Edmonton where they worked for two years.

Phyllis Krucik was born in the Elk Point hospital to Leonard and Eva Coombe of Heinsburg, Alberta. Phyllis, the youngest daughter in a family of three girls, attended Heinsburg and Ashmont Schools. She then attended Alberta College enrolling in a secretarial course. On graduation she worked in Edmonton for a year and then returned to the Lindbergh Salt Plant where she was employed until her marriage.

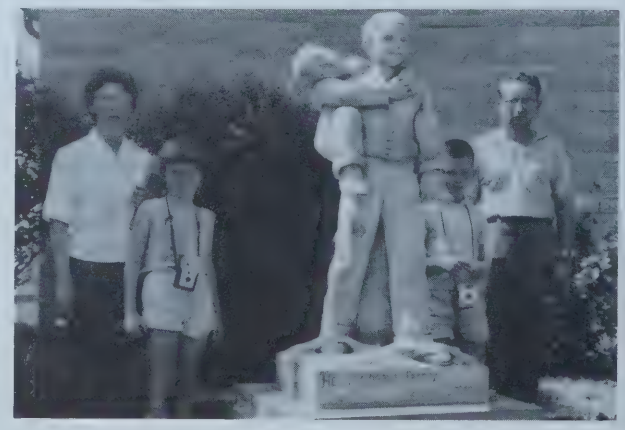
In 1953, the Kruciks moved to Two Hills where Ernie worked for Western Chemicals, later known as Celanese of Canada. He remained with the plant until its closing in 1980. After closure, he transferred to Celanese, Edmonton, and continued working there until he had to take sick leave in 1983.

In February, 1962, Phyllis began to work for the Two Hills School Division, later known as the County of Two Hills.

The Kruciks were blessed with two children, Janice and Richard born and raised in Two Hills. Richard and Janice completed their high school in Two Hills and later graduated from the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education.

Richard married Lorraine Loiselle of Girouxville, Alberta, and they reside in Drayton Valley. Janice married Dwayne Samycia of Edmonton and they live in the city. Janice and Dwayne have two children: Jill, born January 6, 1982, and Clark on February 9, 1985.

Ernest and Phyllis were members of the Two Hills



Ernest and Phyllis Krucik with their family at Boys Town, Omaha, Nebraska, 1964

Curling Club and enjoyed social and club life. Since 1953, Ernest was active in the Elk's Club and Phyllis in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion. Both are long-time members of Two Hills United Church.

KRUK, John and Mary

by Ksenia (Kassie) Kissel (daughter)

My dad, John Kruk who was born in 1905, came to Canada in 1924, after serving in the Polish army for three years. He was the youngest of 12 children. The major problem encountered was not being able to speak the English language. I remember him telling us about his first incident, when he arrived in Vegreville looking for work. Along with other immigrants he was met by a farmer with whom they could not converse. It was harvest time and the farmer needed a few workmen. He proceeded to pick several immigrants, whom he took to a cafe and paid for their meal. He carefully watched who ate the fastest. His selection was based on the belief that, who ate fast would also work fast. Learning the language, currency, and adapting to harsh winters was a completely different way of life in Canada.

Unlike many immigrants, my father had no relatives here. Therefore, it was heart-warming to find someone who spoke the same language. Jobs were scarce and low paying at this time and father told us many times, that his first desires were to earn $200. to pay for his fare back home. He worked wherever work was available, clearing land, plowing and pulling roots by hand.

When my father worked for Wasyl Zeniuk, he met Mary Zeniuk whom he married on November 21, 1930.

Mary Zeniuk was born in 1914, to Wasyl and Anne Zeniuk. Her mother died when she was only three years old and she was raised by her stepmother Sophie Zeniuk. Mary attended Hamburg School for six years.

John and Mary lived with Wasyl and Sophie Zeniuk for two years, before buying their own quarter section of land a mile away.

John and Mary Kruk, 1930

Although the Depression years hindered progress, the Kruks purchased a second quarter section from the CPR that was used for pasture. They also purchased an additional quarter section from a neighbor, Andrew Pichach. Breaking and cultivating the land was all done by hand. Gradually they increased their cattle herd, and in 1947, they purchased their first tractor, a 44 Massey, and their first automobile, a 1949 Meteor, a great change from the horse-drawn democrat.

Three daughters: Zinnia, Ksenia and Rose were born to John and Mary. Zinnia, the eldest, attended Hamburg School and in 1953, graduated from Two Hills High School. Moving to Edmonton, she worked for an insurance company and in 1954, married Peter, son of Nichola and Tekla Lischuk of Edmonton. Peter is employed by the C.N.R. They have three sons: Glenn Patrick, John Nicholas, and Gordon Peter. Glenn married Christine Heckel in 1976, and they have two children, David Michael, and Candice Robyn. Glenn is a journeyman-electrician in Edmonton.

Kruk family, 1959. Standing, (L to R) - Peter and Zinnia Lischuk, Rose Kruk, Kassie and Jerry Kissel; seated - parents Mary and John Kruk.

John married Denise Marie Goodwin in 1979, and they have one child, Jessalyn Marie. John is also a journeyman electrician and lives in Gibbons, Alberta.

Gordon graduated from M.E. LaZerte High School in 1983, and is presently working in a warehouse.

Ksenia Kruk attended Hamburg School and Two Hills High School. In 1953, she worked briefly at the Treasury Branch in Two Hills after which she moved to Edmonton, and a year later married Jerry Kisilevich, son of Peter and Nancy Kisilevich. In 1961, they changed their name to "Kissel". The Kissels have two children, Shirley Ruth and Kim Gerald. Shirley Ruth married David Richard Cammack in 1983. They reside in Houston, Texas, where she attends the University of Houston. Kim Gerald married Denise Marie Leniuk in 1981, and both teach in Bonnyville.

Rose Kruk attended Hamburg and Lavoy schools until 1963, when she took a beauty culture course in Edmonton. In 1967, she married Bill, son of Robert and Alma Tomm and lives in Westlock.

KRYSAK, Michael and Ewdokia

by Nadia Yakimyshyn (grand-daughter)

Michael and Ewdokia (nee Citulski) Krysak came to Canada in 1902, from Swinick, Chorkow, Ukraine. They brought with them Baba Citulski.

Krysak family, circa 1925. (L to R) - Helen and Mary Krysak, unknown, unknown, George Miller, grandmother Ewdokia.

Arriving in the Beaverlake area, they worked as farm hands. Later, they moved to the New Kiew district where they purchased a quarter section of land and cleared it by hand and with oxen.

Their first home was sod-covered. Later, they built a clay-plastered, white-washed log house, with a thatched roof.

Because money was scarce, my grandmother, Ewdokia, plastered and white-washed houses in exchange for a bushel of grain or other produce.

With the help of her family, 28 cows were milked and about 150 hogs were fed.

Michael and Ewdokia had a family of three boys, and two girls: Steve, Nick, Mary, Helen, and Fred.

Grandfather passed away in 1918. Three years later, grandmother was married to George Miller and to them was born a daughter, Katherine.

Steve Krysak married Annie Horon in 1923, and they farmed in the Plain Lake area.

Fred passed away at the early age of seven months.

Great-grandmother Citulski, Uncle Nick, and Aunt Katherine passed away within three months.

Mary married Alex Mokry in July, 1929, and they farmed the home place in Plain Lake.

Helen married Harry Witryk in September, 1929.

Grandmother Miller passed away in 1954.

Harry and Helen Witryk, Mary and Alex Mokry, Steve and Annie Krysak. Helen, Mary and Steve are children of Ewdokia Krysak Miller, 1962.

KSHYK, Andrew and Anna

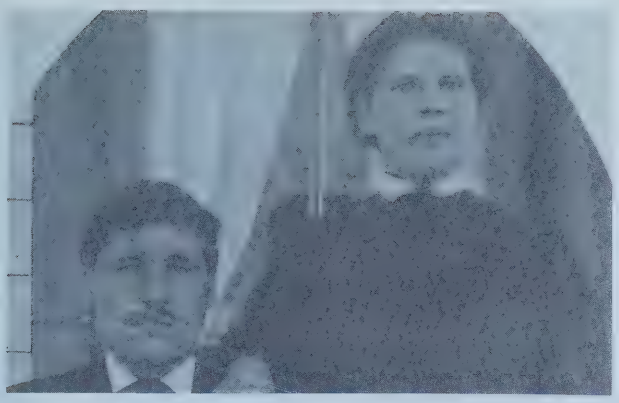
Andrew and Anna Kshyk together with their oldest daughter Mary, and son-in-law Metro Nakonechny and five unmarried children namely: Katherine, Frances, Annie, George and Alex immigrated to Canada in August 1904, from the Village of Zurawica, Poland, near the city of Peremyshl.

It was in this city that Alex was employed by the government, building a stone wall around the city for protection, since the fear of war was predicted. Andrew and his team of horses worked from sunrise to sunset hauling stones and other materials for a very low wage. The poor economic conditions prompted Andrew and his wife to sell their land and possessions and immigrate to Canada, where land could be purchased at low prices. Before boarding for their long journey, the family packed a grindstone flour mill, an axe, spade, scythe, hammer, cast iron pots and pans and some garden seeds which became very essential when they settled on their homestead.

On arrival in Edmonton they spent six weeks living in an immigration building, until Andrew came across a friend, Mr. Zuk, from Warwick, Alberta, who already was settled on a homestead, and lived in a large log house. Andrew persuaded Mr. Zuk to take the two families into his home until such time, they could buy land and build houses of their own.

Andrew and his son-in-law Metro Nakonechny immediately set out to look for homesteads and finally filed on homesteads at Musidora. Both purchased their land in the same section. Later their son George purchased a homestead four miles south.

Pioneer Anna Kshyk, 1928



Katherine Kshyk, daughter of Andrew and Anna Kshyk of Musidora. Katherine is with her husband John Kowalski at their farm at Bon Accord, circa 1905-1906.

Andrew and Metro Nakonechny spent most of the winter walking from Warwick to Musidora to build houses on their homesteads. In April, 1905, the two families moved to their homesteads. Their crude homes had thatched roofs and mud floors. The stoves and chimneys were built of stone and plastered with clay.

After the family was settled and some land broken, Andrew got a job in Edmonton shovelling grain at an elevator for 40¢ a day. George found a job in a sawmill. Katherine, while working in a cafe, met and married John Kowalski. They received a donation of $1.55, three loaves of bread, and two live chickens. Frances, who worked at a hotel in Edmonton, married John Holosko, a coal miner from Drumheller.

After Andrew earned more money, he decided to break more land. He purchased a team of horses, a set of harness and a wagon from a rancher at Medicine Hat. Next summer, while the horses were in an open pasture, they disappeared and could not be located, until Andrew asked Fred Schoff to place an advertisement in the newspaper. A year later the horses were returned by a man from Medicine Hat. They were in poor condition but better broken.

On February 24, 1916, Mary Nakonechny (Andrew's daughter) asked her father to take some hogs to the market at Vegreville. Andrew was very reluctant to do so as he had a bad dream about being killed by a fallen tree. Finally he was coaxed into going to the market; however, on his return trip home, neighbors discovered that he was dead and no one knows to this day the reason for the tragedy. Anna was then widowed and had to look after her children, Annie and Alex. Anna passed away in 1930.

Daughter Annie later met and married Joe Paziuk, a coal miner working at Drumheller, who later purchased land at Eaglesham, Alberta. The Paziuks were blessed with five children: John, Paul, Peter, Julie and Helen. Joe Paziuk passed away and Annie and her children moved to Eaglesham where she still resides.

In 1932, Alex Kshyk married Jean Kucille and moved on his father's farm.

KSHYK, Alex and Jean (nee Kucille)

Alex, the son of Andrew and Anna Kshyk, married Jean Kucille of Derwent in 1932. They farmed on his parents' homestead. As a dowry from her parents, Jean received seven cows, a sow with a litter of eight, and a hen with 56 chicks.

Alex Kshyk and his sister, Mrs. Mary Nakonechny, at the Innisfree farm, 1947

Unfortunately, a skunk killed 54 of the chicks. In the cold winter of 1933, they lost their cow. Their best dog was shot. Because pastures were poor, the cattle would break into the crop fields. To add to their mishaps, Jean found out that the nice black oats in the wheat which they kept for seed was an obnoxious weed.

At this time prices were poor for farm products. Wheat sold for 19¢ a bushel, a 200 pound hog sold for only $2., two calves brought $7.35, and a yearling heifer was sold for $6.

An early frost killed the grain crop in 1935. Only the crop on the hilltops was saved to be threshed separately for milling purposes. Wild ducks destroyed the remainder of the crop.

When the hog prices improved, Alex and Jean began a hog operation. In 1943, they bought more land north of Innisfree, much of it pasture. Steers were selling for two and one half cents a pound and cream at $2. a gallon at this time. Therefore, Alex and Jean began a dairy business, milking 18 or 19 cows by hand, for 23 years.

For 38 years, Jean did most of the manual chores like cutting firewood and cleaning the barn as Alex had been

Alex Procyshyn, Alex, George, Anna and Jean Kshyk, Cassie and Margaret Procyshyn (girl sitting down), September, 1955

sick for sometime. In 1958, Alex was hospitalized for the removal of a kidney.

During this time they sold their land to a nephew, John Kshyk, and retired to Vegreville.

After their retirement, Jean decided to travel. In 1971, she visited her relatives in Poland. Jean went to many villages travelling by horse and wagon or train. Visiting collective farms, she participated in some farm work and met some friendly people.

Alex and Jean had two daughters: Pauline of Innisfree, married George Grabas; and Sophie married Joe Stockal, a school teacher living in Wainwright.

Arts, Crafts, Costumes and Dress

Sadie Buzak dressed in her wedding costume, 1929

Annie Dehid in her Ukrainian dance costume, 1930

Annie Dehid and "korovai", a Ukrainian wedding cake

Mary Fuyarchuk with her "korovais" (Ukrainian wedding cake), 1977

Mary W. Serna proudly displaying her 25 kolachi and pasky baked in her outdoor oven, circa 1972

Nick and Anna Chomik on their way to church with basket of food to be blessed, Easter Sunday, 1956

Mrs. Violet Buzak operates a loom built in 1918.

Note the fancy footwear displayed by Baba Katie Solovenko (right and friends, circa 1925)

Ukrainian Dancers, 1934. (L to R) - Kay Gorgichuk (nee Olynyk), Mary Chrapko (nee Arychuk), Stephanie Gorgichuk (nee Choban), Lucy Paziuk (nee Arychuk), Rose Fedoruk (nee Olynyk).

Domna Russnak embroidering a tablecloth at age 70.

Handcrafted Easter eggs by Helen Tkachuk

Ken Kachmar in his Ukrainian costume of Poltava region in Ukraine, 1981

Debbie Kachmar in her Ukrainian costume of Polissya region in Ukraine, 1981

Clarence and Cindy Choban dressed in Hutsulski costume, 1981

KSHYK, George and Annie (nee Kotyshyn)

George Kshyk was born on May 6, 1882, in the Province of Galicia, Western Ukraine. In 1904, his parents, Andrew and Annie Kshyk, with their four daughters and two sons, immigrated to Canada and settled on a homestead, NW 32-53-11-W4th, four miles south of the present hamlet of Musidora. After several years of working together, the daughters were married: Kate to John Kowashki, Frances to Holashko, Mary to Dmytro Nakonechny, and Annie to Joe Paziuk. After their father Andrew Kshyk passed away, his wife Annie and two sons, George and Alex continued to operate the farm.

On May 27, 1912, George married Annie Kotyshyn who was born on April 18, 1895, in the Village of Bilivci, County of Brody, Province of Galicia, Ukraine. She immigrated to Canada in 1908.

After marriage, George and Annie moved to a farm, NW 31-53-11-W4th, a mile away from his home place. Here they built a log, mud-plastered straw-thatched two-room house. The land was very rolly and stony, and both of them worked hard to clear a few acres for cultivation. The first number of years were very trying. Besides working on their own land, George had to help his mother and brother Alex with their own farm operation. There was little food and clothing, and money to buy necessities was scarce. George had no alternative but to leave his wife at home and walk 100 miles to Edmonton to work in the coal mines. Having earned some money, he came home to help his wife with farming. By the late twenties, George and Annie were able to put a few farm buildings and acquire some cattle and hogs. He also bought a portable type threshing outfit, a crusher, and a wood sawing outfit. At his blacksmith shop, he was able to weld and sharpen plow shares. Doing custom work for the neighbors supplemented his farm income considerably. During the early thirties, George purchased another quarter of land from the C.P.R.

It, like the home place, was also very rocky. Annie worked hard not only at the house chores, but helped George with everything on the farm. Annie now had a number of children to look after. She had to sew, bake bread in a "Peech" (outdoor oven), feed chickens and hogs, milk cows and grow a big garden so there would be no shortage of food for the winter. Annie, together with her children, picked and preserved mushrooms, and berries of all kinds.

She experienced many anxious days and nights whenever her children got sick but she used pioneer doctoring methods to nurse to health, not only her own children, but also those of her neighbors.

George and Annie raised 11 children. The most difficult years were during the 1930s depression. The first heart-breaking episode in the family's life was when their 13-year-old son, Peter, died on July 12th, 1927. On April 24, 1932, their first born son, Mike, born on June 1, 1913, also passed away.

After working hard for eight years with his parents, and 28 years on his own farm, George became asthmatic in 1940. However, he continued to farm for the ensuing 17 years, even though he had to be hospitalized in the Myrnam and Two Hills hospitals from time to time. In 1957, George sold the farms, and with his wife Annie, and son, Joe, moved to Two Hills. On April 19, 1958, he passed away. For the following eight years his wife worked at Two Hills Coffee Shop. After 54 years of hard work, often full of tribulations, her health began to fail. On May 1, 1966, she passed away in the Two Hills Hospital.

George and Annie Kshyk, circa 1935

George and Annie were happy to see their remaining nine children married.

Justine, who was born June 14, 1916, married, and operated coffee shops at Two Hills, Vermilion, and Camrose, where she now resides.

Katherine, born on October 28, 1920, married and raised three children: Victor, Edward and Dianne. She is now retired.

John, born on October 28, 1920, was married (now retired) and had three children: Clifford, Dennis and Juanita.

Kassie, born on September 24, 1922, married John Stoski. They had three children: Ronnie, Jerry and Lawrence. Kassie passed away on December 25, 1981, and her husband on March 29, 1982.

Andrew was born on September 14, 1924. He is married. After farming the home place for a while he moved to farm in Innisfree.

Bill was born on June 23, 1926, and served in World War II. He is married and the father of three children: Roger, Harriette and Shelley. They live in Edmonton.

Joe, who was born on December 25, 1927, married Betty Gushnowski and raised three children: Kenny, Brian and Lorianne.

Emily, born on July 6, 1930, married Joseph Linkiewich of Vegreville. They have three children: Kenny, Lloyd and Sharon.

Helen, born on December 8, 1932, is married to Joe Delawski. They live in Two Hills where she works in the hospital. They have seven children: Sylvia, Terry, Rosanne, Kristin, Morris, Barry and Jeanie.

The Kshyk pioneer settlers came to Canada with faith in the future, love of freedom, and trust in God. Though they had many setbacks, they persevered and left their mark in their adopted country.

KSHYK, Joe and Betty (Gushnowski)

by Joe Kshyk

I, the youngest son of George and Anna (nee Kotyshyn), was born on December 25, 1927, on my parents' farm, NW 32-53-11-W4th, south of Musidora. After living with my parents until April, 1957, I bought a house in Two Hills where my parents joined me. I worked for the Municipal District of Eagle No. 81, as a motorgrader operator for two years, from 1956 to 1958.

One of the highlights of my life occurred on January 16, 1957, when I won a car at a bingo in Edmonton. I left Two Hills in the spring of 1958, and went to work for Brent Construction at Fort McMurray and Edson. Later I returned to Two Hills and worked as town foreman, town policeman, and fire chief.

On November 26, 1960, I married Betty Gushnowski of Plain Lake, and raised three children: Kenneth, born February 15, 1961; Brian, born June 7, 1962; and Lori born on February 23, 1972.

In July, 1968, we returned to Edmonton, and I started to work at Vanguard Concrete, where I am presently employed. My wife Betty has worked for day care facilities for the past 16 years.

Our son Kenneth, and his wife Bonnie, have two sons: Richard, born September 29, 1980, and Joshua, born May 24, 1984. Ken works at Vanguard Concrete. Brian is employed by his grandfather in construction. Lori still attends school.

Joe and Betty Kshyk with their children Lori, Ken and Brian, on Ken's wedding day - June 14, 1980

KUCHIK, Andrew and Anna

by Steve Kuchik

Andrew Kuchik was born on December 10, 1886, in the Village of Sokolia, County of Mostiska, Western Ukraine. In 1909, he married Anna (nee Krywiak) born on November 15, 1889, in the same village. The promise of good land, freedom and a better life lured him to Canada in 1911. After landing in Halifax, he set off for the Prairies; finally arriving in the Vegreville-Warwick district. Here he worked for some of the established settlers as well as for the railway. In 1914, he returned to his native land to dispose of his property and to bring his wife Anna to Canada. But with the outbreak of World War I, he was drafted into the Austrian army where he served until the end of the war.

In 1922, Andrew returned to the Warwick, New Kiew and Two Hills districts where he continued to work for Jacob Yuskow, Sam Geleta, Metro Soldan and other settlers. In September, 1924, his wife Anna, their two sons: John and Michael, and Anna's brother John Krywiak arrived in Canada. Two years later Anna's brother Mike Krywiak and later a sister, Tillie, immigrated to Canada.

Andrew leased land from Steve Yuskow and settled on SW 29-53-13-W4. In 1937, he moved to NW 20-53-13-W4, the homestead of Jacob Yuskow. They purchased this land and another quarter section, SE 19-53-13-W4, owned by William Yuskow. Andrew continued to farm until 1963, when he retired to Vegreville.

A surprise 45th wedding anniversary party for Andrew and Anne Kuchik at the farmhouse at New Kiew, 1954. (L to R) - Tillie Yuzwenko, Anna's cousin, Anna and Andrew Kuchik, William Yuskow, and Damian Shyshlak, M.C.

After Andrew passed away on October 25, 1963, Anna continued to live with her son Walter, until her death on June 26, 1977. Both were laid to rest in the Vegreville Riverside Cemetery.

Andrew and Anna had seven children:

John, born on March, 1915, in the Ukraine, passed away in 1970.

Michael (1921) joined the Canadian Army on January 23, 1943. After six months training at Camp Borden, he was drafted to England with the Fifth Field Regiment--Second Division. He then saw action in France, Belgium, Holland and Odenburg, Germany. Returning to Canada on November, 1945, he was discharged from the army in June, 1946. Later he was employed by a construction company and the Canadian Corp of Commissioners as

security guard until his retirement in 1979.

Olga (1925) married Ernest Davis in 1951, and they have one daughter, Lorraine, living in Bonnyville.

Myron (1926-1974) completed his secondary education and was employed for five years by the C.N.R. in Toronto. After returning to Edmonton, he worked for the Canadian Postal Department.

Bill (1928) married Anne (nee Misik) in 1950, and is farming near Mannville. They have five children:

Gary operates Silverally garage in Vegreville.

Kevin married Kathy Bielesh and is a tinsmith in Edmonton.

Janice married Martin Gordon and is a secretary at the Vegreville Auxiliary Hospital.

David, who married Jill Francis, is a plumber at Vermilion. They have one daughter, Holly.

Darlene married Bradford Laurenson and lives with her husband and daughter Tammy, in Mannville.

Pictured above are Sandy, Judy, Debbie, Liz and Steve Kuchik, 1982

Steve (1929) married Liz (nee Sudeyko) in 1957, and obtained his Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Alberta. He is principal at the Queen Elizabeth Elementary School in Vegreville. Three daughters were born to Steve and Liz:

Sandra, a graduate from the Faculté St. Jean, University of Alberta, married Dwayne Babyn and is teaching in St. Paul.

Debra, a dental hygienist, is employed by the Edmonton Local Board of Health.

Judy is enrolled in the dental hygiene program at the University of Alberta.

Walter (1930-1984) farmed his parents' property.

With change of ownership, the land has been cleared of all buildings and trees, which once sheltered the farmstead.

KULAK, Joseph and Anna (nee Kupinski)

Joseph Kulak was born on October 21, 1901, in the Village of Nove Selo, County Grodno, Poland. In 1927, he decided to leave his homeland and family, to seek his fortune in the new land of Canada.

He arrived in Canada with little money, one suitcase and the clothes on his back. However, he found employment on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Samoil in the New Kiew district, where he worked for three years.

In 1930, he met Anna Kupinski who had arrived from the Ukraine. Anna, one of six children, was born on January 10, 1905, in Havarechyna, Biely Kamin, Province of Zolochiw.

She was hired as a maid by the Lysak family in the Krakiw area. After working there for about one month, she contacted the Kuzelis, close family friends who had arrived in Canada earlier and had settled in the New Kiew district. It was here that she met and married Joseph Kulak, on May 24, 1930, at the St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mundare.

Joseph, by this time, had saved enough money to buy a quarter section (SW 23-53-13-W4th) of land in the New Kiew district. This is where the young Kulak couple began their life together, building a small log house and clearing and breaking the land.

Joseph and Anna were active members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Holy Ascension, participating in various church and community activities. They are both deceased now (Joseph in 1955, and Anna in 1975).

Joseph and Anna Kulak family, circa 1952. Back row, (L to R) - Mary, Olga, Walter, Harry; front row - Joseph, Johnny, Anna and Josie.

Joseph and Anna were blessed with six children: Walter 1938, Olga 1939, Harry 1941, Mary 1943, Josephine 1946, John 1948. They did their utmost to give their children a good Christian upbringing, encouraging them to work hard and to do their best in school.

"What you learn and put in your head, nobody will steal or take away from you", Mom would always remind the children. The years of perseverance and hard work paid off. All the children are now on their own and are respected members of their communities.

Walter, at the age of 16, began helping to run the family farm, after the death of his father in 1955. With the encouragement of his mother, he completed high school and enrolled at the University of Alberta Faculty of Education. His first teaching assignment was in Morecambe School in 1959, then he was transferred to Two Hills in 1960. Walter married Joyce, daughter of

Walter and Joyce Kulak with their children Cindy and Ken, 1981

Mike and Ann Andrukow of Viking, in 1960. In 1962, their first son, Terry died. Walter, Joyce, and their two children, Ken and Cindy, live in Two Hills. Walter, who teaches at the High School, still runs the original family farm. After many years of shift work at the hospital, Joyce, now works in the doctor's office. Ken, after completing high school, is employed with Alberta Transportation, and Cindy is completing her high school.

Hlus family, 1980. (L to R) - Brian, Nestor, Olga and Theresa.

Olga married Nestor Hlus of Innisfree. They reside in Edmonton. After raising two children, Brian and Theresa, Olga decided to attend the University of Alberta, Faculty of Education. Upon completion she was hired by the Edmonton Catholic School Board, where she is presently employed.

Harry, too, had to assume duties on the farm, but after completing high school, also enrolled at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Education. He is presently teaching in Innisfree where he lives with his wife, Shirley (nee Pidruchney from Myrnam) and two children, Karen and Kevin.

Mary completed her high school and found employment in Edmonton. She married Ernie Paltzat from Lavoy. For a number of years the Paltzats lived in Edmonton with their children, Bernadette, Michael, Christopher, and Robert. Thorhild was their home next. Presently, they reside in Jasper where Ernie is the postmaster and Mary is employed at a bank.

Josephine (Sonia), upon completion of high school, enrolled at the Vegreville School of Nursing. It was during those years that she met and later married Ed Weber from Fort Saskatchewan. They lived in Edmonton for a few years where their sons, David and Neil were born. Grande Prairie was their next home where Ed was in construction and Josie continued nursing. They now reside in Westbank, B.C.

John, Mary Ann, Mark, Garry and Glen, 1985

John, the youngest of the family, followed in his father's footsteps, by farming in the New Kiew district. He married his high school sweetheart, MaryAnn Yakimetz, and together with sons: Mark, Gary, and Glen, is completing an interesting home on one of their farms.

KUPCHENKO, Dmytro and Frozina

Dmytro left his native Village of Barhomet, County of Chernivci, Bukovina, in 1901, at the age of five. Along with his mother Ann and his step-father Nick Orlecki, the family crossed the Atlantic, then boarded a train and arrived at the frontier town of Edmonton. Here, his parents, in partnership with Dmytro's uncle, Myron Mandryk, purchased a team of horses and travelled to Vegreville.

After spending some time in Vegreville, they bought a homestead in the Luzan area. Here his parents along with his brother John, three step-brothers, (Steve, George, and John Orlecki), two step-sisters, (Ruth and Martha), his two half-brothers, (Sylvester and Bill Orlecki) and one half-sister, Rose Orlecki, began to farm. Dmytro helped on the farm while the older members of the family worked out for wages. As he grew older, he too, set out to earn money on the railroad east of Calgary, or in coal mines. However, he returned to work on the farm.

In February, 1916, Dmytro married Frozina (Rose) Goroniuk.

As a small child, Frozina with her parents John and Mary Goroniuk, one brother Metro and sister, Katrina, left their native Ukrainian Village Toporivci, County of Chernivci, Bukovina, and headed for Canada. In Edmonton they were met by John's acquaintance, a Mr. Valuchka. At first they settled in the Shandro area, where they built a temporary hut. After working for some time and earning a little money, the Goroniuks purchased a

homestead in the Luzan area. Frozina worked babysitting, doing chores, and as she became older, she did field work to assist with the purchase of food.

Shortly after Dmytro and Frozina were married, they purchased their own heavily treed homestead, NW 25-55-11-W4th, and cleared much of the land by hand. They built their first home of logs, plastered with mud and thatched with straw. From these meager beginnings, Dmytro and Frozina laboured to establish a prosperous farm and family.

Dmytro was mechanically minded as a youth and his ability became very valuable during industrialization. In 1916, he purchased his first car, a Model T Ford and in 1918, he purchased a Case steam engine and a threshing machine. This steam engine, located at Dmytro's son's farm is still operative. With this equipment, Dmytro did custom-threshing for the neighbors. In early fall, threshing was done from stooks but as winter approached, the stooks were hauled into stacks and threshing continued as late as Christmas. While Dmytro earned money custom-threshing, Frozina and a hired girl hauled the stooks into stacks and did fall plowing.

Dmytro's mechanical aptitudes served him well as he constructed a sawmill driven by his steamer. During the winter, many logs hauled to the mill, were sawed into lumber. In 1928, Dmytro and Frozina purchased a McCormick tractor, a new Avery threshing machine and a breaking plough. Dmytro was now able to continue custom work; threshing and breaking virgin land, while Frozina tended the farm.

However, their life was not without sacrifice. At one time, they had to sell their herd of 30 cattle to meet payments on the equipment. As true pioneers, they overcame the adversities of the West.

Their first child, Nick, died but Dmytro and Frozina were blessed with seven other children: Kate (John) Pundick, Ann (Metro) Logozar, Josephine (Al) Richardson, Diane (Metro) Holynski, and sons William (deceased in 1975), who married Elsie Woloschuk, Metro who married Mary Bereska, and Walter who married Olga Pawliw.

Dmytro was instrumental in the development of the Rannock School, and served as a trustee on the school board for 39 years.

The Kupchenko family were also active members of the Luzan Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church.

Dmytro and Frozina Kupchenko on their 50th wedding anniversary, 1966

Dmytro and Frozina's efforts typified the fortitude necessary to develop the West. Both farmed the homestead until 1960, then retired to their home in Two Hills. Here, in July, 1983, Frozina passed into eternity and left Dymtro to live the rest of his life alone.

From these roots grew the family tree, currently boasting 44 members.

KUSHNIRUK, D'Metro and Annie (nee Bumback)

by Victoria Kushniruk

D'Metro was born in Kitzman, Bukovina, Ukraine, on April 25, 1890. In 1902, at the age of 12, he arrived in Canada with his mother Raifta, older sister Sandunya and step-father, Ivan Holowaychuk.

The family lived in the Desjarlais area from 1903 to 1911. During this time, D'Metro worked as a laborer on the C.P.R., and as a farmhand in the Desjarlais, Hairy Hill, Willingdon, and Vegreville areas. In 1908, he filed on a homestead, NE 26-56-13-W4th, in the Ispas area and started farming in 1911.

In October, 1925, he married Annie Bumback. They had three sons and two daughers: Mary, Nick, John, Mike and Rosie.

D'Metro and Annie Kushniruk, circa 1942

Mary married Nick Choban. They were blessed with two children, Benny and Belinda. Nick passed away on September 24, 1982.

Nick married Victoria Verenka. They have three daughters: Carol, Lori, and Maureen.

John married Mary Tomyn.

Mike married Doreen Delany and raised three children: Brian, Paulette, and Kevin. Mike and Doreen are now separated.

Rose married John Oneschuk. Their children are: Patsy, Joey, and Jason. John passed away on March 15, 1977.

D'Metro's wife, Annie, passed away on April 11, 1950. In 1957, he moved to Two Hills, where he lived for 19 years. D'Metro passed away on December 16, 1976, at the age of 86 years.

KUSHNIRUK, Nick and Victoria (nee Verenka)

by Victoria Kushniruk

Nick, the second of five children, born to D'Metro and Anne Kushniruk, was born on November 27, 1927.

He received his Grade I to VIII education at Brinsley, Grade IX at Moose, and Grade X, at the Ispas Hall. His teachers were Messrs.: John Pawliuk, Metro Nickolaichuk, Korpan, Sawchuk, Kelba (at Moose), and Chrapko (in the Ispas Hall).

Being the oldest boy, Nick was involved in farming from an early age. The responsibility was his, when his brothers, John and Mike left home to pursue a higher education. Nick loved farming, and its methods greatly improved with the advancement of farm technology.

In 1949, after spring work was done, Nick had the urge to seek greener pastures. He left the farm and went to Yellowknife where he worked at the Giant Goldmine as a bus driver, taking workers to and from work. This job came to an end when he received a telegram, that his mother was not expected to live. Her death, on April 10, 1950, saddened his life. However, every dark cloud has a silver lining.

During the years 1946 to 1950, a young girl, Victoria Verenka taught school at Brinsley. Nick had the opportunity to observe and meet her at various school and community functions. Their mutual fondness of each other grew. On July 2, 1954, Nick and Victoria were married in the Vegreville United Church by Reverend G. B. Mather.

Marriage of Victoria Verenka to Nick Kushniruk, 1954. (L to R) - flower girl Lynne Jensen, Harry and Elizabeth Verenka.

Victoria was born November 7, 1926, the second daughter of Harry and Elizabeth Verenka. She grew up on the farm and received her schooling from Grade I to X at Szypenitz. She remembers, vividly, her first teacher, Mr. Eli Taschuk (their neighbor). Victoria was a very shy girl, and on the first day of school, after the bell summoned the children, she did not come in. Mr. Taschuk went out, picked Victoria up, put her across his knee, and gave her a few hot ones on her "bum". The shock of the spanking put a quick end to her shyness. Her other teachers were Messrs.: Nick Tkachuk, William Lazariuk, and John Eurchuk. Victoria completed her Grade XI and XII at Hairy Hill. Her teachers were : Mr. Orest Demco, Miss Eva Duguay (Ruptash), and Miss Marion Fodchuk (Lutzak).

During her junior and senior high school days, Victoria was the catcher on the Szypenitz softball team. Her sister Mary was the pitcher. The team was one of the best. In 1943, the "Szypenitz Sluggers", were the Intermediate Softball Champions of Northern Alberta. She recalls how exciting it was to play the semi-final game at Kingsway Park, in Edmonton, against the Army-Navy Aircraft Repair team. When the announcer announced the battery "Verenka to Verenka", a cold chill ran down her spine; the determination to win was uppermost in her mind. This game and the final against the Mannville Bluebirds, were won, with great jubilation.

Victoria lived the Protestant Ethic, as did her parents. She milked cows, slopped pigs, stooked grain, and worked on the threshing crew. She knew at an early age, that money was hard to come by.

In 1945-46, Victoria completed her first year of the University of Alberta. Her first teaching position was at Ben's Lake School, where she taught 18 pupils from Grade I to VII for May and June. Then, she taught at Brinsley for four years (Grade I to VIII), Willingdon for two years (Grade II), and Two Hills for one year (Grade VI). In 1953, she returned to the University to take her second year of education.

After their marriage, Nick and Victoria lived on NE 31-56-12-W4th. Nick farmed and Victoria taught school at Ispas. In 1956, Victoria began teaching Grade I, at the Two Hills Elementary School. The difficulty involved in commuting to school caused them to move to Two Hills in July, 1957.

On May 26, 1955, their first child, Carol Anne was born. On October 16, 1963, daughter Lori Lyn, was born. On October 8, 1964, daughter Maureen Alison, was born.

The Kushniruk family, 1984. Front row - Nick, Troy, Elizabeth Verenka (Baba), Jill, Vicki; back row - Lori, Carol, Gordon and Maureen.

During the children's growing up, Nick and Victoria involved themselves with church activities, music, figure skating, and the children's education. In 1972, through evening University credit courses, at St. Paul, Vegreville, Viking, and summer school in Edmonton, Victoria received her Bachelor of Education degree.

Carol Anne is married to Gordon Soldan (son of Paul and Betty Soldan). They have two children, Troy Nicholas, and Jill Elizabeth. Carol has a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta, and is teaching an Early Childhood Services program at Two Hills and Willingdon. Gordon is the assistant-manager at the Alberta Wheat Pool in Two Hills.

Lori Lyn completed a legal secretarial course at Alberta College, and also her second year of landscape architecture at N.A.I.T. She is presently employed at the Links Clinic in Edmonton.

Maureen Alison completed a legal secretarial course at Alberta College, and is working for a law firm in Edmonton.

Presently Nick is farming, and Victoria is teaching. Both enjoy their grandchildren. They do some travelling and look forward to retirement.

KUTASH, Pete and Feona (nee Babiuk)

submitted by Mary Anne Zaparniuk

Pete Kutash, born on June 6, 1933, is the son of John and Teresa Kutash of Willingdon. He has two brothers, Nick and Allan, both of Edmonton as well as four sisters: Shirley Smith of Parksville, B.C., Jean Raaen of Anacortes, Washington, Mary Oneschuk of Two Hills, and Judy Perry of Edmonton.

Pete attended Deep Lake School for eight years. At the age of 15, he got a job in Cadomin, where he worked in the coal mines as a fireman. At the age of 17, he went to work in the lumbering industry at Prince George. In the summers he helped his dad on the farm. At the age of 19, he received employment in the Duvernay Chemical Plant as a fireman.

On August 23, 1958, he married Feona, daughter of Dan and Sophie Babiuk of Two Hills. Feona, who was born on September 18, 1941, has three brothers: Orest, Willie and Roy, all of whom reside in Edmonton. Her two sisters: Mary Anne Zaparniuk and Iris Mandrusiak, both live in Two Hills. Feona attended Szypenitz School for three years and then continued her education in Two Hills.

Feona and Pete Kutash, 1958

After marriage, Pete and Feona settled in Duvernay for four years. Their first son, Robert, was born on January 6, 1961. In 1962, they moved to the farm of Pete's father where their second son, Grant, was born on July 17. Here they lived till April, 1964, after which they purchased Andrew Eliuk's farm. Their youngest son, Brian, was born on October 28, 1967.

Pete and Feona Kutash with sons Robert, Grant and Brian, 1972

Pete continued to work at the Duvernay Chemical Plant all these years while at the same time he also farmed. In 1962, he received his steam engineer ticket and continued working till 1978, at which time he received a gold watch for 25 years of service in the plant.

In 1980, Pete and Feona moved to Fernie, B.C., where they bought and operated the Fernie Motor Inn for two years.

Their oldest son, Robert, married on August 8, 1981, and moved on the farm. After selling the hotel, Pete and Feona moved back to Two Hills where they and their three sons continue to farm.

Grant, 22 years old, is employed with Tri-City Riggs and owns land which he farms. Brian, 17, is attending school in Two Hills and also helps out with the farming operation. An avid hockey player like his two brothers, he played Junior B Hockey in Vegreville last season. Robert, 24, married Lolly Tatarin, daughter of Nick and Mary Tatarin of Hairy Hill. They have one daughter, Yolanda, who is one year old.

KUTT, Louis and Katherine (nee Elko)

by K. Kutt

I, the youngest in the family of Fred and Wasylena Elko, grew up on a homestead and encountered many experiences. I attended the one-room Nizir School where 54 students from Grades I to VIII were taught. During my early grades, I used the slate and the screechy chalk. Later we used scribblers and pencils and in the higher grades, the dreaded 'pen' for very special work.

Although my parents could not read or write, they vowed that their children would have the opportunity to receive an education.

My parents devised an unique system in handling money. At first they distinguished bills by color. Later they learned the numbers, and could count the money they had. They had to trust the neighbors or whoever they dealt with. Like other people, they had a few bad deals, but dad always said it was a lesson learned. In one incident, dad co-signed a loan note to help a neighbor purchase harrows at an auction sale. The neighbor refused to pay so dad was forced to pay the full amount and he never got to use the harrows or borrow them. That incident was never settled fairly, to my knowledge, but it did not stop my parents from helping others in need.

Our place was a stopping house for new families or immigrants in search of work. Often people spent a night or two with us.

It is impossible for us to visualize the hardships the pioneers went through. Their dreams and hopes for a better life did come true and I am very grateful that they had the determination and courage to venture into this country.

I had an opportunity to tour the Ukraine in 1979, and to visit the village of our relatives who live there. There is no comparison between their lifestyle and the one we enjoy in Canada.

My parents experienced hardships during the Depression years, but living on a farm meant that we were never hungry. Money that could be saved went to pay taxes and interest on loans for land and machinery.

Louis and Katherine Kutt, February 29, 1940

In 1940, I married Louis Kutt and we started farming near Edmonton. There were no buildings on our farm so we experienced many problems. When dad retired in the spring of 1943, he asked us to rent his land. Even though this made it easier for us, supplies during the war years were scarce and rationed. Each person was issued a ration book with coupons for staples such as sugar, tea, jam, coffee, and soap. Often, when we had the necessary coupons, the store would run out of supplies. To receive our share, the trick was to go to the store everyday (two and one half miles away) to check the incoming supplies.

In 1945, we moved back to continue our mixed farming operation on a larger scale on our farm near Edmonton. In 1953, we sold our land and moved to Edmonton where we still reside.

Our daughter, Judy, married Jerry Dean. They live in Drayton, Ohio, with their two children, Patrick and Michelle.

Larry, who married Karen Norman but is now separated, has two children, John and Christine. Larry lives in Viking.

Rick married Nancy Baudais. They live in Granum, with their three children: Stacey, Steven, and Christopher.

KUZIO, Nick and Mary (nee Teresio)

Nick Kuzio was born in Medyka, East Galicia, Ukraine, on November 14, 1892. In 1913, at the age of 16, he left his homeland and set out for Canada, the land of opportunity. When he arrived, he worked for a few years, as a miner in Lethbridge. He found other employment working on a bridge at Kicking Horse Pass, and on other construction jobs.

In 1917, Nick Kuzio arrived in the Lanuke district, to visit the Michael Teresio family, who were from the same village in Ukraine. Michael and Katherine Teresio arrived in Canada in 1903, along with their family, Peter, Annie, Mary, and William.

On July 19, 1918, Nick married Mary Teresio and the young couple lived with Mary's parents where they worked very hard. Life was difficult and hardships they had to endure seemed endless. Mary looked after her parents, for her father Michael Teresio, was a wheelchair invalid for 14 years.

When he first homesteaded, he froze his feet while walking to Edmonton for supplies, resulting in amputation.

Nick and Mary Kuzio purchased their first quarter, NE 17-54-12-W4th, from the C.P.R. The clearing and breaking of land was done by hand. Later, Nick bought a tractor with steel wheels and lugs enabling him to break his land and do custom work for surrounding neighbors. Some neighbors did not pay him for work and the debt had to be forgiven.

Nick purchased one of the first Model A Fords in the district. The car served as an ambulance, taking sick children and adults to the Vegreville hospital even when roads were almost impassable.

Because Nick was very creative, he could build and

Nick and Mary Kuzio, 1918

design his own machinery, such as a grain-loader, that worked well and was well-used in the district. He also owned a threshing machine which was used in the surrounding area. Nick always catered to the demands of his neighbors and thought of himself last.

Nick and Mary worked to organize the Two Hills Municipal Hospital. He was one of the founding members to the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Three sons were born into the Kuzio family: Nazar, Oscar, and Oliver.

Nazar married Alice Delawsky and they had one daughter, Connie, and one son, Ken. Nazar served in the Canadian Army in 1943. He was trained in Camrose and was later stationed in Vancouver, B.C.

Oscar married Mary Hlewka and raised four sons and four daughters: Jerry, Sandra, Nicky, Susan, Brenda, Rolly, Harvey, and Carol.

Oliver married Victoria Sawchuk and they had three sons: Daryl, Terry, and Darcy.

Nick and Mary always lived on the farm. Mary passed away in 1964, and Nick in 1973. They are buried in the Lanuke Cemetery, about one and one half miles from where they first settled and raised their family. They have

Nick and Mary Kuzio and sons Nazar, Oscar and Oliver, circa 1934

13 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren to carry on the family name and traditions, and to remember their heritage and roots of their forefathers.

KUZIO, Nazar and Alice (nee Delawski)

Alice Delawski was born in 1925. She married Nazar Kuzio in June, 1943. Nazar served with the Canadian Forces, stationed in Brandon, Manitoba; Nanaimo; and

Nazar and Alice Kuzio, 1943

Vancouver, British Columbia. After his army discharge, they resided in Andrew, Alberta. They then moved to Edmonton, Alberta.

Alice and Nazar had two children, Constance and Kenneth. Constance was born in 1945, and she married Dwight Adamic in July, 1972. They have three children: Michael Roy, Alice Nicole, and Alanna Leigh, all residing in Edmonton.

Kenneth was born in 1947. He married Maryann Wood in April, 1970. They have three children: Kenten James, Kerri-Ann Barbara, and Sherri-Lynn Alice. Kenneth and Maryann were divorced in 1980. Kenneth passed away on August 6, 1984.

Nazar passed away on April 7, 1973.

KUZIO, Oliver and Victoria (nee Sawchuk)

by Victoria Kuzio

Oliver William Kuzio, the youngest son of Nick and Mary Kuzio of Two Hills, was born on August 2, 1929. He started his education at Lainuk School, later attending Two Hills School. In winter he walked across the frozen Vermilion River and in summer rode his bike by road. Oliver graduated from high school in 1950, and chose farming as his way of life.

On July 22, 1951, Oliver married Victoria, daughter of Mike and Mary Sawchuk of New Kiew, and lived with Oliver's parents for four years. On February 28, 1954, their first son, Daryl William was born. In November, 1955, the Kuzios moved to their farm on SW 20-54-12-W4th. The roads were blown-in for months at this time, and they existed without electrical power or telephone. In order to have some money for groceries, Oliver worked on Thursdays at the Two Hills Co-op Livestock buying station, for $7. a day.

On July 19, 1957, the second son, Terrance Oliver, arrived. The same year, rural electricity was installed on the farm.

Oliver had inherited from his father, the skillful knack to improve farm equipment, and did so with an electric welder.

Oliver and Victoria Kuzio's family, on the occasion of Daryl and Joan's marriage, 1975. Their two younger sons (left) are Terry and Darcy.

On May 11, 1962, Darcy Alan, was born. Until this time, the Kuzios were grain-farmers and cattle-ranchers. Later they became interested in raising broiler breeders for hatchery purposes. The whole family worked together in these enterprises.

Oliver loved sports, especially hockey, but never had a chance to participate in the game. He was determined, however, that his sons have the opportunity to play the game and became involved in minor hockey, serving as the president of the Two Hills and District Minor Hockey Association from 1974 to 1976. Presently grandsons Robert and Michael are playing hockey, and the memories are being relived. Oliver also served on the Two Hills and District Recreation Board from 1972 to 1976, but retired due to failing health.

The Kuzio children are grown up and are successful in their own lives:

Kuzio children and grandchildren, 1986. Back row, (L to R) - Darcy and Shelley, with Alicia and Ryan, Joan and Daryl; front row - Robert and Michael.

Daryl graduated from high school in 1973, and enrolled at N.A.I.T. in business administration. In 1975, he married Joan Mazurek, and raised two sons, Robert Daryl and Michael Aaron. Daryl is employed with Nova and farms part-time.

Terry graduated from high school in 1975, and enrolled at the University of Alberta in mechanical engineering. Terry is a senior engineer for Schlumberger of Canada.

Darcy graduated from high school in 1980. He apprenticed in welding at N.A.I.T. In 1984, Darcy married Shelley Bentley and they have a baby son, Ryan Darcy. The couple live in Lloydminster where Darcy is employed as a wire-line operator with Dressier-Atlas.

Oliver Kuzio, who died on March 25, 1981, at the young age of 51, was a gentle, compassionate man. He had a great concern for the betterment of his fellowmen, and for the safety and freedom from hunger and war. He worked for the peace of all people. He loved his family and was deeply devoted to them.

LAKUSTA, John and Mary (nee Sorosky)

In 1900, Mary and her parents, Zahari and Alexandra (nee Danyluk) Sorosky, immigrated to Canada from the Village of Borivci, Province of Bukovina, Ukraine and settled on a homestead, two miles north of Andrew. Mary was three years old at the time.

In 1904, 11 year old John and his parents, Nicholai and Elana (nee Tupiczka) Lakusta came to Canada from Bukovina, Ukraine, and settled on a homestead, in the Czahar district, south of Whitford Lake.

About 20 years later, John married Mary and began farming on his father's farm. In the mid-twenties the young couple moved to Edmonton to operate a boarding house. Two years later, they moved to their homestead, SE 18-55-11-W4th, in the Luzan district. The proceeds from one-quarter of land, (with 110 acres under cultivation) were not sufficient to maintain the family they now had. To supplement their income, John purchased a truck and hauled cattle to Edmonton, and on the return trip brought general merchandise and other farm necessities.

In 1933, John sold the farm to William Kormish, and the family moved to Two Hills, where they established the White Lunch Cafe, located in a spacious, two-storey building, with living quarters on the upper floor and a restaurant and turkish bath on the lower. A large ice-house was located at the rear of the property where ice was sold during summer months. Full-course meals were served at 20¢ to 40¢. A 50¢ meal had larger portions, which only customers with huge appetites, could finish.

In 1935, the building also housed Andrew Fedoruk's first jewllery shop and Makowichuk's tailor shop. About this time, John, in partnership with Peter Hrynyk, who was also a trucker in Two Hills, constructed a stockyard on the west side of Highway 36, along the C.P.R. tracks and opened a cattle-buying business. This business was last operated by William Tymko until the early eighties.

In 1938, the family moved to Edmonton, where the three youngest children continued their education.

John Lakusta passed away in August, 1945, just several weeks after the eldest son, Harry, returned from overseas, where he was stationed with the Canadian Army from 1939 to 1945.

Mary Lakusta, presently 87 years old, lives in the apartment building that she had constructed in 1959. She is sharp-witted and attends bingo games two or three times a week, with her daughter, Lillian. She is the last surviving family-member of John's and her generation. The family visits her almost every week.

John and Mary raised a family of 10 children:

Harry (deceased in 1980) married Marie Vaillencourt. She lives in Kelowna, B.C.

Jennie of Two Hills, married Sam Andriowski who passed away in 1984.

Lena of Two Hills, married Trifon Gorgichuk.

John of Kelowna, B.C., married Pearl Shapka.

Steve of Keremeos, B.C., married Lucille Leblanc.

Joyce of Wembley, Alberta, married Jack Pickles.

Helen married Bernard Knibbs of Edmonton. She passed away in 1979.

Lillian of Edmonton, married Joseph Teppan.

Rosie of Calgary, married Patrick Donovan, who passed away in 1965.

Sylvester of Two Hills, married Olga Petryk of Waskateneau.

LAKUSTA, Dan and Dora (nee Stefanetz)

Gregory Stefanetz's fourth oldest daughter, Dora, was born on October 21, 1921. Along with her brothers and sisters, she attended Szypenitz School.

Sister Helen and Dora Lakusta, circa 1941

In 1941, Dora married Dan Lakusta of Hairy Hill and the couple continue to farm south of Hairy Hill.

Lawrence and Melvin, both married and living in Edmonton, are their sons.

Dora and Dan also have two granddaughters and two grandsons.

LAKUSTA, William and Mary (nee Stefanetz)

Mary Stefanetz who was born on December 4, 1919, in Duvernay, married William Lakusta of Hairy Hill, at Szypenitz Church on October 20, 1940.

After the marriage, Mary and William moved to Evansburg where William worked at his dad's sawmill. A year later, they moved to Edmonton where William was employed at Pool Construction as an engineer and Mary worked at the Buffalo Cafe. After living in Edmonton until March, 1947, they purchased a half section of land from Mr. Chester McGowan of Hairy Hill. Here they farmed for the next 26 years and raised three children who attended Hairy Hill and Vegreville Schools.

In 1973, the Lakustas moved to Vegreville and purchased a half section of land from William Diachuk. They continued to farm near Vegreville.

William and Mary have three children: Gloria, married Steve Yakiwozuk and raised two children, Colette and Aaron.

Brian married Christine Woywitka, and they have

Mary and Bill Lakusta and family, 1984

three children: Shelleen, Nathan, and Matthew.

Tim married Dianne Chilibeck and they were blessed with one child, Sarah.

LAKUSTA, Onesim and Maria (nee Bohaichuk)

Onesim, son of Michael and Waselyena (Yurichuk) Lakusta, was born on February 15, 1889, in the Village of Luzan, Province of Bukovina, Western Ukraine.

His early education was in the village school and later in the city of Chernivci in a school equivalent to our present day Junior High School.

About the year 1902, Onesim immigrated to Canada with his parents and settled in the Kaleland district. He helped his folks to settle in the new land and later with his brother, William, worked on farms, and on a ranch in the Lloydminster area.

On May 30, 1911, Onesim married Maria, daughter of Stefan and Yustina (Zacharuk) Bohaichuk, who arrived in Canada in 1908 from the Village of Borschiew, District of Sniatyn, in the Province of Galicia, Ukraine.

Onesim's and Maria's marriage ceremony was officiated by Reverend P.J. Bozyk in the Soda Lake St. Dymytry Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church.

The young couple settled on a homestead, NW 13-54-11-W4th. Because the homestead was mostly lost land with part of it being slough-hay meadow, they sold 120 acres and retained a 40 acre meadow for hay. They then purchased the SE 24-54-11-W4th in the same neighbourhood.

The education, that Onesim acquired in Bukovina, served him well in Canada. He knew the Ukrainian and German languages which made it easier to develop a good working knowledge of English. Because he was able to write letters and do extensive secretarial work, he helped to establish and administer the Rannock, Chornik, Sherentz, and Morecambe Schools. Onesim was appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics in the area, as well, he was also employed as a ferryman on the Myrnam and Elk Point ferries.

Onesim and Maria farmed until 1946 and raised a family of six children: William, David, Anna, Zenovia, Lekeria, and Esther.

Onesim and Maria Lakusta, 1940s

On retirement, the Lakustas settled in Edmonton where Onesim passed away in September, 1964. He was survived by his children, grandchildren, and his wife, Maria of Edmonton. Maria is now looking forward to her 90th birthday, with her five surviving children (Lekeria deceased), 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

LAKUSTA, Pearl (nee Shapka)

I was born at Ispas, on May 5, 1922, to Nick and Wasylena (nee Hunchak) Shapka.

John was born at Soda Lake, on September 15, 1917, to John and Anastasia (nee Skoreyko) Lakusta.

John and I met at Ispas. I was going to Brinsley School at the time. For two and a half years, John lived with his mother until she passed away on December 24, 1936. In 1937, John left Ispas to work in the Vegreville area where he became a Watkin's dealer. John went to Vernon, B.C. for about six months and returned to Ispas in the fall of 1939.

We were engaged on November 26, 1939, and were married on February 29, 1940, in Szypenitz Church. John

and I lived with John's sister and brother-in-law, Lena and Trifon Gorgichuk until the fall of 1940. Later, moving to Two Hills, we were employed by Bill Andrioski.

Our first child, Irene Victoria, was born on August 27, 1940, in Willingdon Hospital and passed away at the age of three months, on November 27, 1940. She was buried in the Lanuke Cemetery.

In March, 1941, we moved to Vernon, B.C., where we built our first home and worked in orchards, gardens, packing houses, and Bulman's Cannery.

Being injured while employed for Bulman's, John was unable to work. After four and a half years, we moved to Two Hills.

In March 1945, we purchased a home in Forest Heights, Edmonton, where John drove a taxi. We acquired a farm in Ispas, in 1950. John did casual labor in Edmonton and farmed, while I worked at MacDonalds Consolidated. Finally in 1952, we moved to the farm. John bought, in 1959, in partnership with Trifon Gorgichuk, a half share in a chop mill and seed cleaning plant in Two Hills from Dave Chomik. Half a year later they sold it to Alec and Victor Hlewka.

Three years later, because of poor health, John rented out his land and on November 4, 1968, he sold the farm.

Our second child, Andrew Nickolas (Andy) was born on November 7, 1954, in the Two Hills Hospital. He grew up on the farm and attended Hairy Hill School for five years and Two Hills Elementary and High School where he graduated in 1973. After one year in NAIT he went to work. On July 30, 1977, he married Jeanne, daughter of Nickolas and Thakla Bosch of Oyen, Alberta. They lived in Edmonton and in 1981, they moved to Two Hills where they purchased their first home. Their first child, Nickolas John was born on August 31, 1982. That same year, they transferred to their second home. Their second child, Alexander Leon was born on June 24, 1984. Andy is presently employed by Westmin Resources Ltd.

John and I were divorced on April 19, 1982. John now lives in Kelowna, B.C. and I reside in Two Hills.

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LAPASCHUK, Nikolay and Domnica (nee Kozniuk)

by Jean Werenka

Nikolay, son of Myhailo and Waselyna (nee Bodnitzski) Lapaschuk, was born on November 5, 1885, in Slobodia, Larrancha, Province of Bukovina, Western Ukraine.

Domnica was also born in Slobodia, Larrancha, Province of Bukovina on July 20, 1893. Her parents were Pete and Sanda (nee Balhowski) Kozniuk.

Nikolay and Domnica were married on October 12, 1910.

In the spring of 1911, Nikolay immigrated to Canada where he worked in the coal mines at Taber and Lethbridge areas. Saving enough money, he moved to the Two Hills area where he purchased land and sent for his wife. Domnica arrived in the fall of 1913, and the couple began their struggle for survival. Many hardships were encountered; however, the family survived and each of them hold memories they treasure.

Nickolay and Domnica Lapaschuk with their children William, Peter and Sandra, 1920

The Lapaschuks had a family of 8 children:

William married Rose Ostashek and reside in Two Hills. They have a family of five children: Josephine, Phyllis, Edward, Edith, and Norman, as well as 11 grandchildren.

Peter died in 1927 and was buried at the Szypenitz Church Cemetery.

Sadie married Chris Kozeck and resides in Bonnyville.

Anne married Alec Nohnychuk and resides in Marwayne. They have a family of eight children: Ernest, Sheila, Jim, Sharon, Rodney, Kenny and Shawn. Daughter Irene, died in March 1943, and was buried at Brinsley Church Cemetery. As well as they have 14 grandchildren.

Nickolay and Domnica on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, 1960

Dan resides in Edmonton.

Mike married Ann Olynyk and the family reside in Vegreville. They have two children, Michelle and Sheryle and two grandchildren.

Jean married Nick Werenka and the family reside in Edmonton. They have two children, Patricia, and Pamela.

Nicky married Nick Haverko. They reside in Edmonton and have two children, Deborah and Donna.

The C.P.R. land is still in the family; however, many changes have occurred. The "summer house", as we called it, gave way to a much more modern home for Edward and Sylvia Lapaschuk. It is very fortunate that the farm is still in the family.

As of December, 1983, there were 18 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren, a total of 57 descendants in the Lapaschuk family.

A dowry of "Koveretz" has been passed down through the family. Mother was given this by her mother, who made it in about 1905. It hung in their house until 1967, when she divided it amongst her family.

On their 50th anniversary, August, 1960, seven children and 13 grandchildren were present.

Nikolay died on October 23, 1967, and Domnica on November 9, 1970. Both are buried at the Szypenitz Church Cemetery.

LASEK, Joseph and Katy

by John Lasek

Joseph Lasek was born on June 30, 1876, in the Village of Medica, County of Peremyshl, Ukraine. He was the son of Jacob and Maria Lasek and the grandson of John and Maria Lasek.

Joseph and Katie (Katy) Lasek's family, circa 1924. (L to R) - Frank, Annie, Ted, Rosie; seated - Mary (with two grandchildren), Katie and Joseph Lasek and John.

In 1912, at the age of 36, Joseph arrived in Canada with his wife Katy, and their two children. They settled on a homestead in the Musidora district. While Joseph worked as a mason, Katy and the children kept the farm in operation.

Joseph and Katy had six children: Mary, Annie, Ted, Frank, Rosie, and John. The children attended the Russia (Franko) School. The first four children are now deceased. Rosie lives in Calgary and John in Two Hills.

John Lasek with his family on his 65th birthday, 1983

LAZINCHUK, John and Dora (nee Kordowski)

by children Joseph, Mary and Marshall

Our dad, John, at age 12 and with only a Grade II education in the Ukraine, immigrated to Canada, arriving in 1906, with his parents Fred and Anastasia Lazinchuk. Two older sisters, Annie and Mary, a younger sister Sophie, and a younger brother Mike, also immigrated from the Village of Chernivci, County of Kolomea in the Western Ukraine. On their arrival in Edmonton, grandmother and the children stayed at Uncle Laschowski's home while grandfather went to locate a farm.

He bought a homestead four miles south of Musidora, which was their home for many years. Two more brothers, Bill and Joseph, were born in Canada.

Because there were no schools in the district at the time, dad stayed at home to help his parents. Later he worked at the Dawson coal mines in Edmonton, on the railway, and for farmers in Saskatchewan. At one particular place, he worked with a ten-bottom plough drawn by a 1915 steam engine. In 1916, after earning some money he bought a farm from Mr. Blieachus, two miles south of Musidora. The following year, he married Dora Kordowski and settled on this farm. In 1921, dad bought a McCormick-Deering wooden model threshing machine and a 10-20 Titan Tractor. Threshing time was from fall until New Year. In 1930, he sold the thresher to Mr. Buk of Lanuke and the Titan was scrapped.

In 1925, dad bought a saw mill outfit and people from near and far, brought logs to be sawed into lumber. Later he sold this outfit to Walter Pawluski.

In 1928, dad purchased the McCormick-Deering dealership in Musidora from Alex Harrison. Dad sold many popular 15-30 tractors. This was the starting point of opening up a lot of new land in the area.

A year later, he bought a 1929 Pontiac car of which we were very proud. In 1933, we drove to the Edmonton Exhibition which we enjoyed very much. In 1934, dad bought a truck and began hauling grain and stock to Edmonton.

Dad was very active in the Musidora Community. We recall the first bazaar he conducted outside the little log

John and Dora Lazinchuk with their family, November, 1967

church east of Kolisniak's farm building.

Dad often read books to us which he obtained from the Ukrainian Library in the Musidora Hall. After the hall burned down, it was later replaced by a stone building. When people of the community decided to build a new Ukrainian Orthodox Church, dad assisted in its building.

Dad and mother had a family of four children: Joseph, Mary, Marshall and Bill. Joseph of Dawson Creek married Christine Wasylycia of Myrnam. Their children are Dianna, Gordon, Joanne, Michael, Maryann and Michelle.

Mary of Lavoy married Bill Warawa. Their children are Halia and Ronald.

Marshall and Bill are single.

In the early 40s, lives changed somewhat. Mary got married and Joseph was called to the army. When dad was planning a future for the boys, additional land in the district was unavailable. When Joe returned from the army he decided to look elsewhere for more land, and purchased homesteads in Dawson Creek, B.C. This is where they started a new life.

Dad passed away in 1969, and mother in 1972. Brother Bill died in 1978. The farm is owned and operated by their grandsons, Gordon and Michael Lazinchuk.

We are very proud of our parents and cherish their memories very much. May they rest in peace.

LAZOWSKI, Yakiw and Paraskevia

as told by Annie Zailo

"They came to seek the fortunes of the new land, and they gave the last of their energies to achieve what they strived for".

These were my parents, Yakiw (Jacob) Lazowski, born in 1867, in the Village of Hinovich, County of Yaroslaw, Western Ukraine, and Paraskevia Lazowski (nee Paulishyn) born in 1867, in the Village of Kalnikiw, County of Mostiska, Western Ukraine.

In 1900, Yakiw and Paraskevia, spurred on by poverty and over-crowding, left their beloved village and joined countless others in their bid for a better life. After travelling for 16 days, they reached Halifax and continued their journey by train to Calgary. They then made their way to the Jacob Yuskow residence at New Kiew where they rented a house for two years. Dissatisfied with their first homestead at Mundare, in 1904, they moved to the Plain Lake area, and purchased another parcel of land.

Bringing with them their wordly possessions—an axe, sickle, shovel, scythe and hammer, they set out to clear the land and erect a crude sod house in which they lived for four months. This was soon replaced by a one-room log cabin. Many years later, a luxury home was built of lumber.

In the beginning, one could not comprehend the adversities of pioneer life. Jacob and Paraskevia would often get frustrated over their hardships. It was not easy to sow the grain by hand or harvest the crop with a sickle and flail. The four or five sacks of harvested grain would be ground up into flour, on a home-made grindstone. Later this grindstone was replaced by a flour mill at Mundare.

Their food consisted of a flat bread called a platzok, rabbit meat, wild berries and the odd vegetable. No one complained about sleeping in a roughly hewn wooden bed on a straw-filled mattress. During the winter months, Yakiw worked in the Chipman-Mundare area for $40. This hard-earned money was used for buying the much needed machinery and tools.

Although the early settlers worked hard, they still found time for leisure and worship. In 1905, under the capable hands of Lazowski, Kitz, Yuskow, Triska, Geleta and Yaremcio, the St. Nicholas Russo Greek-Orthodox Church of Warwick, Alberta, was constructed. Yakiw felt that religion provided a basic foundation for family training, and therefore, he obligated his family to attend religious services. His other concern was the education of his children. Unfortunately, the oldest daughter attended school for only 14 days and the younger one for just one year.

Yakiw Lazowski family - Helen, Anne, Steve and Paraskevia, 1914; and Yakiw Lazowski, 1932.

Just at the time when the Lazowski family was starting to enjoy more prosperous years, and as fate would have it, Paraskevia, at the age of 52, suddenly passed away leaving her young family to fend for themselves. The homestead was then handed over to the younger daughter Helen. Yakiw, later retired to Vegreville, passing away in 1946.

There were three children in the Lazowski family. Annie (1898-) married Harry Zailo in 1917. They had six children: Mary Fedyniak, Kay Penkauskas, Olive Birky, Emily Gabinet (deceased), Basil Zailo and Betty

Sparacino. Helen (1900-1982) married John Kitz in 1918. They had three children: Marion, Bill (deceased) and Nicholas. Steve (1908-1943) had no family.

LOGOZAR, Metro and Anne (nee Kupchenko)

Metro, the second youngest child in a family of seven boys and two girls, was born on June 1, 1916, to Egnaty and Anna Logozar of the Brosseau area. He attended the Mamaestie School, when teachers were available. At the age of 16, he began working as a farmhand for local farmers at $15. per month. During his youth, he worked as a carpenter, with his brother, John, from whom he learned the trade.

In the fall of 1938, Metro saved enough money to purchase a team of horses and in 1939, he rented a quarter section of land in the Lafond district and began farming.

On January 12, 1941, Metro married Anne, daughter of Dmytro and Frozina Kupchenko. Anne was born and raised on the family's homestead in the Rannock district and was the second oldest child in the family of three boys and four girls. She attended the Rannock School and helped on the farm.

In the spring of 1941, Metro and Anne rented a quarter section of land, one mile north of Luzan School and began farming on their own. They started with seven cows, which Anne received from her parents, four horses, some machinery and a 'dream'. With the help of father Dmytro, they began their new life. Four years later (August, 1945), they had saved enough money to purchase SW 29-55-11-W4th, their parents home place.

Metro's carpentry craft came in handy at this point as he did custom carpentering while Anne stayed home to do the chores and field work. Metro and Anne, with hard work and frugal budgeting, were soon able to expand their farm holding to 640 acres.

Recently the Logozars retired but continue to live on the farm.

Metro and Anne were blessed with four children: Donald, the oldest passed away as a small child; Vivian married Ernie Skakun; Leonard married Violet Lakusta, and Joann married Wade Giles. All reside in Edmonton.

Metro and Annie Logozar family, December, 1979. Back row, (L to R) - Joann Logozar, Ernie, Vivian and Sheldon Skakun; Jessica, Leonard and Violet Logazar; front row - Carolynn and Andrew Skakun; Annie, Rebecca and Metro Logozar.

LUCIAK, Oleksa and Domka

Oleksa, born in 1849, and Domka, born in 1857, along with their sons, Ivan and Zachary, and their daughter Alice, immigrated to Canada, from Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine, (Austria). They arrived in Halifax on May 30, 1901. The family travelled by train to Montreal, Edmonton, Vegreville, and then northeast by oxcart to the Duvernay district. Oleksa filed for a homestead, SE 6-56-12-W4th, which cost $10., and in 1904, received a clear title from the Dominion Land office at Edmonton. Striving to keep his family alive, he cleared and broke land with a plow he bought for $5. in 1903, from the Bellamy Co. In December, 1904, he bought a steer for $26. from John Krebs and Co. and a sleigh for $35. from Massey-Harris Co. Taxes for the quarter of land he owned were six dollars, payable to Local Improvement District No. 28-J-4 at Soda Lake.

Because he wanted his sons to have homesteads of their own, he bought, in 1906, the NW 24-55-13-W4th for Ivan and the SW 24-55-13-W4th for Zachary, paying $10. for each quarter.

In November, 1907, he purchased a wagon for $24.75 from Massey-Harris Co. Ltd., a six-foot Deering mower and a ten-foot Deering rake, for $55.. The same year, he bought one-third of a bushel of timothy seed for $3. and a bay mare for $10. On August 24, 1907, Oleksa bought a six-foot Ideal Deering binder for $170. from International Co. Ltd., with a mortgage note of $170., bearing interest at 7% from date and 10% after maturity.

Domka passed away in 1913, and Oleksa in 1914.

LUCIAK, Zachary (Harry) and Marafta (nee Diachuk)

In 1904, Marafta, at the age of 12, immigrated to Canada, from Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine. She came with her parents, brother Fred, and two sisters, Mary (Kluchky) and Frozina (Pashniak). They homesteaded on NE 36-56-12-W4th. Marafta was the daughter of Danylo and Ewdokia Diachuk (nee Hryshka) who owned a livery stable in Vegreville. Danylo was born in 1848, and died in 1929, at the age of 81. His wife Ewdokia was born in 1859, and died in 1931.

On February 10, 1909, Zachary, (Harry) Luciak married Marafta at a ceremony in the Boian Church, officiated by Reverend Benedic Eliesou. The couple settled on the homestead, SW 24-55-13-W4th.

Harry and Marafta struggled to build a home of logs and clay. To break more land Harry bought a gang plow for $49., a wagon for $55., a Hamilton democrat for $58., a shoe-drill for $55., and a harrow for $12.50.

Shortly after marriage, Harry left home with a quarter in his pocket and a loaf of bread in his pack to seek a job on the railway at Frank, B.C. At first, Harry and his friend were mistreated because they spoke no English, but later when the Superintendent found these men to be excellent workers they were treated much better. Each man came home with $50. which was a great help.

Once Harry had to mortgage his three horses, three cows, one steer, and two heifers, valued at $780. so that

Harry Luciak's family in their home - Harry, Pete, Marafta and Mary, 1916

he could borrow $200. His land could not be used as collateral, as it was valued at only $10.

On November 18, 1910, Harry Luciak received his Certificate of Naturalization and Marafta received hers on June 22, 1918.

On March 22, 1926, Harry had a very unfortunate saw mill accident, losing four fingers of his right hand. Immediately after the accident, Marafta covered the injured fingers with goose fat and the fingers were wrapped in a clean, sun bleached dish towel that Marafta took off the clothesline. The clean goose fat and towel prevented infection. He was rushed by sleigh, drawn by a very fast team of horses, to Vegreville Hospital and then by train to Edmonton where he remained at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for 32 days. His total hospital and medical bill was $101.50. There was no disability pension at the time, so Harry continued to work hard to provide for his wife and four children.

Marafta walked 20 miles along a path through the bush and rough terrain to receive her mail. She was once involved in an accident injuring her back. Marafta recovered at home, but arthritis set in, causing disability later in life.

On December 31, 1929, Harry purchased another quarter of land (SE 23-55-13-W4th), for $5,537.40, from Standard Trust Company.

When Harry's brother Ivan and his wife Kalina died, they left four children: Alex, Nick, Annie, and Mary. Harry and Marafta became their guardians.

Harry was one of the founders of the Szypenitz Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the Szypenitz School, and Community Hall. He was a very active member of the Agricultural Society (Willingdon) where he was the district caretaker of the Horse Club for six years. As a member of the United Grain Growers, he took part in the farmers' strike. Marafta was active in church work, and was noted for her fine bread baked in the outdoor oven (peech).

Harry and Marafta had many unfortunate experiences; they never looked back or complained, but lived a quiet, Christian life. In May, 1954, when they retired and moved to Two Hills, their son Victor, and daughter-in-law Rose, took over the farm operation. Harry died on April 15, 1974, and Marafta on January 22, 1978, with interment at Szypenitz Cemetery where their numerous relatives had predeceased them.

Mary, Victor (in carriage), and Pete Luciak, 1921

Harry and Marafta had five children: Harry Jr., Pete, Mary, Victor, and Rose. Their first son Harry, died in infancy of pneumonia.

Pete, the oldest son, was born at home in Szypenitz. He had to help with the family farm until 1938, when he left home to work in a Vegreville garage. Peter married Marie Saleha who had six children, by her previous marriage. Peter and Marie resided in Vilna where they operated a hotel. Later they purchased hotels in Grimshaw and Barrhead. Pete was also a shareholder of the Sahara Theatre in Edmonton.

On retirement Pete and Marie moved to Edmonton, where Marie operated the Rio Cafe. Marie died in August, 1981. Pete is retired and is residing at Woodbridge Way in Sherwood Park. Pete and Marie had one daughter, and two sons who reside in Sherwood Park. One of his sons, Art, is employed by the Edmonton City Police Department.

Mary married Bill Boyko on October 4, 1936. They had three daughters: Esther, Beverly and Margaret. Bill passed away on September 5, 1952. On October 21, 1955, Mary married Peter Fuyarchuk and to them was born a son, James. Mary and Peter reside in Two Hills.

Victor, the fourth child of Harry and Marafta Luciak, was born at home on September 20, 1922. He took his

Luchak family, 1968. Standing, (L to R) - Richard, Ralph, Wayne, Barry; seated - Rose and Victor.

elementary schooling in Szypenitz, then completed his high school in Two Hills. Called to the army in 1941, he was stationed in London, Ontario.

Victor was very interested in baseball and was well known for his strikeout record of nine pitches per inning. His pitching career ended when he broke his fibula on July 1, 1940, at a game in Vegreville. Victor also had a keen interest in music and joined the local Szypenitz band where he played the violin. He was also a well-known carpenter.

Victor married Rose Pawliuk of Szypenitz on July 23, 1943, and lived on the family farm. Later Victor and Rose purchased motels at Castor and Swan Hills. They then moved to Spruce Grove where they semi-retired, Victor worked for Atco and Rose for a local bakery.

On July 28, 1982, Victor passed away. Interment was at Szypenitz Cemetery. Rose continues to reside in their family home at Spruce Grove.

Victor and Rose had four sons: Ralph, Wayne, Barry, and Richard. Ralph married Marga Adams, who had two children, Nadine and Lance, from her previous marriage. Ralph and Marg reside at Fort McMurray where Ralph is employed with an oil company.

Wayne married Lorna Henry and they reside at Spruce Grove where Wayne is in the mail business.

Barry married Donita Johnson and they live in Leduc. Their two children are Kristopher and Gregory. Barry is a chartered accountant.

Richard married Beverly Dalton and they reside in Millet with their two children, Angela and Audrey Lynn. Richard is in plumbing and heating business.

Rose, the youngest daughter of Harry and Marafta Luciak was born in Vegreville Hospital, on July 11, 1927. Her older brothers and sister were born at home, with the aid of a midwife.

Rose took her schooling at Szypenitz and finished high school in Two Hills. She played with the Szypenitz Girls' Fastball team which won the Intermediate Championship of Alberta, in 1944, with Mr. John Eurchuk as their coach. Following graduation in 1947, Rose worked at the Treasury Branch in Two Hills. From 1948 to 1950, she worked at the Two Hills Municipal Hospital.

On July 16, 1950, Rose was married to Alexander Boida of Morecambe in the Brinsley Church, with Reverend Melnychuk officiating. Alexander and Rose took over the family farm at Morecambe when Alexander's parents, Leon and Anastasia retired and moved to Two Hills, in 1951. In 1963, Alexander was elected councillor of Division No. 3 of the County of Two Hills No. 21 and held the position for 11 years until his untimely death on September 20, 1979. Interment was at Morecambe Cemetery.

After 20 years, Rose went back to work, for two years at the Eagle View Nursing Home in Two Hills and in 1972, she began work at the Two Hills Hospital for seven more years. In 1979, she was employed by Myrnam Hospital where she continues to work. Rose still resides on the family farm at Morecambe.

Rose and Alexander had four children. (See Boida History).

LUCYSHYN, Peter and Lena

by Mary Wysocki, daughter

Peter Lucyshyn was born in Wiesnowczyk, Przemyslany, Galicia, Ukraine, on December 22, 1901. In January, 1928, he decided to immigrate to Canada. Lena, daughter of Harry (Gregory) and Sophia Cymbaluk, was born at Chipman, Alberta, on November 22, 1906. They were married on June 3, 1933, with Rev. Paul Hewko, OSBM, officiating.

Peter and Lena Lucyshyn's wedding, June 3, 1933

Peter and Lena Lucyshyn with their daughter Mary, circa 1945

Peter and Lena Lucyshyn began farming in the Musidora area. In 1948, they sold their farm and purchased her mother's farm (SW 1/4 36-53-13-W4th) southwest of Two Hills.

On October 12, 1951, Peter passed away at the age of forty-nine.

In November, 1951, Lena moved to Two Hills. Her first job was at the Hotel Cafe and later at the Confectionery & Coffee Shop. She was active in the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Two Hills, and in 1978, received a 25 year membership scroll.

On March 4, 1984, Lena passed away at the age of seventy-seven.

Peter and Lena had one daughter, Mary, born in Vegreville on April 11, 1941. She attended Krasne School for three years, and then the Two Hills School. Following graduation from the Two Hills High School in 1960, Mary took a business course at the McTavish Business College Ltd. in Edmonton. She then worked for the Two Hills Chemical Company Ltd. from 1961 to 1980. On July 26, 1969, Mary married Nick Wysocki of Derwent, Alberta. Presently they reside in Two Hills where Mary is employed by the Town of Two Hills as a secretary, and Nick is an electrician employed by the Two Hills Health Care Centre.

Nick Wysocki and Mary Lucyshyn on their wedding day, July 26, 1969

LUHOWY, Michael and Mary (nee Zelych)

by Irene Cymbaliuk

Michael Luhowy was born on November 21, 1904, in the Village of Berlin, near the Town of Brody, Ukraine. He was the youngest of seven children of Karl and Anna Luhowy. Michael attended school for one summer. When war broke out, his family was evacuated to Krakow, Poland. Two years later they returned to their destroyed village to resume their peasant lives.

On February 2, 1928, Michael married Mary, the second child of Ivan and Irene Zelych. She was born April 21, 1909, in the same village as Michael.

A few months after their marriage, Michael left for Canada. Arrangements for immigration were made by his uncle, Wasyl Fedyna (his mother's brother) in New

Mike and Mary Luhowy's wedding in the Ukraine, 1928

Kiew. Sailing on the "Ascania" to Halifax, then by train to Montreal, Winnipeg, and Lavoy, he arrived on May 3, 1928.

After Michael found farm employment on the farm of William Steblyk, he arranged for his wife to join him. Mary sailed on the "Andania" arriving in Canada on September 22, 1929. The couple lived on the Steblyk homestead, which they purchased in 1931. A year later they moved to a homestead at Maloy, Alberta (near Glendon). Michael bought a team of horses and a hayrack, a cow, calf, a few chickens, and a pig to start farming. Before their new home was built they lived with the Kuzel family in a one-room house. For two years Michael worked with threshing crews in New Kiew and Lavoy. As their farming flourished, he operated his own sawmill and sold lumber. A large hip-roofed barn, a hog house, and granaries were built.

Mary spent hours picking blueberries, some to be preserved and the rest to be sold at Glendon. With the money obtained, Mary bought sewing material for clothing, china for her kitchen, and baking needs. She knitted scarves, sweaters, socks and mitts for the family.

In 1945, Michael sold the homestead to William Laniuke and bought a half section of land from Fred Stogren, 12 miles south of Two Hills. He soon acquired 20 head of cattle, four horses, some grain, and a small line of machinery.

The children attended school at Zaparoze, Krasne, Lavoy and Vegreville.

The Luhowy family were members of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of New Kiew. Mary belonged to the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of New Kiew. Michael was a member of the Farmers' Union at Zaparoze, the Knights of Columbus, the Committee of Ukrainian Canadians, the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Catholics and a member of the New Kiew choir.

Michael and Mary had four children who attended Zaporoze, Krasne, Vegreville and Lavoy schools.

William, born March, 1931, finished high school and worked at the Vegreville post office. In 1951, he married Anne Olineck of Lavoy. They live in Vegreville where William is Deputy Clerk and Deputy Sheriff while Anne manages a leather shop. Their four children, and their families all reside in Edmonton: David and Deborah (nee Vetch); Linda and Rod Evans and their son Mathew; Terry; and Brian and Sheila (nee Schriber).

Daughter Natalka, born in 1934, married William Zurawell in 1952. They lived in Two Hills where William was employed by Western Chemicals. They moved to the Luhowy family farm in 1966, then to Edmonton in 1972. The Zurawells have four children: Rosemarie, Michael, and Sandra residing in Edmonton, and Basil and his wife Linda (nee Imison) living in Fort Saskatchewan. William is employed at Eskimo Steel.

Irene, born 1943, married Edward Cymbaliuk in 1961, and settled on a farm south of Two Hills. They have four children: Lawrence, Michelle and Sheryl at home; Audrey and Ivan Ginda and their son Alexander at Edmonton.

Victor, born in 1948, graduated from the University of Alberta with an engineering degree and married Barbara Bijou in 1971. They reside in Calgary where Victor is Vice-President of Westar Petroleum Ltd. while Barbara is a pharmacist. They have two children, Christopher and Deborah.

Mike and Mary Luhowy on their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren, 1978

In 1966, Michael and Mary Luhowy sold their farm to their daughter and son-in-law Natalka and William, and moved to Vegreville. In Vegreville, they are members of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Parish and the Senior Citizens' Sunshine Club. Mary is an active member of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League. Her love of gardening, knitting and quilting keeps her very busy. She also bakes Ukrainian wedding breads (korovai) and decorates them with her own grown periwinkle. Michael's love for reading keeps him occupied for many hours of the day.

Their heritage will be carried on.

LUKENCHUK, Joseph and Roseland (nee Severyn)

by Joseph Lukenchuk

I, Joseph Lukenchuk, the fourth child of Peter and Kalyna (Nahorniak) Lukenchuk, was born in 1927, and grew up in the Slawa district. Since Slawa was only a railway station and post-office, our shopping village was Myrnam.

Before I relate my life, I would first like to describe the life of my grandparents. In 1906, Andrew and Anna, with their children, one of whom was my mother, Kalyna, (second child, born in 1902) immigrated to Canada, from their native Village of Sniatyn, Ukraine, (then under Austrian occupation). They arrived in Montreal and then travelled by train to Calgary and Strathcona. From Strathcona they ferried across the North Saskatchewan River to Edmonton and then proceeded by train to Vegreville. They arrived at the farm of my grandmother's brother, Harry Diakur, at Royal Park.

In 1908, my grandparents moved to their homestead, SE 10-54-8-W4th, in the present Myrnam-Slawa district. Myrnam and Slawa were non-existent at the time; hence the closest trading centres were Mannville and Vermilion. My grandparents farmed until 1945, when my grand-dad

Grandfather Andrew and grandmother Anna Nahorniak, circa 1941

Peter Lukenchuk family, 1948. Front row, (L to R) - Elsie, Helen, Kalyna (mother), Peter (father), Ann, Frances; Back row - Andy, Metro, Joe.

passed away, followed by grandmother in 1951.

I have many fond memories of my grandparents, who in my early childhood, spent many hours with me. They had the time, patience and interest to take me to town, relate many fables and historical accounts about the past and their native country.

My father Peter, was born in Voshkiwci, Ukraine, in 1891. He immigrated to Canada in 1911. First he settled in Sudbury, Ontario, then moved to Glenbow, Alberta, where he worked on the railroad. In 1916, he moved to Calgary, to work as a blacksmith's assistant in the C.P.R. Ogden shops. In 1917, he came to the Vermilion district in search of a bride and was directed to the Nahorniak farm where a 15 year-old girl lived. As was the custom of the day, anyone, seeking a bride, obtained the help of an older man who, acted as a spokesman or "Starosta". The "Starosta" would approach the father of the girl, and try to convince him that the prospective suitor was suitable as a husband. If the father accepted, then it was mandatory that the daughter obey the father's decision. There was no courtship, nor engagement. Kalyna Nahorniak met Peter Lukenchuk on Monday and the wedding took place the following Sunday. The young couple moved to Calgary where they lived until 1920.

In 1920, my parents bought land adjoining my grandfather's farmstead. They started with a quarter section. A small parcel of land was cleared during the winter to be broken in the summer by horse-drawn plows. The roots and rocks were then picked, so that the land could be seeded the following spring. Our predecessors were attracted to Canada by reports they received from agents about unlimited acres of land and firewood—both restricted in the Old Country. As soon as the homestead holdings were developed into agricultural land, more was acquired. Our forefathers gained the reputation as agricultural land developers.

In 1948, my parents sold their farm and moved to Edmonton.

There were seven members in our family, who worked on the farm and at the same time obtained their high school education, later to move to other vocations. All of our family are married and living. They are:

Andrew and Elsie Lukenchuk of Kelowna, B.C.; Metro and Mary Lukenchuk of Vegreville; Anne and Bill Grykuliak of Andrew; Joe and Roseland of Kelowna; Helen and Ernie Cote of Wetaskiwin; Elsie and Andy Johnson of Edmonton, and Frances and Eugene Sheyka of Edmonton.

My father passed away in 1964. Mother is still living in Edmonton.

In 1952, after graduating from the University of Alberta, I moved to Two Hills to set up the first dental office in this town. In 1951, I married Roseland Severyn, formerly from the Two Hills district. She was born in Szypenitz in 1930. This was a real homecoming for her as, in 1944, she had moved from Two Hills to Edmonton. Besides raising two children, she became involved in many activities: the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Order of the Royal Purple, curling and golfing.

Nick and Mary (Mazar) Severyn, Roseland's parents, lived in Ispas and Two Hills until 1944, when they moved to Edmonton. Nick Severyn was born in 1910 and grew up in the Ispas district. Mary was born in 1911, in Bukovina, Ukraine. In 1928, at the age of 17 she immigrated to Canada, making the trans-Atlantic trip by herself. She came to her uncle John Ilchuk of Hairy Hill. Nick and Mary Severyn were married in 1930. They farmed in the district until 1934 at which time they moved to Two Hills where they operated the livery barn. Nick also was the dray operator and had a trucking business. Nick and Mary had two daughters, Roseland and Marjorie. Marjorie married Fred Peetz in 1958 and moved to Alexandria, Virgina, USA, where they presently live. They have two children, Bruce and Lori.

Nick passed away in 1968 and Mary in 1984.

Roseland and I lived in Two Hills until 1966. We were blessed with two daughters, Kerry and Maureen. Kerry is married to Harry Tomyn and lives in Vancouver where Harry is a partner in a legal firm. Maureen is an occupation therapist in the Misercordia Hospital in Edmonton.

Our stay in Two Hills was very busy and enjoyable. In addition to a busy practice, extra-curricular activities kept us busy all year round: hockey, baseball, curling, and golfing. As well, a great deal of socializing such as

Joe Lukenchuk family - Kerry, Joe, Roseland and Maureen, 1964

weddings, anniversaries and house-warming parties took place. Staying home on a Saturday was a rarity indeed.

Our memories of Two Hills are many and are very pleasant. A friendly town of 700, soon developed into a bustling, active centre of 1000 by 1966. We moved to Vegreville in 1966, and to Edmonton in 1969. Since 1979, we have lived in Kelowna, B.C.

LUTIC, Con and Margaret

Margaret and Con grew up in the Hairy Hill area and received their high school education at the Hairy Hill School. In Hairy Hill, Margaret taught for six years and Con for 14. Con was principal of Hairy Hill School for eight years. In those years, the school had as many as 12 members on the teaching staff.

Margaret and Con left Hairy Hill and took up residence in Two Hills in the fall of 1961.

The Lutics were among the first from this area to vacation in Hawaii. In 1955, they honeymooned in Hawaii, having flown there from Vancouver, on a 4-engine propeller-driven aircraft in a 10-hour non-stop flight.

Margaret and Con Lutic, 1984

Margaret taught Junior High School language arts for 23 years at the Two Hills High School. She took leave of absence in 1964-65 when daughter, Charlene, was born, and again for the first six months of 1967, when a second daughter, Norene, arrived. In September, 1984, Margaret was forced to leave the teaching profession because of illness.

After spending one year as a classroom teacher in the Two Hills High School, Con was appointed principal. His principalship continued from September 1962, to June 1970, a period of eight years. After resigning his designation, he continued on staff of the Two Hills High School as teacher and counsellor. Commencing in September, 1976, Con assumed the duties of counsellor, special education coordinator, and psychometrician for the County of Two Hills.

Charlene and Norene Lutic, 1982 and 1985, respectively

Presently, the oldest daughter, Charlene is in her third year at the University of Alberta, studying Commerce and Business Administration.

Norene, who is completing her Grade XII at the Two Hills High School, also plans to take a course in business administration. Both girls are thankful for having had the opportunity to grow up in Two Hills and for the privilege of attending the Two Hills School.

LUTZAK, Peter and Vaselena (nee Skakun)

Peter Lutzak was born in 1843, in the Village of Shypynci, Ukraine. In 1900, he immigrated to Canada with his wife, Vaselena (nee Skakun) and their five children: Mary, Domca, Elizabeth, Harry, and George. The family rafted down the North Saskatchewan River from Edmonton to look for a suitable homestead. Later Peter settled in the Hairy Hill area.

Other natives of Shypynci who corresponded with Peter, also decided to immigrate to Canada and settle in the same rural community. It was only natural for them to name the new district Szypenitz, after their native village of Shypynci.

In 1918, Peter bought his first car, a model T Ford Touring. He passed away in 1923.

LUTZAK, Harry and Anna (nee Severyn)

by Rocky Chrapko

Harry was born on March 12, 1884. He was 16 years old when he arrived in Canada with his parents, Peter and Vaselena Lutzak. He worked in the Clover Bar Mines in the Edmonton area. While lodging in the Alberta Hotel, he met and married Anna, daughter of Mike and Mary Severyn, in 1907. Anna, born on April 27, 1891, was nine years old when she arrived from the Ukraine with her parents.

The Lutzaks and their first two children moved to Nelson, B.C., where Harry worked for a few years in the mines. They did not like the mountains, so they returned to Alberta. Later, Harry acquired his own homestead near Hairy Hill and broke his land with oxen. About 1921, he bought a six foot Massey binder and cut grain for himself and neighbors. In the early years Harry served as a muncipal councillor. One of the most exciting events during all the hardships, occurred when Harry and his brother-in-law, Miketa Eliuk, killed a bear with a muzzle-loading gun and an axe.

Harry and Anna had 11 children:

Nick, at the age of 12, was drowned while swimming near the school.

Steven, at the age of 19, passed away in 1934, from pneumonia.

Mary married Bill Grekul and had six children: Elsie, John, Jean, Sophie, Marshall and David. Several years after Bill passed away, Mary married Tom Melynchuk. Mary, again a widow, lives in Two Hills.

Sally married Derek Dermot. They have two children, Robert and Jean. Sally lives in Vancouver, B.C.

Mrs. Lutzak with her son Harry and his wife Anna, circa 1927

Kay married James Fenton and to them were born two daughters, Deborah and Michele. They live in Edmonton.

Mike married Hildegard and they have two children, Gregory and Grischa. The couple live on the old homestead, northeast of Hairy Hill.

Fred married Theresa and raised five children. They live in Edson.

Peter married Evelyn and for a time lived in the Hairy Hill area, then moved to Edson where Peter presently lives. Evelyn passed away in 1982.

Margie married William Martin and they have four children. They live in California.

Lucille is married to Simon Wilcox and they have two children, Bill and Joyce. The Wilcox family live in London, Ontario.

Nick, (another son by this name), the youngest child of Harry and Anna Lutzak, is single and lives in Edmonton.

Harry died in Two Hills on October 2, 1974, at the age of 91. His wife, Anna, who is 93 years old, resides in the Two Hills Eagleview Nursing Home. There are 24 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren in the Lutzak family.

LYSAKOWSKI, Joseph and Anna (nee Sawchuk)

by Anne Koren (grand-daughter)

My grandfather, Joseph Lysakowski (1854-1931), came to Canada in 1904, from the Village of Lanewtsi, County of Borschiv, Province of Halychina (Galicia), Western Ukraine. Joseph and Anna Lysakowski had four sons and two daughters: John, Michael, Bronislaw, Nick, Paranka (Pearl) Symborski, and Magda (Maggie) Bileski (William).

Grandfather Joseph arrived with his two sons, Michael and Bronislaw, and son-in-law, Symko Symborski. They settled on a homestead in the Plain Lake district and built a temporary shelter or 'burdei'. Later, they built a sturdy two-room log house, plastered and white-washed inside and out. The thatched roof of rye sheaves made the house warm and waterproof.

Their son, John, arrived a few years later, and settled in Portland Oregon, U.S.A.

Grandfather Joseph was a soldier in the Austrian Army, where he contracted asthma, which bothered him all his life. During the Austro-Hungarian war, he won medals for his bravery in the battles of Bosnia nad Herzogovina, in Yugoslavia.

Grandmother Anna (nee Sawchuk) (1862-1939) came to Canada in 1905, with two daughters. Daughter, Magda (Bileski) had two sons and four daughters born at Plain Lake. Auntie Magda is the only surviving child of Joseph and Anna Lysakowski. She is 84 years old, and lives in Edmonton's Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Paranka (Symborski) was mother to five children born in Plain Lake.

Bronislaw married Mary Muzychka from Plain Lake. They had four sons and four daughters. They moved from Innisfree to Portland, Oregon.

Nick (1906-1954) was born in Canada and lived in Mundare. He married Mary, daughter of Theodore and

Pictured above is the Joseph Lysakowski family - Bronislaw, Magda, Anna, Nick, Joseph and Michael, 1904.

Lysakowski children, 1942. Back row, (L to R) - Michael, Paraskevia, Rose, Marie, Steve; front row - Helen, Zinnia Lysakowski, Anne Koren, (missing - Louis Lysakowski).

Clementine (nee Hyshka) of Ukraine.

Mary came to Canada in 1927. Their children are Joe and Ann.

Grandmother Anne, in her little two-room straw thatched log house, had beautiful geraniums growing in pots on her window-sill. On the white-washed walls, she had many large beautiful icons which she brought from the old country. These pictures were surrounded by pink, blue, and yellow paper roses. The pioneer people were deeply religious and knew all the prayers, the holidays, and the 'Holy Mass' by heart.

Grandmother was an experienced midwife. In Canada, she brought many children into the world. She was very gifted and knew how to cure many sicknesses. People came to see her from all parts of the country to get relief from all their ills and sufferings.

Grandmother Anna had one sister, married to Anton Pinarski, and five brothers: Steve and Gregory of Mundare, Sam of Winnipeg, and Nicholas and John of Innisfree.

LYSAKOWSKI, Michael and Pearl (nee Tomyn)

by Anne Koren (daughter)

My father, Michael Lysakowski (1887-1950), came to Canada at the age of 19. He worked in the mines, lumber camps and on the railroads. On June 11, 1911, he married Paraska, (Pearl) daughter of Daniel Tomyn, of Wostok. She was born on September 27, 1893 and died on December 24, 1966. Her father, Daniel Tomyn (1844-1934), came to Canada on July 12, 1899, with his family from the Village of Skoviatyn, County of Borshchiv, Western Ukraine, and settled on a homestead six miles north of Wostok.

Michael and Paraska were married by Father Kryzanowski at the St. Peter and Paul Church in Mundare. They raised eight chidren who attended the Russia (Franko) School. A school inspector, who thought that all Ukrainians were Russians, named the school "Russia." It was renamed Franko School after the great Ukrainian poet, Ivan Franko. Franko School is presently situated at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village near Elk Island Park, on Highway 16.

In 1911, my parents, Michael and Pearl Lysakowski bought a homestead four and a half miles southwest of Musidora, a short distance from Franko School. When the Canadian Pacific Railway was built from Lloydminster west through Musidora, all small communities sprung up like mushrooms after a rain; these included Two Hills, Kaleland, Hairy Hill, Willingdon, St. Michael, and Star. Farmers were overjoyed when grain elevators were built and passenger and freight trains were running.

Our parents believed in education and encouraged us to finish high school. Most farmers wanted their sons and daughters to quit school early so that they could help with farm work. The popular saying was, "Girls don't need an education. A girl will marry some farmer, will milk cows, feed pigs and chickens, and clean the barn." Father helped us with arithmetic problems and taught us how to read and write in Ukrainian and sing beautiful songs.

He was a land surveyor and a good carpenter, who built classy school desks for the school. My pioneer mother, like all pioneer mothers, was a "heroine" of long ago, giving birth to eight children without a doctor or nurse in attendance. It is beyond my comprehension how she worked with father in the fields: haying, stooking, cutting grain with a binder, mud plastering all those buildings and gardening. A woman needed super power to do all this hard work every day. There wasn't a spot of land where they didn't leave an imprint of their footsteps. In her retirement, mother had both legs amputated because of sugar diabetes.

On the farm, each member of the family, had a specific job to perform: rocking the cradle, picking roots and rocks, milking cows, feeding chickens and pulling weeds. Children had responsible jobs, and there was no delinquency.

We lived a simple life, with just the basic necessities - no luxuries, vehicles, radios, government grants, pensions or doctors to help us. Everyone lived in the same primitive conditions, with a wood stove and a coal-oil lamp on the table.

Our most important town was Two Hills, eight miles northwest of our place. Here, my brother Steve, sister Helene, and I went to high school. In those days, Two

Hills was a young bustling town, full of action. My parents liked to shop at Olinyk's, Dowhaniuk's and Skakun's stores, repair shoes at Wulchak's Shop, sharpen plowshares at Chyzowski's Blacksmith Shop, buy lumber at Frank Petaski's Lumber Yard, get a haircut at Krawchuk's or Palamaruk's Barber Shop, fix a watch at Andy Fedoruk's Jewellery, and buy medicine at Fedorchuk's Drugstore.

All of us children would be waiting patiently for them to come home. We would listen to the wagon rattling in the distance. What joy and excitement it was to have them return with all those goodies: shoes, lovely material for dresses, bags of peanuts, candies, cheddar cheese, sausage, sardines, and boxes of delectable dried fruits such as sweet apricots, pears, peaches, prunes, apples and raisins.

There was brotherly love amongst people, who would share a cup of tea and a dry crust of bread. They worked, prayed, cried, and rejoiced together, while the good Lord blessed their land and children.

Michael and Pearl had eight children:

Petro, born in 1914, died as an infant.

Louis married Annie Kolisniak of Musidora. He died at the age of 50, on October 23, 1962. Their daughter, Zinnia married Russell Dolinski of Willingdon.

Nick Lysakowski, Franko Schoolteacher, 1936 and 1937

Nick, a teacher at Franko School, from September 1936, to September 1937, died from blood poisoning on September 14, 1937, at the age of 21. He was a graduate of the Normal School at Camrose in 1935.

Steve married Helen Taschuk of Glendon. They are the parents of one son and one daughter, Michael and Marlene.

Anne married Walter Koren of Rusylvia and raised two sons and two daughers; Eddy, Peter, Rose, and Zinnia.

Marie was wed to Tony Oko of Tawatinaw. Tony passed away two years ago. Marie has two sons and two daughters: Bob, Jim, Zinnia, and Candice.

Helene married postmaster Isaac Arechuk of Beauvallon. Isaac was born April 1, 1921, and died on April 25, 1979. The Arechuks had one daughter, Geraldine, who was born on May 7, 1950, and died on July 17, 1950. Helene is a postmistress in Beauvallon.

Rose married Henry Oko of Tawatinaw and they have four daughters: Bonnie, Melody, Joni, and Lori.

Lysakowski family, 1982. Back row, (L to R) - Steve Elkow, Helen Lysakowski, W.P. Koren, and Steve Lysakowski; front row - Anne Koren, Anne Elkow, Rose and Henry Oko, Helene Arechuk, Marie Oko, Anna Lyski.

LYZANIUK, Andrew and Mary

Mary, daughter of Andrew and Elena (nee Hrynyk) Kolisniak, was born on October 15, 1922, on a homestead, five miles north of Musidora. She spent her early childhood attending Chornik School. In 1932, the family moved half a mile east of Musidora. Mary continued her education at Franko School, at the same time helping her parents with farm work.

In 1943, Mary married Andrew, son of Elko and Ahaphia (nee Goganiuk) Lyzaniuk. They also settled in the Musidora district and farmed for 23 years.

Mary and Andrew were active in community activities; Andrew was President of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Musidora for a number of years, and Mary was President of the Ukrainian Ladies' Club. They had two children, Albert, born on April 20, 1945, and Lorraine on May 3, 1948. The children assisted with the farm duties, at the same time attending and obtaining their education in Two Hills.

In 1963, Albert graduated from high school and moved to Edmonton where he was employed in the construction field.

Lorraine completed her high school in 1966 and moved to Edmonton to further her College education. After completing her studies she obtained employment with the provincial government. In 1967, due to ill health, Andrew and Mary sold the farm and moved to Edmonton. Andrew worked for the Sands Motor Inn and Mary commenced employment with the Army and Navy Department Store, where she is currently employed.

On September 13, 1969, Albert married Betty (nee Laleet) and they have four children, including a set of twins. A business venture prompted Albert and Betty to move to Viking to operate a service station. Andrew was always willing to lend a helping hand so he was busy

travelling between Edmonton and Viking.

Suddenly, on September 4, 1970, Andrew passed away due to heart failure. He was buried in the Musidora Cemetery. Albert continued to operate the service station for a couple of years, then sold the business and moved to Edmonton, where he presently is employed with Buyer's Transport.

On October 24, 1971, Lorraine married Barry Stockdale and they reside in Sherwood Park. Lorraine is employed with Workmen's Compensation Board. They have three children, including also, a set of twins.

Mary has seven grandchildren and feels it is a unique situation that each of her children had a set of twins.

MADILL, Corporal Dave L. and Mary

by M. Isbister - English

Dave L. Madill, his wife and two daughers, Kathryn and Maureen came to Two Hills November 10, 1955. They resided in the old Royal Canadian Mounted Police barracks just down from the Lux Theatre, on 49th Street. The living quarters were next to the office, and indeed, there was a cell for miscreants. They were usually kept in the building which is now the Senior Citizens' Centre.

The barracks has been all done over so that it is not now recognizable. The new barracks, in its present location, was not finished so that the Madills missed living there.

Corporal Madill first attended our Remembrance Day parade on November 11 of that year and all marched to the Lux Theatre where the impressive service was held to a crowded house. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watt had them over for the rest of the day with others, so it was a lovely welcome to Two Hills.

The Madills stayed with the Royal Canadain Mounted Police in Two Hills until June of 1960. These were very happy formative school years for the girls, and lasting friendships were made. The family returned in July, 1962, and remained until February, 1967, while Dave worked at the Chemical Plant.

This was the longest time they lived in any one place. While the girls were growing up, they considered Two Hills their home. They had most of their schooling there. They took music lessons, attended Sunday School, joined the 4-H Club, and played basketball. They have very many happy memories of all this.

Dave Madill was Boy Scout leader for several years, curled in the winter, and golfed in the summer. The United Church fellowship was appreciated. Mary was organist for some years, and Dave was in the choir.

The agricultural office opened then, and Mary worked there from the time it started.

The girls, Kathryn and Maureen are married, and are happy mothers. The Madills reside in Fauquiler, British Columbia.

Maureen and Leo's (Jansma) wedding at Queens Bay, B.C., 1978. (L to R) - Kathryn, Dave Madill, Maureen and Leo, Mrs. Madill.

MAILLOUX, Norman Charles and Florence (nee Brosseau)

"GO WEST YOUNG MAN, GO WEST" was the quotation of Mae West in Hollywood before World War II and such was the life history of Norman Charles Mailloux, born in Tilbury North, County of Essex, Ontario.

Norman, (Norm) is the descendant of pioneers of the provinces of Quebec and Ontario and his lineage has been traced back to Jacques Mailloux born in Brittany, France, in the early 16th century. When Jacques' son Pierre (1631-1699) left Brittany, he immigrated to Beauport, Quebec, where he married Anne Dlaunay (1641-1700) of Quebec in 1661. Later, Joseph Mailloux (1725-1778) one of his descendants moved to Detroit, USA where he married Therese Leduc from Sandwich, Ontario. Then in succession came Norms' great-grandfather, Francois-Xavier (1830-19--) Stoney Point, Essex, Ontario; his grandfather, Jeremie (1865-1955), Tilbury, Essex, Ontario and Detroit, his father Silvere (1885-1965), Windsor and Ruscomb, Ontario.

Silvere and Bernadette Mailloux, October 5, 1963

Norman Charles was raised and educated in the last two mentioned places. He was working at the Ford Company when World War II was declared. Norman joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1943 and took his

basic training at Brandon, Manitoba. He was stationed at Jericho Beach, Ucelet, (an isolated camp) and Patricia Bay, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Here he met and married Florence Julie, second daughter of Joseph Brosseau, (1882-1965) pioneer of Brosseau, Alberta. Theirs was a canteen wedding, military style with an Airmen and a WD guard of Honor, flowers, reception and wedding cake compliments of the Officers' mess, where both worked.

Florence and Norman Mailloux, 1945

From this union came Norman Maurice Jr. (1946); Gary Edward (1947); Phyllis Marie Fraser (1949); Arlene Frances Dickson (1953) and Dennis Alfred (1954).

After Norm's discharge from the airforce, Florence and he moved to Ruscomb, Ontario.

Norman Jr. was born at Hotel Dieu in Windsor, Ontario. One year later, Norm and family returned West, where he had his first taste of western farming. After a day of field pitching, he would return home to the caboose, with every bone aching. Under the experienced advice of Omer Theroux, his only relief was from a bottle of Sloane's liniment.

His next experience was in a lumber camp at Aleza Lake, British Columbia. Besides getting used to the strenuous work, he had to become acclimatized, and soon learned about parkas and heavy clothing.

In 1949, he returned to Brosseau-Duvernay, where, with the help of his father-in-law and Veteran's Land Act, he settled down to farming. He bought (E 1/2-26-55-12-W4th) in Duvernay. With a team of horses, Rene Robinson's tractor, Joe Brosseau's machinery, a strong back for rock picking and a willing helper by his side, he began his career as a farmer.

To supplement his income, Norman became a process operator for Western Chemical (Chemcell) where he was employed for 26 1/2 years. A gold watch is a treasured memento for the many years spent there - first on construction, then learning how to handle chemicals, and finally operating a department.

Looking back, Norm feels he has had a rewarding and satisfactory life. He is proud of his family, his grandchildren, and a host of good friends.

Windsor, the RCAF, and Brosseau-Duvernay hold a score of pleasant memories for Norman Charles Mailloux, as he has sampled the Eastern Canadian way of life in his youth and has adapted to the Western way in his adulthood.

MALOWANY, Hrynko (Harry) and Maryann (nee Begoray)

by Eva Sawchuk, daughter

Dad and Mother came to Alberta from Ukraine in 1903. After staying with friends in Mundare, they purchased a farm in the Plain Lake District.

On their homestead they built a small shack. Dad worked in Edmonton while mother stayed behind with William, who was born in 1901. It took two days to get to Edmonton. There were very few neighbors living in the area, the closest one being half a mile away.

Mother found it very difficult to live alone. As the homestead was all bush, bears often came right up to the window in the shack. The only way Mother could scare them away was by clattering pot covers. At this time, my brother, Stephan, was born and eventually the family grew to 11. Two boys died in infancy; my sister, Nancy, died at the age of seven, during the 1918 influenza epidemic.

William married Pearl Florko; Stephan married Nadia Babysh; Ann was wed to Michael Samoil and Pearl to Harry Skoropadyk; Mary married John Samoil; Eva was wed to Michael Sawchuk; Nicholas married Dorothy Czuj; and Sophie was married to Russel Gabelhei.

My dad was a trustee of Krasne School, which we attended in the 1920s. I remember my dad saying that a paved road would go past our farm one day. Eventually, after father's death in September, 1951, Highway 36 was built alongside his property.

My mother passed away in May, 1964. All my brothers and sister Mary are now deceased.

Ann, Pearl, and I (Eva) still live in Alberta while Sophie resides in Penticton, B.C.

After our marriage in 1940, Mike and I lived in Two Hills. My son Leonard was born in 1942, and (Lila) Jane was born a year later. When Mike was in the army for three years, I lived alone with the two children. In 1947, we moved to Edmonton, and in 1953, our daughter, Paulette was born.

Mike passed away in 1973.

My children and I reside in Edmonton.

MANDRUSIAK, Ivan and Olena MANDRUSIAK, Myhailo O. and Family

by Maria (N.J.) Elkow

Myhailo (Mike) O. Mandrusiak, son of Ivan (1844-1928) and Olena (nee Sorochan) Mandrusiak (1862-1921) was born on October 4, 1893, in the Village of Nazirna Bukovina, County of Kolomea, Province of Halychina, Ukraine.

Searching for freedom from the Polish landlords and the Austrian government, Myhailo, with his parents, brothers and sisters, Wasyl, Wasylyna Wolski, Maria

(Mike P.) Elkow and Anna Delawski set sail to Canada in 1902. Arriving in Montreal, they travelled to Wostok to say with the Nay family. Ivan worked in the Edmonton coal mines, while Olena attended to the family and helped Mrs. Nay with the household duties.

Four years later, Ivan purchased a homestead (N1/2-NW 5-54-11-W4th), four miles south of Musidora. A one-room log cabin was built and the family moved there. In the spring he went back to work in the coal mines, while the rest of the family continued to clear the land, break the soil and plant crops. The pioneer life had many hardships and tragedies. In 1907, lightning struck the farm shed destroying all the precious belongings such as valuable cross-stitch clothing and jewellery.

Myhailo and Anna Mandrusiak, 1924

In 1924, Myhailo married Anna Halko, daughter of Simeon and Maria Halko. Anna was born in 1900, in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl, Western Ukraine. On January 23, 1924, she immigrated to Canada to seek fortune in the new land.

Despite the onset of the Depression, Myhailo and Anna managed to have a happy home life. They were blessed with three children: Maria (N.J.) Elkow, Nick and Anna. In 1930, tragedy struck the family when Anna passed away after a brief illness, leaving three small children, four, three and one and a half years of age.

On February 8, 1931, Myhailo married Maria Halko,

Myhailo and Maria Mandrusiak, 1931

Anna's younger sister who had immigrated to Canada to be with her ailing sister. They were blessed with two children: Joseph and Olivia Butti.

In 1946, the family sold part of their farm and moved to Vernon, B.C., where they owned an orchard. Four years later they moved to Hairy Hill, trading their Vernon home for a pool hall and bowling alley business. In 1955, Myhailo and Maria moved to Edmonton where Myhailo worked casually as a salesman for Steel Craft Manufacturing Company, until he retired.

Myhailo O. Mandrusiak family, 1960. Back row, (L to R) - Nick J. Elkow, Joseph, Myhailo O., and Nick Mandrusiak; Peter Butti; front row - Maria Elkow; Lillian, Maria, and Nettie Mandrusiak; Olivia Butti.

Myhailo was a self-educated man who could converse, interpret and write in four different languages: Ukrainian, English, Polish and Russian. He even learned a little of the Cree language. Being community minded, Myhailo was instrumental in helping to establish the Ukrainian Orthodox Churches in Musidora and Vernon. He held an executive church position for 20 years. His enjoyment of literature, history and religion added fulfillment to his life.

On December 20, 1969, Myhailo passed away and was interred next to his first wife in the Musidora Cemetery. His memory will be a treasure to his children and 12 grandchildren.

MANDRUSIAK, Nick

by Nick Mandrusiak

Nick was born to Myhailo and Anna Mandrusiak on April 26, 1927. He attended Franko School. For some time Nick farmed with his father on the homestead. He later found employment in Edmonton, Whitehorse, Yukon, Vernon, and Vancouver.

On December 28, 1951, Nick married Nettie Rodiashy. Nick and Nettie attended Bible College in Fresno, California, in 1958. After graduation, Nick became a pastor of his church and continued to work as a furniture salesman. Nick and Nettie were also instrumental in

Nick and Nettie Mandrusiak's wedding, 1951. Standing - Maria and Myhailo Mandrusiak (parents).

setting up a Sunday School.

Nick and Nettie had three children:

Janet born January 20, 1954, married Dominic Russi, who is a pastor in Windsor, Ontario. They have a daughter Rachael.

David born August 8, 1957, married Marcia and they have a son Michael.

Daniel born February 24, 1962, lives at home.

On July 9, 1982, Nettie passed away after a lengthy bout with diabetes.

MANDRUSIAK, Joseph and Lillian (nee Ursulak)

by Joe Mandrusiak

Joseph and Lillian Mandrusiak's 25th wedding anniversary, November 1980. Standing - Wendy, Connie and Christine.

Joseph, son of Myhailo O. and Maria Mandrusiak, was born on May 28, 1934, at Vegreville. He attended Franko School, (south of Musidora), junior high school in Vernon, B.C., and high school in Hairy Hill.

He married Lillian, youngest daughter of John and Grace (nee Fedorak) Ursulak who farmed at Szypenitz and now reside in Two Hills.

As a youngster Joseph served as an altar boy, sang in the choir, and earned his first bicycle, working at a Chinese vegetable garden for 40 cents an hour. He worked for two years at C.I.L., 20 years for Steel Craft Door Products Ltd. and now for the past nine years Joseph and Lil have been employed by Royal Le Page Real Estate Services Ltd. Lil and Joseph enjoy golfing, camping and fishing.

Joe and Lil have three daughters: Connie Pat born July 12, 1954, married Barry Nytchay and they have two children, Marcie Jennifer and Scott Michael. Christine Sheila born September 26, 1956, has son Kerwin Joseph. Wendy Joann born April 26, 1959, married Craig Zelenko.

Mandrusiak grandchildren - Marcie, Kerwin, and Scott, January, 1984

MANDRUSIAK, Ivan and Wasylyna (nee Elkow)

Ivan Mandrusiak (1874-1961), son of Makan and Pearl Mandrusiak, was born in Nazirna, Kolomyia, Ukraine.

He married Wasylyna Elkow (1883-1950), (daughter of Peter and Mary Elkow), who was also born in the same village.

In 1906, Ivan, his wife, and two small sons (Metro and Mike), sailed to Canada from Hamburg, Germany, on a cargo freighter. Livestock occupied the lower deck and passengers the upper deck. The trip to Halifax lasted two weeks.

Because money was scarce when the family disembarked, they lived at an immigration house for some time before continuing their journey west. First, Ivan borrowed money from a friend and travelled as far as Montreal, where he found a job in a roofing paper

Ivan and Wasylyna Mandrusiak with Pearl and Dmytro in the background by house, and grandson Johnny Mandrusiak, 1935

factory and worked there for one year.

In 1907, the family continued their journey to Vegreville and the Lanuke district (now Musidora), where Ivan applied for a homestead, NW 22-54-11-W4th. In the meantime, the family lived with brother-in-law, Andrew Elkow, who came to Canada three years earlier. From here, Ivan and Wasylyna walked three miles to their own homestead where they built a home (burdei). It was a dug-out in a hill consisting of logs, plastered with mud and straw, and a roof covered with sod. To earn extra money, Ivan left his family and walked to Edmonton to work on the High Level bridge. On his homeward journey, he carried a sack of groceries on his back for his family. A few years later, groceries were purchased at Warwick, some 24 miles away.

At this time, the closest church was at Mundare, which was a distance of 40 miles. Families walked to Mundare for Saints Peter and Paul Day "Praznik".

With the money Ivan earned, he bought two oxen and the bare necessities to work the land. In those days, the neighbors were very helpful. Dan Kowalchuk gave the family a cow to ensure that the children had milk. He would come with his own team of horses to help break the land and give Ivan seed at no extra charge.

Wasylyna and Ivan raised ten children:

Metro (deceased) married Annie Pankiw. They have six children: Mike (deceased) married Dora Romaniuk and raised five children.

Annie married Mike Zacharuk (both deceased) and five children were raised.

Bill married Katie Hryniw. They have four children.

Nick married Mary Pawliuk and raised three children.

Pearl married Nick Stoski and the union was blessed with three children.

Alex (deceased) married Esther Elkow. They have two children.

Steven married Mary Terri and raised two children.

Helen married John Barabash and also raised two children.

Walter married Olga Hlewka and to them were born four children.

Mandrusiak family, 1935. Front row, (L to R) - Walter, Ivan holding grandson Johnny, and Wasylyna; second row - Dmytro, Annie holding daughter Mary, Steven, Helen, Pearl, Alec, Annie Zacharuk holding son Steve; back row - Mike Zacharuk and Bill Mandrusiak, (sons Nick and Mike missing).

MANDRUSIAK, Nick and Mary (nee Pawliuk)

Nick Mandrusiak, son of Ivan and Wasylyna Mandrusiak (nee Elkow) was born December 16, 1915, on the homestead, NW 22-54-11-W4th, located one-half mile north of the Vermilion River near Musidora. He grew up on the farm and remembers the wagon trails of the early twenties which followed the river along his father's homestead. These trails were developed near the river because of the importance of water for horses and people. Covered wagons, carrying families would pass by the Ivan Mandrusiak homestead, often stopping for bread, milk and eggs. This was the only food available to these nomad families.

Nick attended Chornik public school. After completing Grade VIII, he attended high school for one year at Morecambe before quitting to help on the farm. As a young boy, Nick played baseball and fastball with the Musidora and Morecambe ball clubs. He participated in concerts and other club activities. In 1937, he spent his time helping with the construction of the Morecambe Community Hall. All labour was volunteered.

Nick's interest in music began early in life. At age eight, he would sneak away with his brother Metro's violin and practice. When he was 12, he helped to provide music for local dances and parties. More than 50 years later, he continues to play the violin in this community.

Mary Pawliuk was born March 28, 1925, to George and Anne Pawliuk (nee Kereliuk). She attended Szypenitz

Mary and Nick Mandrusiak, 1969

School from Grade I to IX, and completed Grade X at Warwick and Grade XI by correspondence, at Szypenitz. When Mary's mother was ill, she had to leave school to help out on the farm, and earn money by babysitting. After getting her stenography certificate from Alberta College in 1945, she found employment at Woodland Dairy and later at Shaw's Dry Goods in Edmonton. Because the hustle and bustle, bright lights and fast pace of city living were not to her liking, she returned home to find that the Two Hills School Division required a stenographer, and commenced work in 1947. Later that year, Mary and Nick met and were married in the Myrnam Greek-Orthodox Church by Reverend Shwetz on October 26, 1949.

The Mandrusiak's took over the homestead of George and Anne Pawliuk, NE 15-55-13-W4th, and have lived there ever since. In addition they farmed Eli Pawliuk's homestead (Mary's grandfather's homestead).

Mandrusiak family, 1984. Back row - Doug Dobson, Gary, Ben and Nick Mandrusiak; middle row - Linda, Sharon, Susan and Mary; front row - grandchildren Jennifer, Marianne and Michael.

Nick and Mary raised three children of whom they are very proud:

Gary, born October 9, 1950, graduated from Two Hills High School in 1968. He attended N.A.I.T., apprenticed at Hinton, and graduated in 1971. Gary is employed as a land use officer with Alberta Forest Service at Rocky Mountain House.

Ben, born January 4, 1954, attended school at Two Hills and graduated in 1971. He attended the University of Alberta and graduated with a B.Sc. and P.D./A.D. in education. Ben married Susan Hughes of Edmonton in August, 1976, and they have two children, Michael and Marianne. The family resides in Fort Saskatchewan where Ben is currently the assistant principal of an elementary school.

Linda, born July 24, 1955, graduated from Two Hills High School in 1973. She completed the Health Record Administration at N.A.I.T., graduating in 1975. Her training included interning at Archer Memorial Hospital in Lamont and Medicine Hat General Hospital. At present she is the Director of Medical Records at Camrose General Hospital. Linda married Doug Dobson of Lamont in June, 1977.

MANDRUSIAK, William (Bill) and Katie (nee Hryniw)

by William Mandrusiak

I, William Mandrusiak, was born in 1910, at Musidora to Ivan and Wasylina Mandrusiak. At age seven, I started attending the one-room Chornik School and continued attending until Grade VIII. The name Chornik was used because the school was built on Chomik's farm (a mispelling for Chomik became Chornik). Because there was no money to send us to high school, I stayed and helped with farming at home and worked for other farmers.

In 1939, I married Katie, daughter of Harry and Dora Hryniw of Morecambe. Katie also attended a one-room school named Sherentz, from Grade I to IV. When Morecambe School was built, she attended there to Grade IX.

After we were married, we lived with my parents until we were able to rent more land. In the fall of 1945, we quit farming and moved to Lac La Biche, where we purchased five acres of land on the outskirts of town and started a mink ranch. I did commercial fishing also, to get feed for the mink. After a few years, I quit fishing and went to work for Northern Alberta Railways as a seasonal section-man. When I was laid off in Lac La Biche, I worked in Thorhild and Carbondale, leaving my family and my brother-in-law, Mike Zacharuk, to look after the mink. In 1950, we sold our mink farm and lived in Philomena (or Mile 151) until 1952, when I took over the homestead, NW 22-54-11-W4th. As well, we purchased SE 34-54-11-W4th.

We farmed this until we retired to Two Hills in 1975. I continue to help farm whenever I can, as I enjoy the outdoors.

William and Katie Mandrusiak with Maurice, 1945

Four children: Maurice, Cecille, David, and Susanne, who are all married are part of our family. We also have nine lovely grandchildren.

Maurice Donald was born on July 5, 1944, at Vegreville. He attended school in Lac La Biche and Two Hills. After graduating from high school with honors in

William and Katie Mandrusiak family, 1984

1962, he entered the University of Alberta, where he received a Bachelor of Education degree and later a Bachelor of Arts degree. He taught high school in Spirit River for nine years. In August, 1972, he married Linda Mae Nichols of Calgary, who was also teaching in Spirit River. In 1975, they moved to the Mandrusiak homeplace to take over the family farm. They have three daughters: Jeanette Leanne born March 27, 1977, Lisa Mae born March 3, 1979, and Kathryn Nicole born on May 20, 1982. At present Linda is a substitute teacher and Maurice farms full-time.

Cecille Dianne was born in Lac La Biche on September 23, 1947. She went to school in Two Hills and graduated in 1965. After working for a year, she went into psychiatric nurse training at the Alberta Hospital in Edmonton and graduated in September, 1969. Since then she has worked in various areas of mental health. Cecille married Vernon Nast in 1971. They have three children: James, Christy, and Trina, and are at present living in Edmonton.

David William was born on September 20, 1950, in Lac La Biche. He attended school in Two Hills and graduated in 1968. Later, he enrolled in the Radio and Television Arts course at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and after graduating in 1970, he worked for the Metropolitan Edmonton Educational Television Association, now known as ACCESS. David married Catherine Marie Power of Yellowknife in May, 1981, and raised one daughter, Erin, born on March 21, 1984. At present, David is working for Canada Safeway Ltd. and lives in Millwoods.

Susanne Doreen was born on May 10, 1955, in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital. After graduating from the Two Hills High School, she enrolled in a two-year Dietary Technician program at NAIT. She graduated in 1975, and worked in Edmonton, High Prairie, and Athabasca, before obtaining a permanent position in Grande Prairie. On October 9, 1976, Susanne married Pierre Caouette of Athabasca. They have two children, Aimee Katherine born on June 2, 1979, and Joseph William born on May 6, 1981. The family resides on a farm five miles from Athabasca where they farm and raise hogs.

MANDRUSIAK, Mike and Mary (nee Demkiw)

In April, 1933, Mike, eldest son of Andrew and Annie Mandrusiak, and Mary, the youngest daughter of Wasyl and Victoria Demkiw, were married at Buchach Church. They farmed five miles south-west of Morecambe on land that is still being seeded by the children.

Mike and Mary have two children: Lovette (Peter) Zacharuk, and Ronald Mandrusiak. They have three grandchildren as well: Sheldon and Charlene Zacharuk, and Laura Mandrusiak.

Mike passed away in 1979, and Mary is presently living in Two Hills.

Mike and Mary Mandrusiak family, 1984. (L to R) - Sheldon, Peter, Lovette (nee Mandrusiak), and Charlene Zacharuk; Mary, Ronald and Laura Mandrusiak.

MANDRUSIAK, Metro and Elsie (nee Krevenchuk)

by Iris Mandrusiak

Metro, the son of Fred and Waselyna Mandrusiak was born in Nazirna, Kolomea, Ukraine, in 1909. In 1911, Fred came to Canada leaving Waselyna and two year old Metro, behind. After working at odd jobs for three years, Fred returned in the fall. The following spring, he decided to bring his family to Musidora.

Fred, Waselyna, and Metro settled at Fred Elkow's place, in a mud-plastered house. From here, Fred went to work on the railroad in Viking. After saving enough money, he bought a homestead, SW 30-54-11-W4th, for ten dollars, and with the help of his wife, started to build a house. He then bought two steers and a hand-plough to work the land. One cow was also purchased. Once settled, it took four years of clearing and cultivating the land before he could obtain title.

Fred and Waselyna worked hard to make a home for their eight children. Tragedy struck when Waselyna, during the birth of stillborn twins in 1926, passed away.

The Mandrusiak children attended Nizir School. Metro, the eldest, attended three years. He worked at home with his father and helped other farmers. When Fred died in 1935, George (14) and Katie (two) were still at home. Metro, at the age of 25, took over the

Elsie and Metro Mandrusiak's wedding, 1936

responsibility of the farm.

Dora married Nick Gordychuk and farmed in the Plain Lake district. Now widowed, she resides in Vegreville and is mother to three daughters and one son: Mary, Josie, Olga and Mike. She also has 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary married Steve Delawski and lived in Two Hills, before moving to Edmonton. Mary passed away in August, 1983. She was predeceased by her husband in 1982. Three children were born to the Delawskis: Sonia, Emily, and David. There are ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild, as well.

Bill worked in various places and now resides in Andrew, Alberta.

Pearl married Mike Elkow and lived in Musidora before moving to Edmonton. They have two children, Noreen and Brian. Their first daughter, Lillian, passed away in 1961. One grand-daughter, Tania, is also a member of the Mandrusiak family.

Annie moved to Edmonton and then to B.C., where she passed away in 1969.

George passed away at home in 1938, at the age of 16, from appendicitis.

Katie moved to Edmonton and married Al Creighton. They reside in B.C., and have no family.

On November 22, 1936, Metro, at the age of 26, married 19 year old Elsie Krevenchuk from Musidora. Together they raised George and Katie. Metro and Elsie continued farming. In 1959, Elsie began working in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital, in the housekeeping department. She worked there for 20 years. They raised two sons and two daughters.

Angie was born on April 3, 1938, in Vegreville, and attended school in Two Hills. At the age of 16 she moved to Vegreville, to work. While working in Edmonton, she married Gerry McColman on November 2, 1957, at the age of 19. They have one daughter and two sons: Rosemary, Danny, and Allen. Their daughter is married and has two sons, Travis and Trevor.

Marshall was born on September 4, 1942, in Willingdon and attended school in Two Hills. He left home at the age of 16 and worked in various places until 1968, when he started working with Canadian National Railway. He worked for five years on the Bridge Crew and then six years in the storage department. Marshall has his own trucking business and farms part-time. He married Jan Pfund from Anchorage, Alaska, on November 4, 1978. They reside in the Tofield district. They have two children, Kristy and Daniel.

Orest was born April 27, 1946, in Vegreville and attended school in Two Hills. In 1966, at the age of 18, Orest went to work at the Two Hills Chemical Plant until 1971. He moved to Edmonton and joined the Local Union Millwrights Number 1460 and worked as an Industrial Mechanic until 1976. In 1974, Orest married Iris Babiuk from Szypenitz (see Babuik history) and lived in Edmonton for two years. They moved to Two Hills in the fall of 1976, where Orest went to work for Brascan Resources Ltd. (Westmin Resources Ltd.). Upon his father's retirement in 1979, Orest and Iris took over the farm. They have two children, Clayton and JoLynn.

Diana was born on July 21, 1948, in Two Hills and attended school there. At the age of 16 she moved to Lloydminster. She also worked in Vegreville and Edmonton. She was Head Hostess at the Chateau Lacombe for four years. On July 7, 1973, Diana married Victor Woloshyn, originally from Luzan. They reside in Edmonton. They have one daughter, Cynthia.

In 1979, Elsie and Metro retired from the farm and moved to Two Hills. Metro passed away suddenly on May 7, 1983, on Ukrainian Easter, at the age of 73. Elsie still resides in Two Hills.

Four generations- Elsie Mandrusiak, daughter Angie, granddaughter Rosemary and greatgrandson Travis, 1977

MANDRYK, Ilarion and Domka (nee Kupchenko)

by Daniel Mandryk

Ilarion and Domka (nee Kupchenko) Mandryk, along with their three children: John, Irene, and Mary, immigrated to Canada from the village of Berhomet, Province of Bukovina, Ukraine, in 1901. Their other two sons, Alex and Nick, were born in Canada.

The Mandryks came directly to Hairy Hill, homesteading on the SE 30-55-13-W4th. Here they cleared the land and built a sod home with the tools they brought. Unlike the Ukraine, their new land had plenty of firewood, wild game and berries. Long trips to Edmonton by oxen were made to purchase wheat which was ground into flour on a hand operated stone grinder. Corn was also ground into meal.

Ilarion and Domka Mandryk with two of their five children, Alex and Nick, circa 1911

As the years went by, the Mandryk family and many other pioneers prospered through their hard work. They built the "Berhomet" School, named after their village, and the Szypenitz Church, two important landmarks for socializing.

With the coming of the railroad, the Village of Hairy Hill grew. Alex and Nick, noting the growth, started Mandryk Brother's General Store which they operated for many years.

John, the oldest son, continued farming until his death in 1978, at the age of 83. His wife, Nancy (nee Ziganesh) continues to reside on the same farm today. They had four children: Bill (Wasyl), Rosie, Mary, and Michael. Rosie passed away in 1919, and Bill (Wasyl) in 1930. Mary (Zacharuk) and her family live in Vancouver, B.C. Michael and his family live in Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

Irene's first husband, John Mazar, died of the flu. The Mazars had three children: Metro, Martha and Nick. Irene later married Dick Skakun and raised three children: John, Rose and Mary. Irene passed away in 1974, and Dick in 1984.

Mary, the only living member of the Mandryk family residing in Two Hills, married Nick Ursuliak. They had three sons and one daughter: Alex and Mike of Edmonton and Rose of Two Hills, Alberta. George passed away in 1957.

Alex, who married Mary Wennechuk, had four sons and one daughter: George, of Banff; Michael and Harry of Edmonton; and Mary, of Delbonito, Alberta. Alex passed away in 1983, and his son, Nick, in 1984.

Nick was married to Mary Menzak and they raised four sons and two daughters: Larry, of Edmonton; Daniel, of Hairy Hill; Orest, of Calgary; John, of Gibbons; Betty, of Edmonton; and Doreen, of Gibbons. Nick passed away in 1978.

MANDRYK, John and Anastasia (nee Prodoryk)

by Richard Mandryk

John Mandryk, a man of many talents, liked taking pictures and appreciated good music. He had a delightful voice, and sang many Ukrainian songs at parties and weddings. John enjoyed playing the flute in the summer evenings after his work was done, and singing or whistling away in the fields while doing his work.

He was meticulous and anything he did had to be perfect. One can still see today, his landscaping on his property - perfectly planted ornamental trees, shrubs, and fruit trees.

John and Anastasia's wedding, 1914

John was a great lover of horses, which had to be alike and the fastest running, and the most attractive in the area. His cattle had to be purebred, too. He was proud of anything he possessed.

John also took a liking to antique cars, of which he had many. He loved entertaining friends, but he also loved to be entertained.

John was an honest man, who did not like to associate with dishonest people. He loved his church, and always supported it. As a growing boy, he helped his parents build it.

Anastasia Prodoryk, John's devoted and dedicated wife, loved to cook. She also supplied poultry to Swift Co. in Edmonton for many years. Anastasia shipped cream and was a specialist at making cheddar cheese, which she shipped to Edmonton. On many occasions she supplied Vegreville with her fresh vegetables, strawberries and raspberries.

Being a perfectionist in many ways, Anastasia is a great gardener and loves her various varieties of flowers. She enjoys embroidering and other fancy work.

Easter Sunday at J. Mandryk's home, circa 1930. (L to R) - Daughter Mary, Rose Ursuliak, Rose Skakun, Mrs. Alex Mandryk and son, Mrs. Todor Eliuk, Mrs. Mary Ursuliak, Mrs. Sam Eliuk, Mrs. N. Mandryk, Alex and Nick Mandryk, Sam Eliuk; in background - Nick Ursuliak, Todor Eliuk and J. Osadjuk.

She is a remarkable woman and is very interested in politics. At present she knows all the members of parliament, the parties, and the parliamentary procedures. She is interested in all the national and local news, which she watches on her T.V. She keeps herself posted on all current developments in the world.

Today, she still keeps her farm in good order through hired help, friends and relatives.

Although her failing health prevents her from doing certain things, she still loves to live on the farm and is not planning to reside in a Senior Citizens' Home. So, let's hope that she remains with us for sometime.

MARCHAK, Dmytro and Mary (nee Samoil)

The story of the Marchak family began in two separate Western Ukrainian villages, just before 1900. Mary Samoil (1892-1969), later to become Mrs. Dmytro Marchak in Canada, was part of a young family living in the village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl, Province of Halychina (Galicia) in the Western Ukraine. At that time the Ukraine was under the rule of the Austro-Hungarian

Dmytro Samoil and wife Catherine (parents of Mary Marchak), circa 1924

Dmytro and Mary Marchak in the mid 1960s

Empire. As a result of the oppressive conditions in their homeland, many Ukrainians left for the promised land. In 1899, the Dmytro Samoil family, with daughter Mary and baby brother John, along with a large portion of the villagers of Buciw, immigrated to Canada. They travelled to Strathcona (before it became part of Edmonton). The family first homesteaded in the New Kiew area. The first Samoil homestead was the SE 36-53-14-W4th. Later, the Samoil family moved to the new homestead, SE 10-53-13-W4th, where Mary Samoil grew up as part of a large family of seven brothers: John, Mike, Peter, Bill, Nick, Paul, Richard, and one sister, Pauline.

Dmytro Marchak (1882-1966) was born in the Village of Bila, County of Chortkiv, Western Ukraine. As a young man, he was conscripted into the Austrian army for three years. In 1907, Dmytro came to Canada and worked in a lumber camp in the Trois-Rivers area of Quebec, where he learned to speak some French. Dmytro later worked in Saskatchewan with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (later to become Canadian National Railway), on a bridge construction crew. He met Mary Samoil when he came to farm in Alberta and they were married in 1912.

Dmytro and Mary Marchak farmed briefly in the Innisfree area, then moved to the present Joseph Marchak farm which was purchased in 1912, from Mr. C. Young. The second parcel, immediately east was purchased in 1923, from Mr. C.T. Chase.

Dmytro and Mary Marchak had a strong affection for the freedom and independence that farming allowed. They had an equally strong belief in the value of

education as a necessity and as a means of bettering one's opportunities in life. As a result, many sacrifices were made and hardships endured to ensure that all the children received as much education as was possible. The children attended Wolia School for the elementary and junior high programs, and had to be boarded in Mundare, Vegreville, and Two Hills for high school programs.

The Marchak parents, like early settlers, endured many hardships in breaking the land, obtaining medical care, and being accepted in the new land. One of their vivid memories goes back to 1916, when the Canadian Government disenfranchised their Canadian Citizenship. This happened to many Ukrainians who came from parts of the Ukraine which were ruled by Austria. Their citizenship was reinstated in 1922.

The Marchak family was a large unit of 13 children, three of whom died in infancy, and ten of whom survived. The ten children included: Ann (Mrs. Ignat Yuzda), Alex, Catherine, John, Joe, Tillie (Mrs. Metro Harasevich), Metro, Bill, Nick, and Olga (Mrs. Jim Denney).

Ann (1915 - 1970) married Ignat Yuzda (1902-1979) in 1939.

Alex (1919-1961) married Ann Demchuk of Willingdon. They lived in Edmonton and raised a family of four children: Corrine, Jerald, Robert, and Janet.

Catherine and Joseph have carried on with farming on the original homestead.

John married Julie Hamel in 1971, and they live in Edmonton.

Tillie married Metro Harasevich in 1948, and they raised a family of four children: Ann Marie, Olivia, Sherry, and Debbie.

Metro makes his home in Edmonton.

Bill married Pat Russel in 1957, and raised two sons, Gordon and Laurin. They live in Vancouver.

Nick married Lorraine Price in 1959. They live in Edmonton and their family consists of one son, Alan, and one daughter, Karen.

Olga (Ollie) married James Denney in 1959. They live in Oregon, USA. Their children are: Kathy, Pat and Doug.

A rare group (though incomplete) photo. (L to R) - Nick, Karen, Jerald, Lorraine, Catherine, Ann, Metro, Bill, Julie, Johnny, Robert, Tillie, Metro Harasewich, and Joseph. Taken at Johnny and Julie's wedding with flower girl, 1971.

MARCHAND, Gordon and Dorothy

Gordon and Dorothy Marchand moved to Two Hills from Lloydminster, with their four-year-old son Dean, in 1978. The purpose in moving to Two Hills was to open a new business, namely the Two Hills IGA. Their home was completed in the new Gregory Subdivision of Two Hills on September 19, 1978.

During this time, construction of a nine-unit shopping center was undertaken by Jodoin Construction of Hinton, Alberta. This mall was eventually home for the Two Hills IGA, Stedmans, Treasury Branch, Two Hills Steak and Pizza, Buckhorn Realty, Gerry's Clothing, and the Two Hills Farmers' Market.

Marchand family, 1984. (L to R) - Gordon, Dorothy, Dean and Darren.

On November 15, 1978, the IGA opened its doors for business, employing 10 people. The other businesses opened up shortly after.

On March 27, 1979, another son, Darren, was born into the Marchand family.

Gordon is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is involved in Minor Hockey. Dorothy belongs to the Lioness Club. Both are members of the St. Laurent Church.

MARCICHIW, William and Mary (nee Maciborsky)

William immigrated to Canada from Poland in 1925, at the age of 16. Concerned about civil strife in his homeland, William's father wanted a more secure future for his son. To assure his future he borrowed enough money for the passage to the new land of opportunity.

William arrived in Mundare and worked as a farmhand for many farmers in the Mundare, Plain Lake, and Ranfurly areas. He also worked with the Willingdon-Two Hills Railway construction crew.

In 1927, William purchased a shoe and harness shop in Tofield. At this time he met Mary, daughter of John and

Paranka Maciborsky, whom he married on May 31, 1931. Their two sons, Michael and Peter were born in 1932 and 1941 respectively.

After the depression years, the family bought another shoe and butcher shop in Busby, and operated them until 1945. William supplemented his income by operating a crane on the railroad at Dunvagen. He then purchased the Capitol Shoe Manufacturing on Jasper Avenue in Edmonton, where with the assistance of his staff of 20, he made and fitted orthopedic shoes for many dignitaries.

Leather dust and the hustle and bustle of Edmonton was not the lifestyle William and Mary desired. In December, 1950, they purchased the Riverside Hotel at Duvernay. The construction of the chemical plant at Duvernay attracted many employees who boarded in the hotel.

William worked many hours, getting ice for his beer cooler, cutting wood for the stove and furnace and serving his customers. Facilities such as refrigeration, electric stoves, gas, water and sewers became a luxury in later years.

After 30 years in the hotel business William and Mary retired in 1979.

Bill and Mary Marcichiw's 50th wedding anniversary, May 30, 1981

On May 30, 1981, the Marcichiws celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were blessed with their first great grandson, Kal Drouin.

After several years of failing health, William passed away on April 22, 1983. Mary continues to help in the hotel and enjoys chatting with many friends and acquaintances, made over the past 35 years.

MARCICHIW, Peter and Pat (nee Kretzul)

Peter, son of William and Mary Marcichiw, was born March 24, 1941, in the Village of Tofield. For a while the family lived in Busby, and later in Edmonton. In 1951, the family purchased the Riverside Hotel in Duvernay. Peter now being ten years old, helped his parents with numerous chores in the hotel operation. During the construction period of the chemical plant at Duvernay, the hotel was bustling with construction employees.

Peter attended the Two Hills School and during the summer holidays worked at the plant. In 1959, he graduated from high school and attended Alberta College. In 1960, he became a permanent employee with Western Chemicals.

Three years later, he married Pat, daughter of Mike and Elsie Kretzul of Mundare, and the young couple continued to reside in Duvernay, where they owned a home. Although Peter was a warehouseman at the plant, he decided to further his education by taking night classes at N.A.I.T. Later he enrolled in a three year program in the Faculty of Business Administration at the University of Alberta. Several people in the area were also taking classes, therefore driving to Edmonton was shared.

Peter and Pat Marcichiw, 1983

To supplement family income, Peter was given a contract to deliver drinking water to the plant.

In 1968, during the major lay-offs at the plant, Peter was transferred to the Celanese Plant in Edmonton. In 1972, Peter and Pat moved to Sherwood Park.

By this time there were three children in the family: Murray (1965), Tammy (1966), and Rodney (1970).

Although Sherwood Park at this time was a small community, the family missed small town living. They always dreamt of living in the North, and in April, 1973, moved to Yellowknife, where Peter accepted a position with the Territorial government. He worked under the administration of Stewart Hodgson, who was a commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Peter's experience was both exciting and harrowing expecially when he had to fly to outlying Arctic communities to service the needs of the Inuit.

In 1974, when the economy changed drastically, and house and land prices soared; the Marcichiws decided to move back to Two Hills where Peter assumed the

Rodney, Tammy and Murray Marcichiw, 1982

position of secretary-treasurer, for the County of Two Hills. A home was purchased from Dr. Maryniak and the family continues to live there.

In 1977, in partnership with Bill Maciborski, they built the Junction Inn in Two Hills and Peter and Pat managed it for three years. In 1979, when the health of Peter's dad began to fail, they became managers of the Riverside Hotel at Duvernay. During the ensuing three years, the hotel was remodelled and extended.

At present, there are three generations of Marcichiws in the hotel operation business.

When Peter's dad passed away in 1983, his loss has been deeply felt by the family.

Murray graduated from high school in 1982, and is now attending the University of Alberta. Tammy graduated in 1983, and is presently enrolled in a Registered Nurses' Assistant program at the Alberta Vocational Centre. Rodney is entering high school.

Peter and Pat thoroughly enjoy the Two Hills community and are happy to have raised and educated their children in a rural setting. Peter has been active with the local Progressive Conservative Association, the Chamber of Commerce and is trustee on the County school board. He enjoys the challenge of being a small business owner.

MATWE, Raymond and Pearl (nee Skoropad)

Raymond, son of Elko and Anne Matwe, was born on October 1, 1910. In 1911, when the family immigrated to Canada from Ukraine, Raymond was six months old and his brother, Alex, was five. Mary, his only sister, was born in Canada. The family settled in the Ranfurly district (SW 14-52-12-W4th) and Raymond helped his father with farming until he was 26 years of age.

Pearl, who was one of ten children of Peter and Anna Skoropad, was born on June 5, 1912, at Plain Lake. Other brothers and two sisters include Dmytro, Daniel, Harry, John, Nick, William, Mike, Mary and Nancy. The family was musically talented and would often sing old school songs such as: "Old Black Joe", "Red River Valley", as well as the Ukrainian song "Yah Liubliu Petrusia".

Pearl and Raymond were married on October 4, 1936.

Pictured above are Raymond and Pearl Matwe with Gladys and Dale, Joan and Jerry, 1981

Two years later they moved from Ranfurly to Plain Lake and bought a business from John Andriaschuk. The same year, they bought an acreage from John Skoropad and built a home on the property. They also sold groceries in exchange for eggs at two dozen for a nickel and operated a gas pump filling station where gas was sold at 25 cents a gallon.

Raymond bought a truck with which he gathered cream from the farmers and delivered it to the creamery. Later, in 1945, he hauled livestock to Edmonton and hauled gravel, earning $3.50 an hour. Raymond was a trucker for 38 years. He loved hunting and knew that the best place for deer was in the Ranfurly district, and the best place for ducks and geese was in the Plain Lake district.

In 1963, electricity came to the Plain Lake area and in 1967, they installed it in their home.

The family pasttime was visiting friends and neighbors and attending Sunday picnics in the summer.

Pearl and Raymond raised two daughters: Gladys, who married Dale Rinquette, and Joan, who married Jerry Plesuk.

Raymond, and Pearl Matwe, and grandchildren, 1981

They are also proud grandparents to Michelle Rinquette and Sherri, Tammy, and Kim Plesuk.

When Pearl and Raymond retired in 1982 they moved to Two Hills Lions Eventide Senior Citizens' Home.

Raymond passed away on August 7, 1983, and is buried at the Vegreville Cemetery.

MAXIMCHUK, Pantelemon and Katherine (nee Pauk)

by Rita Achtymichuk (grand-daughter)

Pantelemon Maximchuk, son of Onufry and Mary, was born on August 9, 1900, in Oleshewa, a village in Western Ukraine which at that time was governed by Austria. At the age of 21, Pantelemon was drafted by the Polish Army where he served for 23 months. When he returned to his village after military service he found that it was now governed by the Polish Regime.

In 1926, at the age of 26, Pantelemon, with a friend, left his home and family behind, to immigrate to Canada.

Katherine Maximchuk (nee Pauk), circa 1931

He boarded the ship called the S.S. Estonia in Gdansk, Poland. After eight days of sailing, they reached the port of Halifax on March 30, 1926. From here, Pantelemon and his friend boarded a train and headed for Winnipeg. However, as the train neared Winnipeg, Pantelemon overheard someone say that many Ukrainian people had settled around Vegreville, and that there were opportunities to work there. Pantelemon and his friend decided to continue on to Vegreville.

Pantelemon first worked for a farmer, George Malnyk. Here he earned $25. a month, as well as room and board. In 1928, he helped construct the hotel in Two Hills.

In the spring of 1936, Pantelemon bought a quarter of land (NW 2-53-13-W4) near Lavoy. There was a house and buildings on this land. In the fall of that same year, on October 8, Pantelemon married Katherine Pauk. Katherine was born in Buciw, Ukraine, in 1906, and immigrated to Canada by herself in 1928, to stay with her sister, Nancy.

Pantelemon and Katherine made their home on the land he had recently purchased. On September 24, 1937, their first child, Nadie, was born. Three more children came - Elizabeth, on November 27, 1939; Harry, on February 13, 1940; and Peter, on July 5, 1945. However, tragedy struck the family five days after Peter was born. Katherine passed away after childbirth. Her passing made the situation very difficult, as Pantelemon was left with four small children to raise and support by himself. Fortunately, Uncle John and Aunt Nancy Horon looked after Peter until he completed school.

Pantelemon worked hard, planting and harvesting the crops; raising animals, and caring for his growing family. All the field work was done with just a few pieces of machinery. It was not until 1948, that he got his first tractor on rubber tires.

The Maximchuk children helped their father with many chores and carried out other responsibilities. In spite of this, they did not neglect their school work. The children attended Zaporoze School which was three miles from home. They all did very well in school, and Pantelemon was very proud of his children's academic success.

The years went by quickly and before long all the children left home. In September, 1968, Pantelemon sold his farm, and shortly after, in November, he suffered a stroke. After making a fairly successful recovery, Pantelemon bought a small house in Vegreville, where he is presently living. He enjoys his frequent visits to the Sunshine Club, as well as watching the hockey and football games on television. The family looks forward to getting together at Dido's place, especially on August 9, to celebrate his birthday.

Pantelemon's 80th birthday, 1980. Standing, (L to R) - Nadie, Harry, Elizabeth and Peter; seated - Pantelemon Maximchuk.

The children are all on their own. Nadie is married to Eli Frankiw. They farm near Two Hills. Nadie and Eli have four children: Allan, Rita, Iris and Ken, two of whom are married. Allan is married to Diane Lazicki and they have one son, Kevin. Rita is married to Steven Achtymichuk.

Elizabeth is married to Harold Whitham. They made their home on an acreage near Edmonton. Elizabeth is a Registered Nurse, and is presently nursing at the Royal Alex Hospital in Edmonton. They have two children, Gregory and Sherry.

Harry graduated from the University of Alberta with a master's degree in computing science. He is presently employed with Gulf, and lives in Calgary.

Peter is married to Ann Dudka and they reside in Edmonton. He obtained a degree in education and is now principal with the Edmonton Catholic School System. Peter and Ann have seven children: Connie, Michael, Melissa, Marcella, Natasha, Orysha, and Christopher.

MELNYCHUK, William and Anne (nee Zawadiuk)

William Melnychuk, the second oldest son of Tom and Raifta Melnychuk (originally of Brosseau, SE 28-56-12-W4th) was born on April 7, 1925.

William attended Champlain School, where he completed Grade VIII with the assistance of such teachers as Mrs. Robin, Lucia Brosseau, Florence Brosseau, and Mickey Fedoruk. He completed Grade IX through correspondence. Grade X and XI were completed at Two Hills High School in 1941, and 1942. During World War II, William chose to leave school and help his parents with the farming. At this time, he was a valuable baseball pitcher for the Brosseau team which included teammates Ernie Didier, Bob Bachelet, George Pundick, and Steve Plaska.

On November 3, 1946, William married Anne, daughter of Steve and Lena Zawadiuk, also of Brosseau. Together, they began farming the NW 26-56-12-W4th, which was given to him by his father, Tom Melnychuk. In 1947, William and Anne moved to his grandfather's place, where they lived a short six months, before fire destroyed their home. Temporarily, they returned to his parents' farm, where they lived until their new house was built on the same site as the previous one. By 1949, their son Larry was born, and in 1951, their second child, Joanne was born.

In 1953, William and Anne bought a quarter section, SW 35-56-12-W4th, and in 1955, the family moved to Two Hills, where William was a shareholder with his brothers, Tony and Andy, in the newly acquired Paragon Motors. Although he lived in Two Hills he continued farming. His wife Anne began working in 1960, as a clerk, at the Two Hills Co-op, a position which she held until 1972.

Their shares in Paragon Motors were sold in 1962. That year, William attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. The next year, he attended N.A.I.T. where he successfully completed his automechanics course. In 1963, William and Anne built their second home in Two Hills, where they live today. They purchased another quarter section, SE 31-53-13-W4th, near Warwick in 1966.

Always interested in politics and economics, William was first elected as town councillor in Two Hills, in 1980.

Willam Melnychuk family, 1985. Standing at back - son Larry holding Andrew Laughton, daughter-in-law Ardyth, son-in-law, Curtis Matthews; seated - Anne and William; standing to the right - grandchildren Renee Lynn, Christie Leigh, Amy Morgan Matthews, William Maxwell and daughter Joanne Matthews.

This position he held faithfully, until 1983, when he was elected Mayor.

William and Anne enjoy square dancing and travelling. They also share a mutual interest in sports, and Anne is known for her excellent needlepoint work and gardening.

William and Anne's family has now expanded to nine. Their son, Larry, is married to Ardyth Oseen. They live in Red Deer, and have two girls and one boy: Renee, Christie, and Andrew Lawton.

Larry and Ardyth are both pursuing teaching careers. Joanne is married to Curt Mathews from Newfoundland. They have a daughter and a son, Amy Morgan and William Maxwell. The family resides in Hudson Hope, B.C.

MERCER, Robert and Rose

Rose, daughter of Andrew and Elena Kolisniak, was born in 1925 on the family homestead. She attended Chornik School for one year and then moved to Musidora with her family and continued her education at Franko School. She then attended high school in Morecambe.

In 1942, Rose and her sister, Olga, moved to Edmonton, where they were employed by the Canadian National Railways.

Shortly after VE Day in 1945, Rose met Robert Mercer, a Flying Officer in the R.C.A.F. Rose and Robert were married in 1946, and their first daughter, Joan, was born in 1947. In 1950, Robert was called to serve with the Canadian Army in Korea. Meanwhile, Rose went to work for Canada Safeway. Robert returned to Canada in 1952, and the family made their home in Jasper Place.

Their second daughter, Jean, was born in 1954, and it was then the family moved to a larger home in the Dovercourt area of Edmonton. Both of the girls attended Dovercourt School and later graduated from Ross Sheppard High School. Rose continued her career with Safeway. Joan studied Art and has produced many excellent paintings. She married Paul Biermann in 1966 and now has three children, a girl and two boys. Jean has a keen interest in handicrafts and teaches ceramics in her spare time. She married Greg Whalen in 1972 and has two children, a girl and a boy.

In 1978, Rose and Robert moved to St. Albert where they now reside. They both retired in 1984 and have exciting travel plans.

MISKIW, James (Yakim) and Tillie (Tekla) (nee Babich)

by Alex Miskiw

James (Yakim) was born in Bilavci, Brody, Galicia, Western Ukraine, in 1863. In 1887, he married Tillie (Tekla) Babich who was born in the same area in 1862, and they had six children, of whom four survived.

In 1904, James, Tillie, and sons Fred, Paul, Harry, and Alex, packed their few belongings and some carpentry tools and boarded the train at Lvov for Rotterdam, Holland. From there they set sail to Halifax. The six

James and Tillie Miskiw, circa 1920

week journey was very tiresome and frightening, as the huge waves caused sea sickness to most passengers.

At Halifax they again boarded a train to Winnipeg and on to Strathcona, Edmonton. The first year was spent at the home of John and Tillie Cymbaliuk of Edna (St. Michael). In 1905, they purchased their homestead, six miles south of Two Hills, (NW 4-54-12-W4th). Their fifth son, Peter, was born here in 1906.

Their beginnings in Canada were very difficult as buildings had to be built and land had to be cleared and broken by oxen. Before their own stock was raised, they relied on rabbits, fish from Plain Lake, and upland game for meat. Mushrooms and wild berries were picked and used extensively. Their first pair of horses were purchased in 1912.

In 1915, the Miskiws battled a bush fire which threatened their buildings and about three sections of timber was destroyed. Four years later they were fortunate to survive the 1919 flu epidemic.

Besides the hard work on his homestead, James assisted the community to build the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church in Plain Lake in 1908.

After retirement, the Miskiws lived on the homestead until Tillie died in 1929, and James in 1931. They were laid to rest in the Plain Lake Cemetery.

Five brothers. (L to R) - Peter, Alex, Harry, Paul and Fred, circa 1920

MISKIW, Fred and Lydia

by Steve and Alice Miskiw

Fred, oldest son of James and Tillie Miskiw, was born in 1893 and came to Canada with his parents in 1904. At the age of 16 he set out to seek employment. Fred started as section foreman for the C.N. Railway, advancing to brakeman on a freight train. Later he was promoted to trainman on the Waterous-Edmonton-Vancouver line.

Fred married Lydia (nee Poffenroth) in 1921 and they resided in Edmonton until 1947; later they moved to Vancouver. Fred and Lydia had two children: Ruth and Harry, both married and residing in Vancouver.

Fred was laid to rest in 1969 and Lydia in 1974.

Fred and Lydia with Ruth and Harry.

MISKIW, Paul and Barbara (Warwara) (nee Prystupa)

by Elvera Miskiw

Paul, the second born son of James and Tillie Miskiw, was born in Bilavci, Brody, Galicia, Ukraine, on November 20, 1895. He came to Canada with his parents and three brothers in 1904. Paul worked in building the railroad before he married Warwara (Barbara) Prystupa. Warwara was born in Berlyn, Brody, Galicia, Ukraine, on December 17, 1901. She came to Canada in 1924, to her brother John's place in Vegreville, where she worked in a cafe, washing dishes.

Paul and Warwara were married on February 15, 1925 and settled with Paul's parents on the family homestead, five miles south-east of Two Hills. The house where they had their wedding reception still remains standing on the farmstead. Paul remained on the homestead, looking

Barbara and Paul Miskiw, 1925

after his parents until they deceased.

Paul and Warwara had 4 children: Harry, Andy, Bill and Mary. Harry died 9 months after his birth, from pneumonia.

Andy, who was born December 1, 1927, married Gertrude Wege, of Mescherin, Germany, on October 2, 1954. They had one son, Ralph, residing in Edmonton with his dad, Andy. Gertrude passed away May 3, 1972.

Bill was born on March 6, 1930. He got married June 18, 1960 to Elvera Bauman, born in Innisfree, Alberta.

Paul and Barbara Miskiw with Mary, Andy and Bill, 1947

They have two girls, Cindy and Tammy, still residing at home and working out.

Mary, the only daughter, was born on March 9, 1935. She married Nick Ewanishan on May 19, 1953. They have 2 children: Darrell married to Diana Dumont on June 24, 1977, residing in Edmonton, and Connie, married on August 31, 1984, to Grant Grimsrud, residing in Calgary.

Paul and Warwara were faithful members of the Plain Lake Catholic Church, which they helped build in 1926. Paul was deceased on November 21, 1959, and is buried in the Plain Lake Cemetery. He resided on the family farm until his passing. His wife Warwara, resided with their son Bill and his wife Elvera until the Lions Eventide Home was opened in August 1977, where she continues to reside.

MISKIW, Harry and Pearl (nee Yuskow)

by Steve and Alice Miskiw

Harry, the third son of James and Tillie Miskiw, was born in Bilavci, Brody, (Western Ukraine) in April, 1900, and came to Canada with his parents in 1904. He grew up on his father's homestead, in the Lanuke district. While single, he worked for farmers, the railway, lumber camps, and as a carpenter.

Harry and Pearl Miskiw, 1923

In 1923, he married Pearl Yuskow, daughter of Jacob and Eva (nee Hayduk) Yuskow, who came to Canada from Kalneekova, (Galicia), West Ukraine in 1900. Pearl was born on the ship during her parents' travel to Canada and it was never established whether she was a Canadian citizen. Jacob and Eva Yuskow settled in the New Kiew district (NE 20-53-13-W4th).

With their meagre savings, Harry and Pearl purchased the SW 5-54-12-W4th and half of NW 5-54-12-W4th. Here they built their first small home, and in a short time established a small store and a blacksmith shop to assist the family financially. Harry enjoyed carpentry, and the two houses he built in 1930, are still standing in the Town of Two Hills. Harry and Pearl lived on the farm, where their three children were born.

In 1932, the Miskiws moved to Two Hills where Harry purchased the pool hall, and entered into partnership on a private power plant that supplied electricity to the Village. The power plant was purchased by Canadian

Pearl and Harry Miskiw with Steve and Elsie, 1930

Utilities in 1936, and at that time Harry also sold his pool hall, which was later dismantled and replaced by a recreation hall. A year later, he started a truck-freighting service which he operated until his retirement in 1956.

Harry and Pearl were very active in the community. Harry served on Village council from 1933-1935. The Miskiws were members of the Ukrainian Catholic Parish, and donated hours of work in the construction of the present Catholic Church.

Harry and Pearl raised three children. Steve, born April 24, 1925, resides in Two Hills.

Elsie (Marusiak) 1945 and Marshall Miskiw, 1954

Elsie, born December 10, 1928, married Nick Marusiak. They have three children and reside in Smoky Lake.

Marshall, born February 25, 1931, and passed away in 1982, worked with his dad in the trucking business and later as an operator on road construction. He was predeceased by his father on December 21, 1964, and mother, June 12, 1970. All three were laid to rest in the Two Hills Community Cemetery.

MISKIW, Steve and Alice

Steve, the eldest son of Harry and Pearl (nee Yuskow) Miskiw, was born in 1925, in the Lanuke district. He started school, after his family had moved into town in 1932. At that time, Ukrainian was the only language used in the home, and being the oldest, Steve entered the classroom without having knowledge of English. Because of this, he encountered some difficulty in communicating with his first teacher, Mrs. McCutcheon.

Steve was always a very ambitious lad, even at the age of seven. During the Depression, he managed to find errands to earn his spending money. He remembers, when for 5 cents, during his lunch break, he would run to the hotel cafe to pick up a packed lunch and deliver it to an elevator agent. Steve would then return home, have his lunch, and still make it back to school before the bell rang. As he got older, his time was occupied after school and during summer holidays with odd jobs in the local stores, garages, elevators, machine shops and the wheat puffery.

As a pastime, Steve enjoyed sports: hockey and softball, the only two available at the time. To compete with the neighboring villages and districts, teams were transported by horse-drawn wagons or sleighs.

Hunting was Steve's favorite pastime and he recalls walking for hours, with his friend, Mike Kostek, trying to hunt down rabbits, prairie chickens, partridges, or gophers, with a sling shot - a fitting weapon as ammunition necessary was plentiful on any roadside. It was some time later that Steve owned his first rifle, a .22 Cooey.

Steve's ambition was to further his education and enrol in engineering. Unfortunately, when he was in Grade XII, his father underwent surgery which disabled him for more than a year. Steve was compelled to leave school and help out in his father's freighting operation.

He was thankful, when in 1947, Harry Bachinsky, a local implement agent, asked him to join in partnership of a road construction company. With a little help from his father, Harry and Steve formed M & B Contractors

Alice and Steve Miskiw, 1950

Limited. This gave Steve the opportunity to work in the field he longed for as a youngster. The business was operated successfully until 1974, at which time they decided to sell out.

In 1950, Steve married Alice, daughter of Wasyl and Fruzyna (nee Tatarchuk) Zaparyniuk, who immigrated to Canada from the Village of Voshkivtsi, County of Sniatyn, Ukraine, in 1912, settling in the Myrnam area.

Alice, being the youngest of the family, had the opportunity of completing her Grade XII education in Myrnam School and then enrolling at McTavish College where she completed a secretarial course. In 1948, she was employed by Michael H. Ponich, M.L.A., Barrister & Solicitor at Two Hills.

After the birth of their first child, Alice left her employment to become a mother and homemaker. In 1964, with both children in school, she took a part-time job with the Vegreville Health Unit., Three years later, she found employment as a secretary with the County of Two Hills, where she is presently employed. Alice enjoys volunteer community work, and is a member of the Order of the Royal Purple and the Ukrainian Catholic Parish.

Rosalie and Garry Miskiw, 1957

Steve is presently semi-retired, and for a pastime is operating a small lumber business, constructing hopper bins and small novelty buildings. With more leisure time on hand, he is more involved in community work and is presently serving on Town Council in the capacity of Deputy Mayor.

Steve and Alice have two children: Garry born October 7, 1951 and Rosalie, November 25, 1954. Both children attended and graduated from Two Hills High School. Garry, interested in engineering as was his dad, furthered his education by enrolling in civil engineering technology at NAIT. He married Elaine, a teacher and daughter of Harry and Tillie Sawchuk of Two Hills in 1974. Garry and Elaine, along with their two boys, Nevin and Michael, reside in Edmonton.

Rosalie followed her mother's foot-steps and furthered her education at NAIT, enrolling in a secretarial course. She married Andy, son of Wilfred and Julianna Desaulniers of St. Paul in 1975. Andy is the manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool complex at Fort Saskatchewan. Rosalie and Andy, with their two boys, Sheldon and Christopher, now reside at Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

Steve Miskiw family, 1985. Back row, (L to R) - Rosalie, Andy, Desaulniers, Garry Miskiw; front row - Sheldon, Christopher, Desaulniers, Alice, Steve, Nevin, Michael, Elaine Miskiw.

MISKIW, Alex and Tetianna (nee Pankow)

by Emily Skoropad

Alex, the fourth son of James and Tillie Miskiw, was born in the Village of Bilavci, in the County of Brody in 1903. He immigrated to Canada at the age of one year with his parents and three brothers.

Alex lived with his parents until 1923 and worked for farmers at $5. a day. In 1924, he bought the NW 9-54-12-

Alex and Tetianna Miskiw, 1927

W4th, one mile north of his parents' place and, a year later built a one-room house and began his own farming operation.

Tetianna Pankow, immigrated to Canada in 1926, at the age of 23. Being alone and having no immediate family in Canada, her destination was her Uncle Louis Pankow's place at Lamont. A year later she met Alex and they were married by Rev. Bodnar in the St. Peter and Paul Church at Mundare, Alberta.

In 1935, Alex bought his first 1935 Chev for $840., which was used only in the summer, when the roads were dry. At that time very few roads were gravelled. During the winter months the wheels were removed and the car placed on blocks.

Alex and Tetianna are members and firm supporters of the Plain Lake and Two Hills Catholic Churches. Alex also served on the Two Hills Municipal Hospital Board (Ward 4) from 1951 to 1959.

Alex and Tetianna had two daughters: Ann, born in 1928, and Emily born in 1932. Ann attended old Pobeda School, built in 1913, for one year. When a new Pobeda School was built in 1938, both daughters attended and completed their Grade VIII there. This school is still in use by the Plain Lake Hutterite pupils. Alex was a school trustee for 12 years.

In 1952, Ann moved to Vegreville and worked for Singer Sewing Company. Two years later, she married Alex Smook and they now reside on a farm south of Vegreville. Their two sons, (twins) Bob and Bill, are married.

Steve and Emily Skoropad with sons Glenn (standing), Gregory sitting on left, and Grant on right, 1975.

Emily attended high school at Two Hills from 1947 to 1950. In 1953, she married Steve Skoropad and took up residence in Two Hills. Steve is engaged in carpentering and farming while Emily is employed at the Two Hills Municipal Hospital as a nursing attendant. The Skoropads are members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Steve and Emily have three sons all of whom completed their high schooling in Two Hills. Glen married Marlene Kostyniuk in 1982, and they reside in Edmonton. He is employed by a trucking firm hauling mainly for the oil industry.

Gregg married Wendy Schott in 1983, and they reside on his grandfather Miskiw's farm. He is employed as a heavy duty mechanic with a local dealership agent.

Grant works at the local I.G.A. store in Two Hills.

Alex and Tetianna, both at the age of 80, still reside on the homestead they originally acquired.

MISKIW, Peter and Pearl (nee Hryciw)

In 1906, Peter, the fifth son of James and Tillie Miskiw, was born in the Two Hills district. He helped his parents farm their homestead (NW 4-54-12-W4th) until their passing.

In 1931, Peter moved to his own quarter section of land just north of the home place, (SE 8-54-12-W4th) and married Mary Wolski.

Peter and Mary farmed in the Two Hills area until 1935. Peter also sold Watkins products in order to further his farming operation.

In 1935, Peter and Mary moved to Derwent, Alberta where they purchased a confectionery store. After returning to Two Hills in 1939, Peter took over the John Deere Agency and also served as a livestock buyer. Unfortunately, Mary passed away in 1944. Peter remained in Two Hills until 1945, when he moved to Edmonton.

In 1947, Peter married Pearl Hryciw, daughter of John and Christina Hryciw. Peter and Pearl made their home in Edmonton where they operated a rooming house and grocery store business.

Peter and Pearl Miskiw, 1947

Three children were born to Peter and Pearl: Larry, Marian, and Joan. All three children attended St. Michael and St. Joseph Schools in Edmonton.

Larry, Joan and Marian Miskiw, 1957

Larry married Irene Prockiw in 1979 and became parents of Vannessa and Michael.

Marian married Steve Skwaruk in 1973 and they have two boys: P.J. and Jesse.

Joan attended Alberta College and is now married to Tom Moss.

Peter passed away in November, 1971. Pearl was killed in a pedestrian car accident in 1980.

All the Miskiw children reside in Edmonton.

MOKRY, Alex and Mary (nee Krysak)

by Nadia Yakimyshyn (nee Mokry)

Alex Mokry, the youngest son of Mike and Ewdokia (nee Oreschak) Mokry, arrived in Canada with his parents and brothers and sister from Tuhluko, Bukovina, in the Ukraine, in 1904, at the age of six months.

They settled in the Plain Lake area where land was purchased for farming operations. In the early 1900s, the oldest brother, Bill, married Katherine Lynkowski and moved to Innisfree to begin farming.

Nick, the second oldest brother, married Sophie Kornello and also farmed in the Innisfree district.

Mary, the oldest sister, married John Yuckim of Innisfree. Mary passed away in her early years.

The youngest sister, Eva, was born in Canada. She married Tom Zurawel. They farmed in the Plain Lake area, later moving to Edmonton. Eva passed away in 1960.

Alex, the youngest of the boys, received his education in the Plain Lake area. In 1929, he married Mary Krysak of the New Kiew district.

Alex and Mary Mokry, 1929

In 1930, grandfather Mike passed away. Alex took over, farming the land that the family settled on.

Alex and Mary had a family of three girls: Nadia, Lovie, and Irene. Nadia, the oldest, attended Krasne and Zaporoze Schools. In 1948, she married Nick Yakimyshyn and they farmed in Plain Lake. They have a family of five boys and two girls. Lovie attended Krasne School and later took college training in Edmonton. She married Bill Gretzan in 1953, and after living in Edmonton, they later farmed in Plain Lake. They have a family of three girls and one boy.

Irene, the youngest, attended schools in Two Hills, Vegreville, and Edmonton. In 1971, she married Harry Chudyk. They have a family of two boys and one girl and now live in Vegreville.

Wedding anniversary - June, 1954. Back row, (L to R) - Nadia (Mokry) and Nick Yakimyshyn, Lovie (Mokry) and Bill Gretzan, Irene Mokry; front row - Mary (Krysak) Mokry, grandson Henry Yakimyshyn, Ewdokia Mokry holding great-granddaughter Marlene Gretzan, grandson Terry Yakimyshyn, Alex Mokry.

In the early days, Alex owned a used Ford Model A car which he used to take people in the neighborhood to town or to the hospital. He also owned a threshing outfit and did much grain grain threshing in the neighborhood. He owned his own blacksmith shop, where the neighbors came to have their plow shares sharpened and welding done.

Alex and his wife were well-liked in the community and were always ready to help anyone.

In 1968, Alex and Mary retired to Vegreville. Alex passed away in 1970, while his wife, in 1984, lives in Vegreville.

MONKMAN, Alex

by M. Isbister-English

Alex Monkman, a tall, handsome Metis, was the son of old Henry Monkman of Two Hills fame, and brother of Charlie Monkman. Henry who often bought provisions in Olynyk's store in Two Hills, walked great distances. Even at the age of 90, he walked from Pozer's to Bob Taylor's near Watt Lake.

Alex had been a great bronco buster and rodeo rider in Montana. At one time his father, Henry, travelled by horse and democrat to visit his son in Montana.

Alex searched in every mining camp from Montana, to the North Saskatchewan River, where gold was thought to be prevalent, and where so many prospected.

In 1898, young Alexander Monkman travelled the Overland Trail which was supposed to be a shorter and

Henry Monkman and Harry Kott, circa 1920

quicker route to the Klondike Gold Rush. Promoters in Edmonton sold outfits to would-be prospectors then. Many prospectors disappeared on the Overland Trail. The Trail went north and on past Fort St. John, stretching out to more wilderness. Alex realized it was not safe to continue, so he turned his horse, and went back to the Peace River district. Here he met up with traders, and they had him manage a trading post at Lake Saskatoon, near Beaverlodge. Alex also homesteaded there and trapped a great deal. His trapline had gradually extended through the mountains to the Pacific Coast.

Alex tried to interest the Grand Trunk Railway to use the Monkman Pass but they decided to use the Yellowhead Route.

Today a creek is named Monkman Creek, and a beautiful lake at the top of the pass is named Monkman Lake, which rivals Lake Louise.

Alexander Monkman had five children. One of his daughters lives in Edmonton.

MOTOWYLO, Harry and Annie

by Edward Motowylo

Harry Motowylo (father of Edward) came to Canada with his parents, brothers, and sister from Brody, Ukraine, in 1910. After docking in Halifax they travelled by train to Edmonton, then by oxen to Morecambe where a homestead was purchased. Harry looked for a farm with many trees and sloughs because he came from an area where fire wood and hay were as "scarce as hen's teeth".

In 1915, Harry worked on a railroad in southern Alberta, where he made ties with a broad-axe. Years later, he worked on large grain farms with Alex Chalmers, who in the evenings would draw blueprints of gears and assemblies that later lead up to a major machine company. Harry also pushed wheelbarrows of cement at the government elevators in Edmonton. Following this he undertook carpentry work and built farm buildings for farmers from Morecambe to Hairy Hill.

In 1934, Harry married Annie (nee Ewashko) of Bushland and together they raised a family of three boys;

Annie and Harry Motowylo with grandchildren Cynthia and Allan Motowylo, December, 1964

Edward, Emil, and Harry.

Harry and Annie moved from rented farmstead to farmstead until 1942 when they purchased a half section one mile south and one mile west of Duvernay. They farmed in the area until 1965 when they sold the property and moved to Linaria (north of Westlock) with sons Edward and Emil.

Edward quit school in the early 50s and farmed with his parents until he commenced employment with the Two Hills Co-op Petroleum in 1960. He was involved with the farmer's union movement as soon as he left school, and held many positions in the organization. While managing the Co-op he married Gezelia (nee Weleschuk) from Chipman in 1962. They lived on a farm five miles north of Two Hills. In 1965, with two children, (Allan and Cynthia), Ed and Gezelia moved to a farm near Westlock.

Ed's understanding of the need for farmers to be organized kept him occupied in the farm movement. He has served for the National Farmers' Union in many levels and today is the National Vice-President.

Harry Jr., Emil, and Edward Motowylo, 1949

While in Westlock they had one more child, Harvey, and now all three children have graduated from High School.

Emil and family are at Manning, Alberta.

Harry and family are farming at Clyde, Alberta.

MULKA, Stephen and Pauline

Stephen Mulka was born on January 1, 1907, in the Village of Potorycia, County of Sokal, Western Ukraine. In March 1911, his parents, Peter and Melania (nee Pashteta), along with their two children, Helen and Stephen, immigrated to Canada arriving in St. John, New Brunswick, in April. From there the family travelled by train to Winnipeg, where they lived for three months while their father went out to work. In August, the family left Winnipeg for temporary residence with their old country friends, Saganskys, near Krydor, Saskatchewan. After harvest they moved to their homestead, NW 32-43-8-W3rd, on which there was a small, mud-plastered, thatched-roof building. This building was divided into three sections: a barn, a dwelling, and a porch. Seven acres of land was cleared at this time. The rest of the homestead was covered with heavy trees and brush which had to be cleared with pick and axe. Cleared land was broken and cultivated with a pair of oxen.

Stephen and Helen's education began with the opening of Oukraina School No. 2402, in the spring of 1914. The school teacher, Stefan Didich, was Ukrainian; hence, there was no problem with communication. That same year the family was blessed with another child, Mary.

Peter and Melania Mulka family, 1920. Seated - Peter and Melania Mulka; standing - Stephen, Mary and Helen.

After three years, Helen left school to help on the farm. Stephen completed Grade VI at Oukraina School in June 1920. That fall he was sent to the P. Mohyla Ukrainian Institute in Saskatoon where Miss Ward taught Grade VIII to New Canadians. The following year he took his Grade IX at the Saskatoon Nutana Collegiate. In addition to his studies, Stephen attended classes on Ukrainian literature, history and music. As well, he participitated in the Institute's other programs. In 1922, because of financial problems, Stephen was sent to obtain his Grade X in Prince Albert, where the Presbyterian Boys' Home provided board and lodging, including laundry, at $15. per month.

It was not a happy year for Stephen and the family. Their father, after a lengthy illness, passed away on December 4, 1922, at the age of 46 years. During the following two years, Stephen completed Grade XI and Normal School in Saskatoon, again residing in the P. Mohyla Institute. In the spring of 1925, he obtained his Second Class Teaching Certificate and for the next five years, he taught in Sich, Zbaraz, Okno and Krydor Schools. In 1927, the Krydor School Board granted him leave of absence to take Grade XII. In 1928, after a summer school session at the Saskatoon University, Stephen was granted a First Class Teaching Certificate.

Stephen always had a deep love for music and drama. He played a violin, mandolin and guitar. During his teaching career he used this talent to teach mandolin orchestras, conduct church and community choirs and prepare concerts and plays. He also taught Ukrainian classes, Ukrainian dancing, and participated in a number of inter-school debates. Stephen has continued to be involved in many of these activities.

In September, 1928, Stephen met Pauline Chonko, daughter of Michael and Sophia (nee Bohay) Chonko of Canora, Saskatchewan. Pauline was born in Fenwood, Saskatchewan, where her parents farmed three quarters of land. In 1914, Michael Chonko left farming and moved to Canora where he operated a general store until his death in December 16, 1927. Pauline graduated from high school in 1928, and in the fall of that year went to the P. Mohyla Ukrainian Institute (where Stephen met her) to attend business college.

Stephen and Pauline were married on August 11, 1929. Next year, they moved to Alberta with their five-week old son, Orest and Pauline's sister, Anne Chonko (Danelovich). Stephen and Anne obtained teaching positions at South Kotzman School, four miles east of Smoky Lake. From 1931-35, Stephen taught at Cadron and Riverside Schools, north of Andrew.

In October, 1935, Stephen and his brother-in-law, Peter Danelovich purchased a small general store in Myrnam. Three weeks later the International Harvester agency was purchased and operated until 1944.

In 1937, Stephen was hired as secretary-treasurer of the Village of Myrnam and the Myrnam Municipal Hospital. To supplement his income, he audited books, sold insurance and played in a dance orchestra. The following year he was hired as secretary-treasurer of the Municipal District of Ukraina No. 513.

On January 1, 1944, the Ukraina Municipal District became part of the large unit, the Municipal District of Eagle No. 81, with its office at Two Hills. Stephen was hired as secretary-treasurer, sold his business, and moved to Two Hills. In 1955, the boundaries of the large unit were made coterminous with those of the Two Hills School Division. In 1963, the two local governments amalgamated to become the County of Two Hills No. 21, with Stephen as secretary-treasurer and Peter M. Shavchook as his assistant.

In 1966, Stephen was elected director of the Alberta Secretary-treasurers' association, for a term of three years. In 1967, he was selected a fraternal delegate to the Saskatchewan Secretary-treasurers' Convention in Regina. After 35 years as secretary-treasurer of local

governments, Stephen retired in June, 1972.

In Two Hills, Stephen was a member of the Elks Lodge, the Legion, the Chamber of Commerce and the Curling Club. He was master of ceremonies and toastmaster at many weddings and anniversaries. Stephen chaired and spoke at various community functions. Presently, he is a member and auditor of the Two Hills Senior Citizens Centre and continues to be active in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. For the past nine years he has been secretary-treasurer of the Two Hills-Myrnam Parochial Council.

Pauline has been a 45-year member of the Lesia Ukrainka Branch of the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association. She held various positions on its executives and committees. She was a Sunday School and Ukrainian School teacher for a number of years. As well she has been a member of the Two Hills Library Board, and served as secretary-treasurer of the Northeast Regional Hospital Auxiliary. A member of the Two Hills Hospital Women's Auxiliary, Pauline is also convener of the Two Hills Red Cross campaign for funds - a position she has held for the past five years.

Stephen and Pauline never hesitated to give their time and energy to serve their church and the community. Their services have been appreciated and recognized. In 1958, the Myrnam Ukrainian Orthodox Church members presented Stephen, for assistance in building the church and being its cantor and choir conductor, with a Certificate of Recognition signed by Metropolitan Dr. Ilarion. In 1967, he received the Canada Centennial Medal for valuable service to the nation. Two years later the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties presented Stephen with a Certificate and plaque for his many years of devoted service as secretary-treasurer. On April 22, 1978, the members of the Beauvallon Seventh Day Adventist Church honoured the Mulkas with a Service Award Plaque. On May 25, 1980, the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox parish presented Stephen with a plaque and a gift of money to recognize his 25 years as president, 28 years as choir conductor and 40 years as cantor.

Stephen and Pauline celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1979. They have three children: Orest, Reginald (Reg), and Patricia (Pat).

Stephen and Pauline Mulka (seated). Standing - Patricia, Orest and Reg, 1984.

Orest, who was born in Krydor, Saskatchewan, on July 13, 1930, married Ollie Kuzyk of Edmonton. They have three daughters: Janice, Judy and Kathy. For the past 28 years, Orest (Chartered Life Underwriter) has been an agent for New York Life Insurance Company. For five years he was founding chairman of the Grant MacEwan College Foundation and presently is its immediate past chairman. In 1982, he became president of the Alberta Heart Foundation and now is its past president. This year he also has the honour of being president of the Ukrainian (Edmonton) Credit Union Ltd.

Reginald (Reg) was born in Myrnam on August 4, 1939. He married Beth McKinnon of Sudbury, Ontario and raised three sons: Michael, Paul and James. For two years Reg was disc jockey at CFRN radio station in Edmonton and then spent eight years at CKSA in Sudbury. He then decided to pursue a career in life insurance with Mutual Life Insurance Company of Canada. After three years as an agent he was promoted to branch manager in North Bay, serving in that capacity for five years. Since 1978 he has held the position of Associate Director of Manpower Development at the Mutual Life Insurance Co. head office in Waterloo, Ontario.

Patricia (Pat), who was born in Two Hills on June 2, 1946, married Andrew Ciona, manager of a garage in Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan. They have three daughters: Jennifer, Melanie and Dawn. Pat, a teacher, presently teaches in Blaine Lake.

Stephen and Pauline are proud of their children who have university education and are well established in their respective occupations. Stephen and Pauline have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Mathew, son of Garth and Janice (Mulka) Hornland.

MYRONIUK, Onufry and Olena (nee Tanasiuk)

Onufry and Olena Myroniuk were born in the Village of Kniaze, County of Sniatyn in the Ukraine.

Onufry married Olena Tanasiuk, and raised their children on the land that was given to them by each of their respective families. Their work was difficult with just oxen, a hoe, and a plough for assistance. Grain was cut with a sickle or scythe and threshed with a flail.

The Myroniuks had five children; Mike, Barbera, Harry, Mary and Annie. Onufry worried that he and his family would not be able to survive on their small parcel of land.

In 1907, they sold their possessions and immigrated to Canada where they could purchase 160 acres for $10.

Boarding the ship, Kanopik, they arrived in Halifax three weeks later. After a train ride to Edmonton, they were united with relatives and friends from the Ukraine, who tried to persuade them to live and work in the city. Determination, and love for the land encouraged them to purchase a homestead in the Lanuke district (NW 2-55-12-W4th).

Their post office was Pozerville, District of Sobor.

When they arrived at the homestead, they were

Olena and Onufrey Myroniuk, circa 1910

disappointed that their land was rocky, unlike the land in the Ukraine. Onufry and Olena, their son Mike and daughter Barbera lived with their friends Mr. and Mrs. William Nikiforuk until they built their own home. Because there were no roads, trails were blazed by stripping off the bark with an axe.

In Canada they constructed their own beds, tables, benches, and a stove ("peech") that was made of clay. To earn money to buy food, clothes, animals, and more machinery, he and his son, Mike, went to work. Olena was left with her other four children to take care of the farm work. With her son Harry, and daughter, Barbera, they cleared a small patch for the garden. Harry and his dog would hunt prairie chickens, partridges, wild ducks, geese and rabbits, which helped to feed the family.

When Onufry and his son returned, he bought a plow, and a pair of oxen to work the land.

In 1909, their youngest daughter, Katie, was born.

Because there were no sewing machines, most of their clothes had to be made by hand. In 1910, Barbera married William Ferbey and lived on a homestead in the same section.

In 1916, Mary married Harry Wynnychuk and moved to Drumheller. Harry married Mary Marusyk from Vegreville and remained on the farm.

In 1917, Mike married Kalyna Ruryk.

In 1923, Annie married Fred Kuryluk and lived in Hill Crest.

In 1931, Katie married Joe Laschuk and they made their home in Bonnyville. Onufry lost his wife in 1925. Harry passed away in the 1930s.

Onufry lived in Vegreville and passed away in 1952.

Annie (nee Myroniuk) and Fred Kuryluk's wedding at the Myroniuk farm, 1923. Neighbours who joined in the festivities include the following families: Humans, Ferbeys, Buks, Delawskis, Miskews, Danyluks, Tomyns, Pilips, Nikiforuks and many others.

MYRONIUK, Mike and Kalyna (nee Ruryk)

Mike, the oldest son of Onufrey and Olena Myroniuk, came to Canada with his parents, three sisters, and one brother in 1907. They came from the Village of Kniaze, County of Sniatyn, Ukraine, when Mike was 18 years old. After helping his dad build a home, the two men set out to work and earn money for food, clothes, and machinery.

Later, Mike met Kalyna Ruryk, whom he married on October 14, 1917. Kalyna was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ruryk of Lake Eliza near Myrnam. She came to Canada from the Village of Vashkiwtsi at the age of 13 with her parents, her brother Alec, his wife, and three children. The Ruryks built their home as everyone else did using logs, dirt, and sod.

Mike and Kalyna Myroniuk on their wedding day, October 14, 1917

Mike lived with his parents until they had built a house of their own on SW 2-54-12-W4th. Ten children arrived into the Myroniuk family: Twins, Helen and Joseph, born in 1918, died in infancy; Nick, born in 1919, died two weeks later; Lena, born in September, 1927, died April, 1931; Humphrey, born in January, 1920; Helen, November, 1922; Steve, April, 1924; Andy, July, 1925; Fred, August, 1926; and Paul, September, 1934.

The children attended Pobeda School two and one-half miles away. They spent their summer holidays picking roots, hoeing the large garden, helping with the hay and chores around the yard. The closest town then was Vegreville and later Two Hills was established. The Myroniuks broke their land with oxen and walking plough, later switching to horses. Homemade harrows were used. Seeding was done by hand. They set their clucking hens to raise their own chicks. Hogs were butchered for the meat, and the fat was used to make soap.

Humphrey, at age 18, was conscripted to the army where he served for six years. While overseas, he met Cesca Vanderburg, whom he married on May 2, 1946, in Holland. After the war, Humphrey, his wife, and three sons: Michael, Raymond, and Darrel, moved to Boswell, B.C. where they built a home. In 1980, his wife, Cesca, passed away.

Helen left school to help at home. In 1945, she married Steve Tkachuk of Kaleland. (See S. Tkachuk history.)

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Myroniuk with their family - Humphrey, Helen, Steve, Andy, Fred, and Paul, 1941

Steve attended Pobeda and Two Hills Schools. At 17, he went to work in Edmonton until he was called to serve in the Army. While serving in the army, he married Ethel Boles of Edmonton on September 9, 1943. They had one adopted daughter, Judy, and four grandchildren. Steve worked for the city until 1960, then the family moved to New Westminister, B.C., where Steve owned a crane and trucking business. Because of ill health, Steve retired early and passed away on November 1, 1983.

Andy attended Pobeda and Two Hills Schools, completing his Grade X. Being called to the Army, he served for three years. In 1948, he married Mary Zelkovich of Edmonton. After the war he worked in a furniture store and later became a manager at Simpson Sears. He retired in 1983. Two children were born into the family, Sandy and Gerald, as well as one grandson, Michael Bodnar. The family lives in Edmonton.

Fred attended Pobeda and Two Hills Schools to Grade XI and then remained on the farm to help his dad until 1949. A year later, he married Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Harasym and operated a garage and BA service station. They have three children: Patsy, Peggy, and Rickie. In 1959, Fred was divorced and moved to Kamloops, B.C., where he is operating a roofing business.

Paul, after attending Pobeda and Two Hills Schools, moved to Edmonton with his parents. On September 15, 1956, he married Shirley Mary Cross who works in the tile and ceramic business. They have six children: Edward Wayne, Jeffrey Paul, Kenneth Samuel, Linda Alice, Sharon Elizabeth, and Tracey Lynn.

Mike and Kalyna Myroniuk retired from the farm in 1955, and lived in Edmonton, Two Hills, and Vegreville. Mike passed away on September 14, 1972, and Kalyna on June 3, 1974.

MYRONIUK, Harry and Mary (nee Marusyk)

Harry Myroniuk, the fourth child of Onufry and Olena was born in November, 1897, in the Village of Kniaze, Sniatyn, Western Ukraine. At the age of seven, along with his parents, four sisters and one brother, he immigrated to Canada in 1904, and homesteaded in the Lanuke district on NW 2-54-12-W4th.

Life for a seven-year-old youngster was very trying in a new and strange country. What education he got was received from his parents. As the homestead was being developed, Harry had the duty of looking after his younger sisters as well as doing the odd chores. As he grew older, his responsibilities grew too. In winter, trees were cut down by axe and used for firewood and building material. In the spring the land was plowed by a single-furrow walking plow. Then the arduous task of picking roots, stumps and rocks began. Wheat was sown on this new land, initially by hand and later by a horse-drawn fourteen-run shoe drill.

When Harry's older brother left to work in the coal mines, it fell on Harry to help his father break more land and take on the full responsibility of farming. Another quarter of land was purchased and this too, had to be totally broken.

Wedding of Harry and Mary Myroniuk (nee Marusyk), July, 1922

In July, 1922, Harry married Mary Marusyk, in the Vegreville Catholic Church. Mary, the third child of Kassin and Olena (nee Onyschuk) Marusyk, was born in the Village of Tulova, Sniatyn, Western Ukraine. In 1921, at the age of 17, she immigrated to Canada arriving in Vegreville where she stayed at her Uncle Peter Kostyniuk's place. Their honeymoon trip was a 25-mile ride with a team of horses to their homestead in the Lanuke area. There, with Harry's parents and two sisters, the newlyweds made their home on 15 acres of broken land.

Mary's first introduction to hard work in Canada was on a threshing crew, pitching sheaves of grain and earning $1. a day. Her entire lifetime was spent doing a man's job. She worked on the field, tended cattle, did housework and worked in a restaurant until her marriage.

In 1925, after catching a cold on a fishing trip, Harry's mother Olena, died of a stroke. This only added to Mary's burden of chores.

In 1925, and for most of 1926, Harry was confined to the Calgary Sanitorium, while Mary kept the farm operation going. Harry's health never did improve, and in November, 1935, he passed away. He was laid to rest by his mother's grave at the Lanuke Cemetery.

In 1936, Onufry, (Harry's dad) moved to Vegreville, leaving Mary and her four young children on a mortgaged and very rocky farm. Mary never gave up, and hired help when she could afford it. It was a common sight to see her working on the field — discing or harrowing, with a little three-year-old girl in her arms. Once when her team of horses ran away, Mary threw her baby to safety and was dragged on the harrows until the team was stopped. She continued farming alone until her son grew up. She then left the farm to her son Marshall and moved to Vancouver. In 1952, she moved to Edmonton, where she still resides.

On December 4, 1953, Mary married Onufry (Fred) Nikiforuk. They spent their life together in Edmonton where Mary worked at General Egg Produce until 1965. Onufry was employed as a farm labourer and worked in lumber camps in B.C. and Alberta. For many years before his retirement, he was employed by Canadian National Railway. Onufry passed away on March 22, 1982, and was laid to rest in the Lanuke Cemetery.

Harry and Mary were blessed with four children, one boy and three girls. Alice, Lubka (Love), Marshall, and Vera, all born at home with the assistance of a midwife.

Alice, being the oldest member of Harry's children, had to assume more of the chores at home than any of her younger sisters. Alice attended Pobeda School where she was a member of the orchestra and Ukrainian Dancers. She completed her education in the Two Hills High School. After this, she moved to live with her Uncle and Auntie Marusyk in Edmonton, and later moved with them to Vancouver. Here she worked for Boeing Aircraft as a riveter during the war. She then moved back to Edmonton where she met Irvin Walder, an American airman and married him on April 17, 1946. The couple made their home in Los Angeles, U.S.A. and had two children: Robert Alan, born June 13, 1952, and Joanne Alleyne on November 10, 1957.

Alice (nee Myroniuk) and Irvin Walder, 1982

Love, the second daughter of Harry and Mary Myroniuk was born on July 25, 1925, on her parents' farm. She attended Pobeda School. In 1946, she married Alex Tomyn, the youngest son of Harry and Anne Tomyn. (See Alex Tomyn history.)

Marshall - (See Separate History)

Vera, the youngest of the four children, was born on December 27, 1932. She attended Pobeda School and Two Hills High School. On October 21, 1950, she married George Pawliuk Jr. (See Separate History).

MYRONIUK, Marshall and Family

Marshall, the third child and only son of Harry and Mary Myroniuk, was born on June 17, 1928.

He attended the old Pobeda and later the new Pobeda School. One of the highlights of his first year in school was his first car ride to the hospital after his face had an encounter with a baseball bat. To this date, a tiny scar on his right cheek serves as a reminder of that car ride and his first visit to a hospital.

Marshall was only six years old when his dad passed away. From this time on, he, along with his mother, had to learn to take on the responsibility of farming.

Life was never easy in those days. School days began at 5:00 a.m. out in the fields catching horses for workmen, cleaning barns, and "borrowing" tobacco from workmen so he could smoke on the way to school. However, his sister Anne's tattling resulted in several spankings. After school there was livestock to feed, cows to bring home for milking, barns to clean, and on several occasions taking plowshares for sharpening to the blacksmith shop seven miles away.

As he got older, work on the farm became more challenging and in 1943, 13-year-old Marshall had no choice but to quit school so that he could maintain help on the farm. Daily life from then on consisted of working the land with horses, picking rocks, harvesting, cutting trees, sawing, and splitting wood and looking after livestock.

However, the toil of previous years began to pay off. At the age of 16, after earning some money during harvest and selling some wheat, Marshall was able to purchase his first car, a green DeSoto Coupe. His younger sister always remembers having to press his suit and shine his shoes for the privilege of a ride in his car. Marshall's first tractor was purchased in 1949, for approximately $1,200.

Marshall married Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Con Kassian, in 1951. They had three children: Harry

Conrad, Jerry Marshall, and Sharon Maureen, all born at the Two Hills General Hospital.

Harry, after graduating from Salisbury Composite High School in Sherwood Park, was employed with the County of Strathcona as a delivery driver and later as shipper-receiver. Presently he is head shipper-receiver. On December 10, 1983, Harry married Sharon Louise, daughter of Pearl (nee Hanson) and Louis Rivard.

Jerry, after graduating from Salisbury Composite High School in Sherwood Park, is employed with the landscaping business, "Double K & M".

Sharon, graduating from the Salisbury Composite High School, was employed as a payroll clerk for Arthur A. Voice Construction Co. in Edmonton. Presently Sharon is employed as a payroll clerk for the County of Strathcona in Sherwood Park.

Because of economic reasons, Marshall started working as a custodian at the Two Hills Elementary and the Two Hills High School in 1960. A year later, he sold his livestock, and moved into the town, where he continued to work as custodian. He farmed as a sideline until 1968, when he sold his land to the Hutterite Colony. While in Two Hills, Marshall was a B.P.O. Elks member.

In 1969, Marshall and Alice were separated. With his three children, Marshall moved to Sherwood Park, where he was employed by the County of Strathcona as a custodian, first working at Pine Street School. Later he also worked at Leduc-Strathcona Health Unit, Cambletown School, and served as resident manager of the Sherwood Manor Apartments. Eventually, he transferred to the newly-built Westboro School where he is presently employed along with his assignment with the Leduc-Strathcona Health Unit.

On September 9, 1972, Marshall married Mary, daughter of Annie (nee Eglinski) and Anton Reznik of Two Hills.

Mary graduated from Two Hills High School in 1965, then attended the University of Alberta where she obtained her Bachelor of Education Degree. In 1967, she started her teaching career at the Two Hills Elementary School. From 1969, she taught for the Edmonton Public School Board for four years, then for the County of Strathcona where she is now employed.

Marshall and Mary are ardent supporters of the Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association. In 1979, they received a Certificate of Merit for their endeavours in promoting the Association's objective. In 1984, Marshall also received a testimonial for 15 years of outstanding service in the County of Strathcona. Mary and Marshall have three children: Terry Alan, born June 25, 1973; Sheldon Anthony, born July 16, 1977; and Crystal Marsha, born August 16, 1980. All their children were born at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton.

The Myroniuk family spend most of their free time camping and fishing.

Marshall Myroniuk family, 1984. Back row, (L to R) - Jerry, Mary, Marshall, Sharon and Harry Myroniuk; front row - Crystal, Sheldon and Terry Myroniuk.

MYSKIW, Stefan (Steve) and Katyryna (nee Sackiw)

Stefan Myskiw, the fourth of five children, was born in 1886, in the Village of Bilavci, County of Brody, Ukraine. In 1907, the entire Myskiw family immigrated to Canada, where Stefan first worked at his trade as a tailor. Two years later he took a homestead near the Vermilion River, (NE 36-53-11-W4th) some 18 miles north of Innisfree. In the early days he thought nothing of walking to Edmonton to find work, and to bring back supplies such as sugar and coffee.

Katyryna Sackiw was born in Bilavci, Ukraine, in 1892, and was left an orphan at five years of age. She lived with her oldest brother, Philip, until early 1911, when at the age of 18, she immigrated to Canada to join another brother, Fred. She and Stefan Myskiw were married the following year.

They worked hard to make a living from the virgin soil. Stefan found it necessary to do some tailoring and to work away from home in order to supplement the farm income. Their first born, Nicholas (Nick) arrived in 1913. He was followed by Emil in 1916, and then William in 1917.

The Myskiws were also blessed with a daughter, Florence, in 1920; another daughter Mary, who died in infancy in 1922; and the youngest son, Nestor, in 1924. Following World War I, the family survived the flu epidemic.

Steve Myskiw's family, 1928. (L to R) - Bill, Steve (father), Nestor, Katyryna (mother), Florence, and Emil. (Oldest son Nick was away in an Edmonton High School when the photo was taken).

The children attended Stony Rapid School, which at first operated only during the summer months. (See Myskiw, Nicholas (Nick) and Katieva (Kay).)

In 1942, Emil gave up farming to seek his fortune in Edmonton. He married Mary Demkiw, a childhood neighbor, in 1944. After several years at various fields of employment, Emil became co-owner of Nu-Way Cleaners, where he and Mary both worked until their retirement in 1980.

William (Bill) married Jean Demkiw in 1943, and began farming just northeast of the homestead. In 1957, they took over the hotel business in Beauvallon, for some five years, and then moved to Edmonton. Bill worked in the maintenance department of the Royal Alex Hospital until his retirement. They have three children: Wayne, Bonnie (Mrs. Lem Taranko), and Roxanne (Mrs. Terry Romanchuk).

The only daughter, Florence, married John Golinowski in 1947. See Golinowski (John and Mary).

Nestor, who married Nancy Zeniuk in 1947, remained on the homestead to continue farming. They have two children, Daniel and Denise (Mrs. Dennis Whitney). Although suffering from multiple sclerosis since 1954, Nancy continues to show a positive attitude, as she engages in various handicrafts.

In 1940, after some 30 years of farming and pioneering, Stefan and Katyryna moved from the farm to the hamlet of Morecambe. They were always good neighbors and devout members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

In 1950, they retired to Vegreville, where the church played an important role in their lives. Stefan passed away in 1956, and soon after his passing, Katyryna moved back to Morecambe. Some six years later she could no longer maintain her own home, and for the last 18 years of her life she lived with her children. In March, 1981, Katyryna passed away in the Westlock Hospital at the age of 88. Just two years later her son, Emil, passed away. The homestead place is still being farmed by the youngest son, Nestor.

MYSKIW, Nicholas (Nick) and Katieva (Kay) (nee Odynski)

Nick Myskiw was born on a farm near Naughton Glen, Alberta, in 1913. He first attended Stony Rapid School when it was open for only four months of the year during the summer. Later, when full-time teachers were employed, Nick obtained his Grade VIII diploma in 1927. His high school education was obtained at Eastwood High School, where he was awarded the general proficiency medal in Grade IX.

Upon completing high school, he attended the Edmonton Normal School, after obtaining a modest loan from the provincial government. In 1932, Nick graduated with a First Class Teaching Certificate.

Nick Myskiw's first teaching position was in a two-room school in Morecambe, where he taught Grades VI to XI for three years. Following this assignment he moved to Two Hills to teach Grades VI to IX for another three years. Deciding to continue his formal education, he enrolled in the University of Alberta in 1938. After attending two winter sessions and some summer sessions, he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in the arts, in 1942. In 1950, he was awarded a Bachelor of Education degree.

Katieva Odynski was born on a farm near Musidora, Alberta, in 1918. She moved with her family first to the Beauvallon area and then to Innisfree, where her parents operated a general store. In 1928, the Odynskis moved to Two Hills to continue in business. Kay completed her high school in 1936, and then attended the Edmonton Normal School to graduate with a First Class Teaching Certificate the following year.

To launch her teaching career, she taught in the Morecambe School for one year. She then returned to Two Hills where she continued teaching with music as her specialty. She was married to Nick Myskiw when he returned to Two Hills as principal in 1940.

Meanwhile, World War II had erupted, and Nick joined the R.C.A.F. After three years' service, he took his discharge in 1945, to return to Two Hills as principal of the high school. The Myskiws were blessed with a son, William, in 1945, and a daughter, Karen, in 1949.

In 1953, Nick was appointed Superintendent of Schools in the Lac La Biche area. Here Nick's work took him to points as far north as Fort Chipewyan, and the entire family spent a very interesting three years. In 1956, the family returned to Two Hills where Nick served as Superintendent of Schools, for the next 15 years.

Both Nick and Kay were always active members of the community. They participated in the various service clubs: Elks, Royal Purple, Lions, Women's Club and Legion. They were also active members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, where Kay directed the church mixed choir.

Meanwhile, Bill and Karen, after completing their high school education in Two Hills, proceeded to obtain degrees in Arts and Education from the University of Alberta. Bill started his teaching career in St. Joseph High School, Edmonton, where his interests gradually transferred from English to religious education. For three years he served as director of a province-wide consortium on religious studies. Bill is married to Joy Maxwell, and they have four sons: Ryan, Kevin, Sean, and Jarin.

Kay (Katieva) and Nick Myskiw with their two children Karen and William, 1960

Karen also teaches in Edmonton, specializing in French, at the Greenfield Elementary School. She is married to Ron Nekolaichuk, who is working with Canada Post. They have one son, Colin.

In 1971, Nick and Kay moved to Edmonton where Nick worked as mathematics consultant with Alberta Education, until his retirement in 1974. Presently, besides golfing and curling, Nick and Kay are active in various community activities, including the parish of St. Basil's where they are active members of the mixed choir.

NAJDZIAK, Wawzek and Katherine (nee Kowalski)

Wawzek Najdziak was born in 1868, in the Village of Lacka Wolia, District of Mosciska in the Province of Przemysl, Poland. Lacka Wolia is near the city of Przemysl. At an early age, Wawzek married Katherine Kowalski and their first child Annie, was born in 1898.

The Najdziaks immigrated to Canada in 1900, landing in Montreal where they spent several days getting supplies in preparation for their train trip to Alberta.

Arriving in Edmonton, Wawzek and his family picked up additional supplies and set out for the Warwick area. They made an overnight stop at a farm midway between Edmonton and Mundare. This farm was settled by a German family who came to the area several years earlier. Wawzek, being fluent in the German language, was able to converse with this family. The farmer explained to Wawzek, what some of the needs and expectations of homesteading in Alberta in the beginning years would be like. The following day Wawzek bought a wagon and a team of horses from the German farmer and transported his blacksmith and carpenter tools for the rest of the trip to the Warwick area where a homestead was purchased, NW 32-53-14-W4th.

Wawzek and Katherine with children Annie, Adam and Michael, 1911

More family arrived in 1901, when Adam was born. Michael was born in 1906. In 1910, another quarter, NW 33-53-13-W4th, was purchased and in 1914, two more quarters were added.

In 1917, Annie married Carl Skrenkewich who farmed in the Clandonald area.

Katherine Najdziak passed away in the spring of 1918, at the age of 45 years, a victim of the flu epidemic. Wawzek became ill, but managed to live until 1921, when he passed away.

Adam, who was born in 1901, and Michael in 1906, were left to establish lives of their own. Adam married Klaudia Bykewicz in 1922, and remained on the home place where he continued to farm.

Michael and Jennet, 1929

In 1927, Michael moved to another quarter where he built a small home and barn. He married Jennet Zoemek of Rusylvia in 1929, and raised two children: Victoria, born in 1930; and Edward, born in 1932.

In 1936, Adam was striken with paralysis. He was forced to sell the farm and move to Two Hills, where he and his wife lived until his passing in 1954.

Victoria married Fred Dreworth in 1952, and the couple took up residence in Edmonton, where they continue to live today.

Edward was married in 1962, and raised two children: Lisa, born in 1964; and Margo in 1966.

Michael was an active participant in community affairs, serving as a municipal road grader operator, local school trustee, and a member of the local church building committee.

Michael and Jennet with their children Victoria and Edward, 1944

In 1965, Michael's wife, Jennet, became ill and passed away in January, 1966. Michael continued to farm, with week-end help from his son Edward, until 1970, when he decided to rent his land and move to Vegreville.

In 1971, Michael married Lena Sawchuk, and lives in Vegreville.

NAKONESHNY, Dmytro and Mary (nee Kshyk)

by Rosie Sydora and Sophie Bohaychuk

On December 8, 1874, Dmytro, the eldest of eight children, was born in Peremyshl, Poland, to Fred and Annie Nakoneshny.

Mary, the eldest daughter of Andrew and Annie Kshyk was born in Poland on February 29, 1883. She had five brothers and three sisters.

Mary and Dmytro were married in Peremyshl, on June 12, 1904, in the local Catholic Polish Church (Kostchol). Both being of poor heritage, they decided to search for their fortunes in a new land, and ultimately set out for Canada in July, 1904. Amidst tears and best wishes from the remaining family, the newlyweds and the bride's parents, with their meagre possessions, travelled to Warsaw.

Boarding the ship Cunard, they arrived in Halifax in August, 1904. The tired party resumed their journey to Alberta, arriving in Strathcona after a grueling train trip. Weary, but excited by the prospects of a new home, they searched for land to homestead. They found their land in the Musidora district which was being settled by Ukrainian and Polish immigrants. The two families pooled their financial resources and bought two adjoining homesteads.

Dmytro and Mary's homestead was located on NE 18-54-11-W4th, near Musidora. As the land was overgrown with young trees, the prime consideration was to clear a bit of land and build a shelter before winter. A small but comfortable log cabin was built, but as the couple's finances were depleted, Dmytro walked to Strathcona to seek employment.

He found work as a ditch-digger, not a delightful job, but one that would provide the required funds to buy farm implements and livestock. In the spring, Dmytro returned to help his young wife clear a garden patch, and to welcome a new son, born in May, 1905. They christened their son Nick, after Dmytro's grandfather. This pattern of life, with Dmytro working away from home every winter and Mary raising children and farming, continued for approximately 15 years. Although the family endured many hardships, love and happiness still prevailed amongst the children.

Nakoneshny family, 1915. (L to R) - Rose, Nick, Joe, Mother Mary holding Sophie, Lena, Father Dmytro, John, and Ann (Mrs. Nakoneshny's sister).

In 1926, Rosie married and moved to her own place, as did her brothers and sisters. Later Dmytro and Mary acquired an extra two quarters of land.

In 1945, they sold the old homestead and purchased land near Ranfurly. However, both were getting old and the years of hardships were beginning to take their toll.

A year later, the Ranfurly farm was taken over by their sons, Nick and Fred. Dmytro and Mary then retired in Innisfree, where they lived the remaining 15 years.

After raising 12 children, the Nakoneshnys still found time to enjoy their grandchildren. Grandpa loved to tell stories, while Grandma made sure that everyone was fed.

Dmytro and Mary Nakoneshny's children - April, 1973. (L to R) - Fred Nakoneshny, Mary Pasieka, Emily Gordey, Ann Harasym, Andy Nakoneshny, Alex Kshyk, Sophie Bohaychuk, Rosie Sydora and Lena Demkiw.

Dmytro passed away on December 13, 1960, and Mary on June 13, 1962. Both are buried at Ranfurly Cemetery. Their twelve children were: Nick, Joe (deceased), John, Fred, Andy, Rosie, Lena, Sophie, Annie, Mary, Olga (deceased), and Emily.

NIKIFORUK, Dmytro and Helen (nee Lakusta)

Dmytro Nikiforuk was born in 1857, in Zawale, District of Snaityn, Western Ukraine. As a young boy he served in the army, and lost an eye as a result of an equine infection. Helen Lakusta, who was married to Dmytro in 1885, was also born in Zawale in 1863. While in the Ukraine, they had four children: John (born in 1886), Anna (1887), Steve (1891), and Ustena "Justine" (1898).

As the children were growing up, they decided they did not have enough land to make a reasonable living. As others were doing, Dmytro and Helen gathered their belongings and with their three children, boarded a ship in 1902, and headed for Canada. John remained in Europe. From Halifax they boarded a train to Strathcona (South Edmonton) where they were met by Dmytro's cousin Wasyl, who had already settled in the Zavale district (Andrew). After living with their cousins for one year, Dmytro and Helen purchased a homestead, NW 34-54-12-W4th, in Pozerville, later called Two Hills. Three more children were born in Canada: Rose (1903), Peter (1904), and William Dmytro (1906).

Dmetro and Helen Nikiforuk with their daughter Rose standing in front of their newly built home, 1920

Later, their son John arrived from the Ukraine and started a blacksmith shop in Edmonton. He married Kathyrene Dudar and they had six children: Bill, Sophie, Olga, Josie, Allen, and Alec who died at an early age.

Anna married Mike Soldan in 1907, and they started farming about one mile south of Two Hills. They raised eight children: John, Steve, Mary, Helen, Tom, Nick, Kathy, and Harry.

Steve married Martha Soldan in 1912, and they began farming the SW 34-54-12-W4th. Steve left the farm to learn blacksmithing from his brother John. Eventually he opened a shop in Vegreville. They raised three children: Phyllis, Russell, and Tommie.

Ustena (Justine) married John Koroluk and had one child. However, both John and the baby died in the flu epidemic. Justine then married John Chmilar, lived on a farm near Vegreville, and they had four children: Michael, Justine, Helen, and another baby who died at an early age.

Rose married John Kolisniak and had one child, Josephine.

Peter left home at 16, worked at various places and eventually opened up Edmonton Iron and Wire Works. With his second wife, Thelma Reinholt, they had five sons: Peter, Paul, William, Robert, and David.

William married Nellie Serna and had three children: Victor, Dennis, and Elaine.

Helen was a diabetic, and as insulin had not yet been discovererd, she passed away on February 7, 1930, at the age of 67. William and his ailing father struggled on their own for three years, until he married Nellie Serna in 1933. Dmytro lived with William and Nellie for six years until he passed away of a stroke on June 18, 1939, at the age of 84.

NIKIFORUK, John and Maria (nee Pisar)

John Nikiforuk was born on June 3, 1873, in the Village of Sniatyn, District of Zawale, Ukraine. Maria was born on January 25, 1879, in the same village. The Nikiforuks were married in 1899.

John immigrated to Canada sometime after his brother Dmetro, who arrived in 1912. During his first years in Canada, John operated a blacksmith shop located at his brother Dmetro's place two miles east of Two Hills. He was known for his wonderful workmanship as a blacksmith, making coaches, buggies, carriages and democrats complete with upholstery.

John and Mary Nikiforuk, circa 1925

Maria and their daughter Katherine (Katrusko) (born 1900) immigrated to Canada in 1918, and joined John on their own farm located four miles north of Two Hills. Here, John farmed and continued with his blacksmith work until he passed away in 1936. Maria passed away in 1952.

NIKIFORUK, Nikolai and Maria (nee Kybicz)

by daughters Barbara Ferbey and Lena Wasyleski

Our parents, Nikolai Nikiforuk, born November 28, 1868, and Maria Kybicz, born March 6, 1872, were married in 1890, in their native Village of Kniaze, Sniatyn, then under Austrian rule.

Life in their country was difficult. There was very little land that was not owned by a lord or squire. As a result, most of the villagers worked for these landlords for very little pay, which didn't make for a good life for young married couples.

Looking ahead for a better future, in the spring of 1903, our parents together with their young children, Annie age eight, Dmetro four, and Katie (who was a baby), left their native land and embarked on their voyage to Canada. They sailed from Hamburg, Germany. Two weeks later they landed in Montreal. Mother was very ill on the boat and everyone was kind and looked after the baby. From Montreal, they travelled by train to Edmonton, then by team and wagon to Beaver Lake where they spent some time with the Sorochan family, who were distant relatives.

Nikolai and Maria Nikiforuk, 1926

Our dad sought a homestead that had been promised by the C.P.R. agents who had encouraged them to immigrate to Canada. Knowing some families who had arrived earlier from Europe and had already filed for their land, it was natural that dad would choose to search the Lanuke district, southeast of Two Hills. Here he bought his homestead, SE 28-54-12-W4th, and settled there. A log house served as a shelter for mother and her young family while dad looked for other work. Our parents worked hard and endured many hardships. The land wasn't the best, for it contained many stones. Neighbors, however, were all helpful and wonderful.

Over the years, children in our family increased to nine, when the youngest daughter, Odarka, was born on May 23, 1917.

In the spring of 1909, the Pobeda School was opened and Dmetro, Katie, Steve, Jessie, and Barbara enrolled there. Dmetro also attended school in Vegreville for four years, staying at the Boys' Home which was under the sponsorship of the Presbyterian Church.

About this time, our parents decided it was time to buy better land and to move closer to Vegreville, where the railroad had arrived. It would take two days to haul grain or hogs to the market at Vegreville at this time. In the summer of 1917, dad bought another quarter section, NE 33-54-15-W4th, and we moved to Royal Park. Here another house and other buildings were built.

The children started attending Ryan School which was two and a half miles southwest of our farm.

In 1934, Dmetro took over the family farm and brother Bill bought a half section of land south of Vegreville in the Imperial district. Dad and mother moved with him.

In May, 1938, mother suffered a heart attack and passed away at 66 years of age. Bill and dad carried on alone until November, 1939, when Bill married a local teacher. Later dad moved to Vegreville where he enjoyed good health until 1955, when he passed away at 86 years of age.

Nikolai and Maria Nikiforuk (standing to the left) and family, with cousin Wasyl Nikiforuk and his family, circa 1917

Members of the family are as follows:

Annie married Maxim Dowhaniuk in 1910. She is a widow now and is in the Vegreville Auxiliary Hospital.

Dmetro married Mary Dowhaniuk in 1920. He passed away in 1978.

Katie married Nick Kybicz in 1919. She has been widowed since 1973, and is presently living in St. James Lodge at Victoria, B.C.

Steve married Mildred Pearce in 1928. Steve was a mechanic who worked in different garages, the last being the Thomas Garage in Vegreville. His untimely death came in 1958.

Jessie graduated from the Vermilion School of Agriculture and also as a nurse from the Lamont Hospital in 1932. In 1942, she married Donald Hosmar, and they are living in Victoria, B.C.

Barbara started a nursing career at the Vegreville St. Joseph's Hospital, but due to ill health had to give it up. After she raised her family of three, she trained and graduated as a certified Nursing Aide. She married William T. Ferbey in 1929. She has been a widow since 1971, and lives in a senior citizen's high rise apartment in Edmonton.

Bill graduated from the Vermilion School of Agriculture. He married Alexandria Odynski in 1939. They are living in Vancouver, B.C.

Lena attended the Vegreville High School, then married Fred Wasyleski in 1935. They farmed in the

Imperial district until 1975, then moved to live in Vegreville.

Odarka (Bertha), the baby of our family, passed away in 1957, following a lengthy illness.

NIKIFORUK, Wasyl and Warwara

Wasyl Nikiforuk, his wife Warwara, and their three children: Nick, born November, 1895; Katherine, born February, 1899; and Mary, born June, 1901, set foot on Canadian soil in Eastern Canada. When their train departed for Strathcona, there was excitement when it was discovered that Nick was left behind. However, the train backed up to the station and Nick joined the family.

From Strathcona, Wasyl and his cousin Nickolai Nikiforuk walked to Calgary to find jobs. His wife Warwara, their three children, and Wasyl Nikiforuk's brother-in-law Dymytro Delawski, his wife Paraska, and their children, sailed down the river to Duvernay, by barge.

From Duvernay, they walked to the Vermilion River. At this time John Odynski transported them by raft, to his cousin, Nickolai Nikiforuk's farm, SE 28-54-12-W4th. The family stayed there until fall, when both Wasyl and Nickolai returned from work.

Wasyl then bought a homestead, SE 14-54-12-W4th. While he was building his two-room house, they stayed with the George Hawreluik family. The house had no windows or doors. Woven willow mats were used for doors and windows. "Verenias", blankets made of homespun wool, covered the windows when it was cold. Later on, in exchange for labor, Peter Buk, a carpenter, installed doors and windows.

Three generations, 1925. Standing, (L to R) - Nick Chrapko, Nick W. Nikiforuk; seated - (L to R) - Ann Chrapko, Warwara, Wasyl, and Kate Nikiforuk with three grandchildren.

Every summer, Wasyl Nikiforuk, like other settlers, left to work while his wife stayed behind to plaster the house and dutch oven (peech). In return for helping her neighbors with odd jobs, she received wheat, milk, and vegetables. Everyone shared with their neighbors during the early years.

Nick Nikiforuk learned music theory and played the mandolin. When he returned to Lanuke with his common-law wife in 1924, he organized a mandolin-guitar orchestra.

At age 18, Nick's son Bill joined the navy. He later married, and had two sons and one daughter. However, his wife was disabled with polio, and their daughter died of polio.

Nick married Mary Ferbey in 1931. Mary came from Kniaze, as a girl. They had one son, Johnny. Nick farmed his father's land and in 1946, he moved to Vernon, B.C.

Katherine married Mike Diduch (who passed away in January, 1970). They lived at Hilliard, and had seven girls, one of whom died, and a boy. On the occasion of Katherine and Mike's wedding, a baby girl was born to Wasyl and Warwara. Wasyl said, "One Katie is leaving, and another came."

Mary married Bill Froliak, a miner from Hillcrest. They had two boys.

Annie married Nick Chrapko and operated a country store for a few years. In 1928, they moved to B.C. They had two boys and two girls.

Katherine II married Peter Maxwell. They had a boy and a girl. She is now widowed, and lives in Toronto, Ontario.

NIKIFORUK, William D. and Nellie (nee Serna)

by Dennis Nikiforuk

William Dmetro and Nellie (nee Serna) Nikiforuk were the youngest Canadian born members of their respective families who immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine. William was the youngest of seven children of Dmytro and Helen (nee Lakusta) Nikiforuk who came to Canada in 1902, from Zawale in the Sniatyn district of Western Ukraine. Nellie is the youngest of eight children of George and Helen (nee Dron) Serna who immigrated to Canada in 1913, from Berhomet in the province of Bukovina, Ukraine.

William was born September 22, 1906, in the Two Hills district and lived on the Nikiforuk homestead, NW 34-54-12-W4th, located about one and one half miles east of the town of Two Hills. He attended Nizir School until he finished Grade VI and then left to help with the family farm.

Nellie was born October 25, 1916, in the Bellis district and started school at Irondale. She moved to Two Hills with her parents in 1924, to a farm, Sec. 9-55-12-W4th, located about one mile north of the town of Two Hills. Her schooling consisted of Grade VIII with the last three years being in the four-room school in town.

William and Nellie were married on April 30, 1933, in the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church at Szypenitz. Following the wedding they settled on the Nikiforuk homestead where they farmed and endured the hardships of the 1930s They raised three children: Victor born January 28, 1934, Dennis Allen born April 24, 1940, and Elaine Katheleen born November 16, 1946. They resided on the homestead quarter and then acquired three other quarters of land. In 1949, they purchased three quarters of land, SW 33-54-12-W4th, SE 32-54-12-W4th, and SW 32-54-12-W4th, just east of the town of Two Hills from

Dick and Elizabeth (nee Ferguson) Fife, well known early settlers of the area. Being close to town they were able to equip their remodeled home with conveniences including electricity, water, indoor plumbing, and telephone. From this new location they ran a mixed farming operation on seven quarters of land, raising beef cattle, hogs, poultry, and growing grain. In 1960, they moved to a new house built on property adjacent to the town of Two Hills and in 1971, William decided to retire. During his retirement, when he wasn't out on the farm helping his son Victor with farming, he travelled with Nellie to Hawaii, the Ukraine and Cuba. William passed away on July 2, 1979, at the age of 72 years.

William and Nellie celebrating their 25th anniversary with children Victor, Dennis and Elaine - June, 1958

Victor attended school in Two Hills and decided to pursue farming as his career. He married Anne (nee Gretzan) of Plain Lake in 1959, and they settled on the farm in a home adjacent to the town of Two Hills where they raised four children: Alton Vern, Karl Douglas, Calvin Lyle, and Wesley Ivan. They have worked the seven quarters of land since that time and are currently running a mixed farming operation which occupies them on a year-round basis.

Dennis attended school in Two Hills, and graduated in 1958. He attended the University of Alberta where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in 1962. Dennis married Elizabeth (nee Dukeshire) of London, Ontario, in 1964, and they have lived in Calgary since 1966. Dennis and Liz have three children: Bradley Jay, Stephen Curtis, and Wendy Marie. Dennis is currently a partner in the firm of Coles, Nikiforuk, Pennell Associates Ltd., a Petroleum Engineering consulting Company in Calgary.

Elaine completed her high school education in 1965. Following training at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, she moved to Eastern Canada. After working for several years she decided to attend York University in Toronto, where she graduated in 1978, with a Liberal Science degree. She is currently managing World Mosaic, an interior decorating and ceramic showroom in Ottawa, Ontario.

Nellie continues to occupy her time in Two Hills as a member of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church Ladies group, and a very active catering group whose fine Ukrainian food, many area residents enjoy at community functions.

NIKIFORUK, Victor and Anne (nee Gretzan)

Anne, the daughter of Mike and Mary Gretzan of Plain Lake, and Victor Nikiforuk were married on June 6, 1959. She attended a country school at Plain Lake, then with the centralization of schools, continued her education at Two Hills. Victor, the son of William and Nellie Nikiforuk of Two Hills, lived two miles east of Two Hills and attended the Two Hills School.

In 1949, Victor's family purchased a farm on the outskirts of the town where they built a new home. After their marriage, Victor and Anne lived with Victor's parents for one year in the old home on the homestead.

In 1960, Victor became the manager of the Two Hills Co-op Petroleum Service and Bulk Station. He also sold insurance for Co-operative Fire and Casualty Company. Victor worked at the Bulk Station and also farmed until June, 1961, when he gave up the job and went full time farming, still keeping the insurance agency.

On July 6, 1960, their first son Alton Vern was born. On July 15, 1962, a second son, Karl Douglas was born. Victor and Anne, along with Alton and Karl, continued to live in the old house that was originally built by R. C. Fife in the early 1900s. In 1967, they built a new house as a centennial project.

On June 28, 1970, son Calvin Lyle was born, and on June 19, 1974, a fourth son, Wesley Ivan, arrived. In 1978, Alton graduated from Two Hills High School, and attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary, taking a two-year course in Business Administration. Upon completion, he was employed by the Energy Resources Conservation Board in Calgary. Working in the office until September, 1983, he was promoted to field inspector at Whitecourt, Alberta, where he is presently employed.

Karl graduated from Two Hills High School in 1980, and attended Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton, taking a two-year course in Earth Resources. Presently, he is working in Edmonton at Canadian Tire Distribution Centre.

Calvin and Wesley are still attending school in Two Hills.

Victor and Anne Nikiforuk with their four sons - June, 1984

On June 6, 1984, Victor and Anne celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the Two Hills Centennial Hall.

In 1984, after 25 years of happily married life, Victor and Anne are still farming.

NOHNYCHUK, John and Lillian (nee Severan)

by Alex Nohnychuk

John Nohnychuk was born in 1871, in the District of Chernivci, Ukraine. Coming to Canada in 1901, he worked in Montreal, then in a Canmore coal mine.

Soon he was enticed to try farming as his relatives farmed in the Two Hills and Brosseau districts.

In 1917, he married Lillian Severan, a widow with four children: Domka, Nancy, Metro, and Annie. They farmed on Lillian's quarter section, which today is owned by her grandson, Walter Severan.

Because the drought of 1918 and 1919 created a shortage of feed, it was necessary to dig up old straw piles and tear down thatched roofs to feed their hungry herds of livestock. The scarcity of feed in the district necessitated long distance hauling from Andrew. Unfortunately, many cattle died because the feed was of poor quality.

John and Lillian Nohnychuk, circa 1938

The flu epidemic of 1919 resulted in many deaths but John was fortunate because he was not sick for too long.

Together with the help of other healthy men, he dug graves for burial in the Brinsley and Ispas districts.

In 1924, John bought and moved on the SE 32-57-12-W4th. This parcel of land was rocky and covered with bush. It required extra effort to clear and break, therefore, very few acres were cultivated during the years.

John and Lillian, after reaching pensionable age, retired to Two Hills in 1945. John passed away in December, 1953, and Lillian in June, 1964.

NOHNYCHUK, Alex and Annie (nee Lapaschuk)

by Alex Nohnychuk

Alex Nohnychuk, who was born in the Ispas area in 1919, attended Brinsley School, where he completed his junior high school. He would have attended Two Hills High School but his dad could not afford to pay for his lodging. As a result, Alex remained at home and helped his father farm. They broke more land, and soon bought another quarter section.

Alex married Annie Lapaschuk in 1941. Their first child, a daughter, passed away in infancy two years later. In 1944, Ernie was born.

In 1945, Alex's parents decided to retire to Two Hills. After farming for another year, Alex and his wife decided to look elsewhere for better land. In 1946, they moved to the Marwayne district where they continued to farm and raise the rest of the family.

Alex, Annie and Ernie Nohnychuk, circa 1975

There they participated in the Farm and Home Improvement Program, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, and the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce. In connection with this, they were award winners for three years in succession (1956, 1957, and 1958).

ODYNSKI, Peter and Pearl (nee Humen)

Peter, the son of Ivan and Irene (Lakusta) Odynski, was born in 1892, in the Village of Zawale, County of Sniatyn, Ukraine. The family immigrated to Canada in 1903, and after living for a year with the Wasyl Nikiforuks south of Andrew (then called Beaver Creek) they settled on their own homestead in the Two Hills area. Because there was no school in the area, (Pobeda was built in 1908), Peter attended school in Vegreville for a short time. He had three years of schooling in the old country.

As a young man, Peter helped on the farm and took an active part in directing plays and other Ukrainian cultural activities in the district. He was a founding member and the first president of the Lanuke Literary Society to which his future wife, Paraska Humen, also belonged.

Pearl (Paraska) was born to Dmytro and Kalyna (nee Danyliuk) Humen in 1899, in the Village of Kniaze, County of Sniatyn, Ukraine. In 1907, she came to Canada with her family. They spent two years with the Tomashevskys in Royal Park, and then took a homestead in the Lanuke district near Two Hills. Pearl attended Pobeda School for only a year, because she was needed at home.

In 1915, she married Peter Odynski, and shortly after that they moved to their own farm, SW 13-54-11-W4,

Peter and Pearl Odynski, circa 1940

near Musidora, where their four children, Mary, Katieva (Kay), Sophie and Bill were born.

Besides farming, Peter operated for a short time a small store near Beauvallon. Preferring business to farming the Odynskis bought a general store in Innisfree and had it until they moved to Two Hills in 1928. Peter, who was one of the first merchants in Two Hills, named his store the Two Hills Trading Co., and with the help of his wife and family, he operated it for 16 years. After selling his business in 1944, to the Two Hills Co-op, he worked for several more years buying livestock, first with Peter Hrynyk and later with Bill Tymko. He passed away in 1954.

During his lifetime Peter was active in promoting business in the Two Hills community. He served on the town council for many years, and was mayor for one term. Peter and Pearl Odynski were members of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church.

Pearl was president of the Ukrainian Women's Association for several years, and was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion and the Order of the Royal Purple. Although Pearl and her family are no longer in Two Hills, they still come back frequently for community and social functions.

Daughter Mary worked in the family store until 1937, when she married Nick Philipchuk. They farmed near Andrew for several years before moving to the coast seeking better opportunities. Here, they worked in Youbou, Vancouver Is., and then in the city of Vancouver, where they are now retired.

Kay married Nick Myskiw in 1940. They lived in Two Hills for many years, taking an active part in community clubs and projects. Kay and Nick taught school in Two Hills where Nick was also principal. Later he became Superintendent of Schools in the Two Hills School Division. The Myskiws moved to Edmonton in 1971.

Peter Odynski and family, circa 1933

Sophie Odynski (Arychuk) taught in Two Hills, and other schools in the School Division. She and her husband Alex, were also in business for several years in Nanaimo and Vancouver, B.C. Coming back to Edmonton, Sophie taught until her retirement in 1983. Bill lived in Two Hills until he joined the R.C.A.F. during the war. He played hockey for the Two Hills Eagles. He also played for Vegreville when they won the Alberta Junior B. Championship. Bill and his wife, Eileen (nee Ince), live in Bonnyville, where Bill was associated with the Central Hotel. Presently, he maintains a Business Aids and Accounting office.

Pearl Odynski remarried, but has also lost her second husband, William Kalancha. Presently living in Edmonton with her daughter Sophie, she has ten grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

OLAH, Julius and Ruby

Julius and Ruby Olah and their two children moved from Rolling Hills to the old Metro Rosychuk farm six miles from Two Hills. There they operated a 500 to 600 head cow-calf feed lot for two or three years. Their daughter Fran, and son-in-law, Gary Guenthner, helped for about a year during which time Tina was born. Fran and Gary then moved to Grand Centre, leaving the Olahs to farm about 1800 acres and to look after the cattle.

At this same time, the Olahs decided to venture into a new business cleaning seed with their friends and neighbors, Ernie and Arly Anderson. Thus the Hilltop Seed Plant was built in Anderson's barn. Later the name was changed to the Double T Seed Cleaning Plant.

In 1977, the Olahs decided to disperse their large herd, keeping only a few exotic Marshiana cattle. The rare Marshiana breed originated in Italy. The cattle which grow like antelope can also leap fences as antelope do. As a result, eight and ten foot fences had to be built.

At this time, the Two Hills Tire Shop was purchased and operated by John Olah for one year. The business expanded when the Bumper to Bumper franchise was acquired. Son-in-law, Richard Wright, married to Judy Olah, moved from Vauxhall to manage the Bumper to Bumper shop. During the next few years the Olahs travelled considerably. But farming prevailed and soon they started picking rocks and clearing land again.

The Olahs are still farming and running the tire shop. Their son, Ron, completed Grade XII and worked at the tire shop for sometime. After leaving the tire trade, he moved to Edmonton to work for Western Materials.

The Olahs have five children, two boys and three girls: Fran who married Gary Guenthner, has four children and resides in Consort. Marie who lives in Sherwood Park, married Ron Eade, has two girls. Judy and Richard Wright along with their three children reside in Two Hills. Tom and his wife Pat, who live in Ponoka, have four children. Ron and his wife have one child and live in Edmonton.

OLINECK, Andrew and Frozina (nee Diachuk)

by daughter R. Sharun

Andrew, son of Grigori and Marie Olineck, was born in 1891, in Nepolokontz, Bukovina, Ukraine. In 1909, at the age of 18, Andrew sailed from Hamburg, Germany, to Canada on the ship S.S. Palonza. From Halifax he travelled to Edmonton and Two Hills by rides on trains and by walking. At Two Hills, he joined his two sisters, Rayifta (Plaska) and Domna (Rusnak).

His first job was in Edmonton, where he worked in a hotel as a kitchen helper for little pay. Returning to Two Hills, he met Frozina, second eldest daughter of Ilia and Doria Diachuk. At the age of eight, Frozina immigrated to Canada with her parents, from Shypynci, Ukraine, in 1905. The family settled on a homestead, NW 14-55-13-W4th, in the Two Hills district.

It was traditional for the groom's family to choose the bride, and on November 14, 1915, Andrew and Frozina were married at Szypenitz Church. Their wedding rings cost only $5.

Frozina and Andrew's wedding picture, 1915

Andrew and his bride lived with his parents in a one-room, thatched-roof house, for several years. He chopped wood for 50 cents a day or a dozen eggs as his pay. Fish, rabbits, partridges, prairie chickens, pigeons and grouse supplied some of their food. Wild berries, mushrooms, pigweed and wild garlic were preserved or dried for winter supply. Once, when their two year old daughter Mary, scalded her arm, they treated her injury with herbs.

In 1917, the Olinecks rented the SW 18-56-11-W4th in the Brosseau district, 80 acres of which was cultivated land.

In 1920, they rented land from Dick Fife (SE 12-55-13-W4th). At this time, they had a few chickens, a pig, a cow, some ducks, and horses. To supplement the family's income, Andrew hauled freight for the Brosseau Brothers. Sometimes he would take flour, sugar, salt or clothing in exchange for his services.

In spring, Andrew would work the land and seed grain while barefooted Frozina would harrow the fields. In the fall Frozina would take the children, put them on a blanket in the field, and stook the crop. In the winter, she sewed most of the clothes for the family using her Singer sewing machine. Spinning her own wool and thread, she knitted socks and mitts for the entire family. Their first car was bought in 1927.

In 1928, the Olinecks purchased land of their own in the Vegreville district (SW 25-51-14-W4th). They drove the cattle there and brought what little belongings they had, by sleigh to their new place, hoping that this would be the last move.

Although they prospered during the first year, the depression years were felt by the family as prices tumbled. Wheat sold for 18 cents a bushel, and cattle for $4. a head. When they were completely hailed out, Andrew could not meet his commitments and declared bankruptcy. In order to continue their operation, they had to sell some cattle and Frozina repurchased the land.

At one time, the Olinecks and their children milked 20 cows by hand. Large families generally had large gardens and the produce of the farm and the garden was sold to pay bills and buy groceries. Berry picking was an outing for the family as well as an assurance of a winter supply of fruit and jam. In winter, the butchered animals were quartered and the meat was hung in a granary, where a roast would be chopped off the bulk meat, if needed. An ice house improved the staple diet of the family in summer.

A "peech" (dutch oven) was built near the house, where on Saturdays 40 loaves of bread would be baked. The girls were taught to help in this undertaking. The boys cut wood and helped with the daily chores. On the Lord's Day, the family attended church, and upon return, a large dinner was prepared. Andrew and Frozina welcomed anyone that was in need of a meal or a cup of coffee.

The Olineck children attended Ridgepark School, driving three and one-half miles in a buggy or cutter in winter. During severe winter storms they were allowed to stay home.

Tragedy struck in 1942, when the Olineck house burned down. Because of this, the children had to leave school and seek work in the neighborhood.

Andrew and Frozina built another house in 1943, and lived with their youngest son, John.

Andrew and Frozina Olineck were blessed with 11 children, all of whom were born at home with a midwife in attendance. Two of the children, Olga at three weeks of age in 1917, and George, at six months in 1936, passed away.

Mafty married Vera Grekul and farms in the Lavoy district. They had four children.

Mary married Steve Babak and lives in Vegreville.

Ruby married Peter Sharun. They have two children

Andrew and Frozina Olineck family, 1953. Back row, (L to R) - Andy, Mafty, Elizabeth, John, Harry; front row - Ruby, Mary, Father Andrew, Mother Frozina, Lillian and Ann.

and live in Vegreville.

Andy married Mary Eliuk and farms in Vegreville. They had four children.

Harry married Nellie Zurawell and raised three children. The Olinecks live in Edmonton.

John, who farms at Vegreville, married Marge Kisilevich and had five children.

Anne married Bill Luhoway and lives in Vegreville. They had four children.

Liz married Gordon Haug and lives in Edmonton. Two of their three children were twins.

Lillian married Fred Hawirko, and lives in Edmonton. They had two children.

Andrew and Frozina had 27 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

Andrew passed away on June 28, 1954, and Frozina on February 21, 1980, at the age of 84.

OLINYK, Jacob K. and Mary

Jacob and Mary Olinyk immigrated to Canada in 1904, from Bukovina, Ukraine, which was then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Although only 16 and 12 years of age respectively, and born in villages only eight kilometres apart, they did not know one another in the old country.

Jacob, born in the Village of Lastiwka, arrived in Canada with his mother (Tetiana) and older brother, Steve. His father, Kefir, died several months before departure date. Mary, (nee Oneschuk) who was born in Berhomet, arrived with parents Nick and Barbara, three brothers and one sister.

The three-week rough ocean trip from Belgium to Halifax was made in the lower hold of a cattle boat. Several births, deaths and severe illnesses occurred among the 500 passengers on board. Passengers had to contend with a three-day storm at sea and with restless, noisy cattle. Herrings, prepared in various forms, were the staple diet. Accommodations were crude and somewhat unsanitary. Because movements on board were restricted, Jacob and Mary did not meet on the ocean trip.

Considering the fertile lands they left behind, the train trip to Strathcona (Edmonton), during the late spring, disappointed many of the immigrants when passing through Ontario's rock, forest and lake regions.

The Olinyks settled on a homestead ten miles northwest of Two Hills and the Oneschuks in the Lac Santé area. When not clearing land, Jacob took employment with the Canadian Pacific Railway in Lethbridge. Even though he was offered a promotion to assistant section-foreman, he declined and returned to the farm, which he cherished so much. Mary, when not working on the farm, served as a domestic in the Brosseau area.

Jacob and Mary met in a Duvernay general store, and on February 10, 1910, were married in the Boian Orthodox Church.

The Jacob K. Olinyk family, 1918. Jacob, Mary (holding "Little Anne" deceased during flu epidemic) Rosiland, John and Rose.

In the off-season, Jacob joined several neighbors and walked to Edmonton, where they were hired as labourers during construction of the high level bridge. Each of their knapsacks contained a blanket, some bread and cottage cheese. At the bridge-site they had to contend with racial prejudice and during the winter, they lived in tents.

In 1920, Jacob and Mary opened a general store on the homestead where Jacob also served as postmaster and secretary-treasurer for the Brinsley and Moose School districts. Mail was picked up weekly at Kaleland and store supplies were hauled in monthly from Vegreville. In the spring of 1928, they built a general store in Two Hills, where one could buy anything from salt to harnesses.

Jacob will be remembered by many for reducing

factory-printed prices on groceries and supplies, especially during the Depression. Jacob, along with his children operated the store while Mary, eldest son John, and pre-school children operated the farm.

In Two Hills, Jacob served as mayor, town councillor, secretary-treasurer, school board member, fire chief and church secretary-treasurer. He was also a cantor serving several churches in the area.

Mary was an ardent church worker. Her generosity, in handing out bags of candy to customers' children, will be remembered by many.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Olinyk celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in 1945, with their children and grandchildren

Jacob and Mary had eight children: John (deceased in 1964), Rosalind, Rose, "Little Anne" (deceased in 1919), Anne, Alec, Nick, and Mike.

Jacob passed away in 1962, at the age of 74, and Mary in 1963, at the age of 71.

OLINYK, Nick and Mary

Nick and Mary are native Albertans. Nick, son of Jacob and Mary Olinyk, was born in Shepenge and educated in Two Hills. Mary, daughter of Fred and Anna Maksymec, was born in Elk Point and educated in the King George and Derwent Schools.

Nick became a schoolteacher and commenced teaching at the Two Hills High School in 1951. He was vice-principal for 13 years and principal for six.

Mary trained as a nursing aide in Calgary. In 1950, she was employed at the Two Hills Hospital and later in the Aberhart Memorial Hospital in Edmonton. Following her marriage, she was employed at the Two Hills Medical Clinic. Nick and Mary are involved in community activities as participants and executive members in numerous town, church and sports organizations. They have one daughter Cheryl (Semeniuk) who is a hospital pharmacist.

Nick and Mary Olinyk with daughter Cheryl, 1970

OLINYK, Mike J. and Sonja (nee Buk)

by Mike J. Olinyk

Born in September, 1928, the youngest of seven children of Jacob K. and Mary Olinyk, Mike attended school in Two Hills. He worked in his father's general store, and then on his father's retirement, was employed by his brother-in-law, the late Mike Dowhaniuk, who was in the Men's Wear Shop business and also the local postmaster. Post Office work was the most appealing to Mike and in 1949, he was employed officially by the Post Office Department as a postal helper, working with the newly-appointed Postmaster John L. Forbes for a period of 16 1/2 years.

In 1957, Mike married Sonja Buk, the only child of William and Mary Buk. Sonja attended Pobeda School for the first five years and then completed her schooling in Two Hills. She pursued her career as a registered nurse and is currently employed at the Two Hills General Hospital. Sonja is a devoted member of the Royal Purple and enjoys petit point, cross stitch, needle point, and knitting.

The Olinyks were blessed with two daughters: Carol born in October, 1958, and Linda in May, 1964. Both girls are currently employed as legal secretaries in Edmonton.

At first Sonja and Mike lived in a small, rented, four-room house until they built a new home in 1959. In 1964, Mike resigned as postmaster and accepted a higher remunerated position as secretary-treasurer of the Town of Two Hills. After a year and a half, Mike yearned for the post office. Leaving the town position, he was fortunate enough to get on staff at the main post office in Edmonton, where he was employed as a postal clerk. Later, Mike was acting postmaster in Andrew, and was also temporarily posted at the Fort McMurray Post

Mike, Linda, Sonja and Carol Olinyk, 1983

Office. A vacancy at the Vegreville Post Office allowed him to transfer closer to Two Hills.

After working in Vegreville for seven years, the Two Hills Postmaster (the late John L. Forbes) retired, and the Postmaster's position became available.

Being the successful candidate, he was able to return home in June, 1974. Mike is presently a director of the Northeast zone of the Alberta Postmasters' and Assistants' Association.

Although not participating actively in sports, Mike enjoyed being on the executive of the Two Hills Seniors Eagles Hockey and Baseball clubs for a number of years. Currently vice-president of the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church, he enjoys church work and is a member of the choir. He belonged to the Elks Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, as well as being vice-president and president of the Two Hills Ukrainian Dancers. He once played in Dick Geleta's orchestra.

After completing 35 years of service with Canada Post, Mike is pondering early retirement. Mike and Sonja celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 7, 1982.

OLYNECHUK, Mike and Josie (nee Smilar)

Josie Smilar was born in Vegreville, on December 26, 1931. She lived in the Musidora area and attended Rannock School. On June 16, 1951, she married Michael Olynechuk, who was born on September 18, 1929, in the Ukraine. Josie and Michael moved to Edmonton, where they have resided ever since.

Josie and Mike have two daughters, Carol Joyce born on January 30, 1953, and Debbie Mary, born on December 30, 1961.

Carol graduated from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in secretarial arts. She married Wayne Gene Nielsen on June 3, 1972, and is employed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The Neilsens have two children, Tammy Lee and Lindsay Joy.

Debbie attended the University of Alberta and obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in music. Married to Bruce Donald McKinnon on August 22, 1981, Debbie is employed by Alberta Culture, and is a private music teacher.

Mike and Josie Olynechuk and family - Aug. 22, 1981

OLYNYK, Nykolai and Extima

by the Olynyk Family

Nykolai Olynyk was born in the Village of Luzan, District of Kitzman, Province of Bukovina, Ukraine, on December 19, 1872. After serving in the Austrian army for several years, he married Echtima and they had one son, Bill, born February 12, 1899.

In 1901, the Olynyks immigrated to Canada and settled in the Isle Lake area. Shortly after their arrival in Canada, Extima died. Later, Nykolai married Anna, daughter of Mychailo and Kalina Grekul, and settled on a homestead, NW 16-54-13-W4th, for which he paid $10.

Nykolia broke about four acres of land with a walking plow, and broadcast seed by hand. He then walked to Drumheller, where he was employed in a coal mine. During his absence, his wife Anna harvested the grain, cutting it by sickle and threshing with a flail. After

Nykolai and Anna Olynyk at Kaleland, 1937

earning some money Nykolai purchased a horse and half share in a wagon. His friend bought an ox and the other half share of the wagon, and with these they returned home.

Nykolia and Anna had nine children: Alice, born in 1905; Mary, 1907; Alex, 1911; Jennie, 1913; Michael, 1915; Rosie, 1916; Katie, 1920; George, 1922; and Johnny who died at birth. Michael also died at the age of nine. The children walked five miles to attend Szypenitz School. In 1916, Nykolai donated one acre of land on which the present Kaleland St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church now stands. It was the first Ukrainian Orthodox Church built in Canada.

In 1920, the family moved to "Old Two Hills", the present airport, where Nykolai owned and operated the general store, post office and telephone message service. Often distant messages were carried on horseback.

Alice, who was 15 years old, often travelled by team to Vegreville, to bring the store supplies of groceries, gasoline, and coal-oil.

In 1927, when the C.P.R. track was laid in Two Hills, the Olynyk family moved to Kaleland where they built a general store and pool hall. Nykolai sold gasoline, and was a postmaster and paymaster for five grain elevators. Jennie Olynyk, on her trusty horse, "Gray", often drove to Two Hills Bank of Montreal to bring in a canvas bag, a payroll of $10,000.

Tragedy struck the Olynyk family in 1929, when son Alex suddenly passed away at the age of 19.

George Olynyk's 39th birthday, 1960. Standing, (L to R) - Steve Gorgichuk, Dave Fedoruk, George Olynyk, Harry Verenka, Mike Ruptash, Jack Kindraka; seated - Katie Gorgichuk, Rosie Fedoruk, Rosie Olynyk, Alice Verenka, Mary Ruptash and Jennie Kindraka.

Alice married Harry Verenka and they had three children: Mary, Victoria and Mike.

Mary married Mike Ruptash. They had nine children: Alice, Peter, Katie, George, Sophie, Orest, Marian, Margaret, and Lydia. Jennie married Jack Kindraka and raised two children, Hazel and Beatrice. Rosie married Dave Fedoruk and they had 13 children: Don, Jim, Marilyn, George, Gloria, Michael, Bill, Rose-Marie, Gerald, Darlene, Alice, Ronnie, and Steve.

Katie married Steve E. Gorgichuk and they were blessed with one son, Michael.

George married Rosie J. Eluik and to them were born three children: Gerald, Reggie, and Wendy.

Mother Anna died September 27, 1941, at the age of 53. Father Nykolai died July 16, 1957, at the age of 85.

OLYNYK, George and Rose (nee Eliuk)

by R. Olynyk

George was born May 2, 1922, to Nicholai and Anna Olynyk, who were among the first pioneers in the Kaleland district. As the youngest and only son, he and five sisters are the only surviving members of the nine Olynyk children. His early days were spent on the farm and in "Old Two Hills" where his dad operated a store and post office. In 1927, when the Canadian Pacific Railway came through Two Hills, their store and post office was moved to Kaleland. George attended Wattsford School, two miles south of Kaleland.

When his mother passed away in 1941, George took over the family farm, north of the Kaleland St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church. One Sunday while attending church, George met Rose, daughter of John and Mary Eliuk. George and Rose were married on May 2, 1943, and lived on the farm for three years.

George and Rose Olynyk, 1944

In 1946, their first son, Gerald, was born. Shortly after, they moved to Kaleland to help George's dad operate the store and post office. Reginald, their second son, was born in 1952. A year later, George bought one-half interest in a truck owned by Mike Tannas and took up residence in Hairy Hill. Later he purchased another truck from Mr. Tannas and started "GO's Trucking Business", hauling freight in the Hairy Hill and surrounding districts for 25 years.

Gerald attended Hairy Hill Elementary School and completed his high school in Two Hills. After attending the University of Alberta and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology he obtained a position as a material technologist in Lethbridge. In 1968, Gerald married Lorraine, daughter of Pete and Nelsie Kotowich of Dewberry. They have two children, Randy and Justin.

Reg attended school at Hairy Hill and Willingdon and followed in his dad's footsteps as a trucker. In 1974, he married Cecile, daughter of George and Helen Holinski of Willingdon, and took residence in Edmonton. Daughter Wendy, born in 1954, attended school in Hairy Hill and Willingdon and chose a secretarial career. In 1975, she married Jim Darda, son of George and Margaret Darda of Ispas. The Dardas reside in Red Deer where Wendy is a supervisor for the Alberta Government Data Centre.

George and Rose Olynyk family, 1984. Standing, (L to R) - Reg, Cecile, Jim, Wendy, Randy, Lorraine and Gerald; Sitting - George, Justin and Rose.

In 1971, George and Rose purchased Sam's Drive Inn from Sam and Sophie Ruptash of Two Hills and renamed it "GO's Drive Inn". A year later, George gave up his trucking business, and moved to Two Hills. In 1976, Gerald quit his job in Lethbridge and moved his family to Two Hills to become a partner in "Go's Drive Inn" business.

George and Rose are now semi-retired. They spend their time farming, helping in the "Drive Inn" and fishing.

ORLESKI, Dmitro and Anna (nee Zayatz)

by son, Steve Orleski

Dmitro Orleski was born August 19, 1891, in the Village of Luzan, Bukovina, Ukraine. He was the son of a villager and farmer, Wasyl, and Yarena Orleski. Dmitro was one of three children, and completed high school where he excelled in arithmetic, history and singing. Because his family was poor, he had to stay home to help his parents and was deprived of further education.

After marrying Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Zayatz, Dmitro was drafted for military action into the Austrian German Army in 1914. After two years of military training, he was transferred to the Russian-Austrian front, where he served two years. He then was transferred to the Italian front for another two years. Sleeping with his head on his knapsack amidst shooting and shelling, some shrapnel cut through a steel fork in the sack and embedded itself in a pocket-size Holy Bible which was directly under his head. Dmitro thanked God

Anna and Dmitro Orleski spinning wool thread demonstration at Shandro museum, 1966

for the Bible that spared his life. Later he spent two years in a concentration camp in Albania.

After returning home, Dmitro and Anna raised two children, Pansy and John. Because the prospect of a good life was bleak for Dmitro, Anna, and their two children, they decided to immigrate to Canada under the sponsorship of Dmitro's brother-in-law, Wasyl Mandryk and his wife Wasylina.

In 1924, Dmitro and Anna and their two children, Pansy and John, set sail for Canada, on the ship "S.S. Arabic" of the White Star Line, arriving in Halifax in September.

After a lengthy train trip, they arrived in Vegreville on September 18, where they were met by their sponsor, Wasyl Mandryk, who was to give them lodgings, and a $45. per month wage for a period of one year.

In 1925, Dmitro and his family moved to the farm owned by Marafta Eliuk (now Mrs. Bill Chrapko) which they rented for two years. As there was no railroad through Two Hills, Dmitro would haul three loads of wheat per week, by horse drawn wagon, to Vegreville (a distance of 60 miles round trip).

In 1926, when Steve was born, Dmitro purchased for $1,100. the NW 5-55-13-W4th from the Anglo Canadian Land Co. in the Kaleland area.

Dmitro's neighbors and his family, contributed a two-room log house and a log chicken house covered with wheat straw. Later, a two-room addition to the house

Family of D.M. Orleski. Standing, (L to R) - John, Dmitro, Steve, Mike; front row - Mollie, Anna and Pansy.

was built. Because money and food was scarce, Dmitro snared rabbits and partridges to supplement their diet.

Dmitro became a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Kaleland and was their cantor until his health failed in 1974. He was also secretary-treasurer of the church for many years.

In 1928, Mike was born, and Mollie arrived in 1933.

Dmitro and Anna then purchased SW 5-55-13-W4th and then S 1/2 of SW 8-55-13-W4th, where they farmed until their retirement in 1955.

Anna passed away on June 1, 1972, and Dmitro on September 11, 1979.

Daughter Pansy married Paul P. Chmilar of Mundare, a farmer, and they are now retired in Vegreville.

John married Mary Holynski of Hairy Hill, where they are presently farming.

Mike, who married Sophie Harbarenko of Grand Center, is now working for the Department of Transport as a survey engineer.

Steve, who farms the family homestead, married Olga Fodchuk of Hairy Hill.

Mollie was wed to Nestor Baydala of Vegreville, a farmer and a musician.

ORLESKI, John and Mary (nee Holynski)

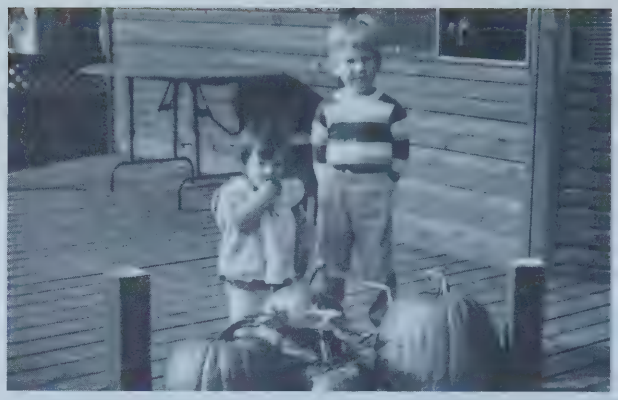
I was born September 7, 1923, to Dmitro and Anna Orleski in the Town of Luzan, District of Chernivci, Western Ukraine. My older sister Pansy was also born in the Ukraine; the rest of my brothers and sisters were born in Canada. We attended the New Kaleland School which was built by the Eagle Municipality. (See history of Dmitro and Anna Orleski.)

In 1944, I worked for Swift's Packing Plant and later for Burn's Plant in Edmonton. Although I was recruited in 1945, I didn't stay long since the war ended shortly after I was enlisted. During the war years farmers couldn't get machinery or parts and it was not until 1947 that tractors and tires started to arrive in our area.

In 1949, I married Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holynski of Hairy Hill. A year later, we moved to a farm just north of my parents' homestead where we raised five children, one boy and four girls. The children were bused each day to Hairy Hill School.

Later, we bought more farmland from Peter Timinski.

Darlene's wedding - June 23, 1979. (L to R) - Bob and Debbie Gordeyko, Jeff and Darlene Zielinski, Mary, John, Georgina, Bob and Janina Orleski, Jeanette and Rene Genereux.



John and Mary Orleski's grandchildren - Deni (four and a half) and Ginette (one and a half) Genereux, 1983

By this time the children were attending high school in Two Hills. After completion, they went on to further their careers.

In 1972, mother passed away at the age of 77, and in 1979, father passed away at the age of 89.

All of our children are married. Bob is employed in Edmonton, working for Edmonton Power. Jeanette is a nurse in White Fork, B.C. Debbie is a dental assistant in Fort McMurray. Georgina is working in Edmonton as a bridal consultant, and Darlene works as a secretary in Myrnam.

My wife Mary and I still reside on our farm near Hairy Hill.

ORLESKI, Steve and Olga

On January 7, 1926, Steve Orleski was born, assisted by a midwife, in a farm home, north of Two Hills.

That year, the Orleski family moved to the Kaleland district where they purchased the NW 5-55-13-W4th. In 1932, Steve started attending Kaleland School, where he completed his eleventh grade. Steve walked three miles to school, rain or shine, except on extremely cold and blizzardy days, when his dad transported him in a two-horse sleigh. In the summer, he walked barefooted as

Steve, Olga, Barbara, Donna and Carol on the occasion of Steve and Olga Orleski's 25th wedding anniversary, June 12, 1979

shoes were not affordable even though they cost only $1.25 a pair. On occasion a freak snow fall would display chilly footprints as those bare feet ran home.

Graduating from Hairy Hill High School, Steve attended the University of Alberta for a short time, after which he returned to help his father.

Steve met his wife, Olga, while helping her family after her father, Mike Fodchuk was involved in a tragic accident. Olga was the third eldest in a family of 13 children, and completed her high school education in Hairy Hill.

Olga and Steve were married in the Kaleland Ukrainian Orthodox Church in 1954 and the next year took complete control of the family farming operations. To supplement his income, he assisted farmers with their farmstead wiring, working for 12-14 hours at $1. an hour.

Always active in the community, Steve served as president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta Local 610 for five years. For 15 years he was on the board of directors of the Hairy Hill Co-op Association, eight years on the Board of Directors of the Two Hills Co-op, and eight years as secretary-treasurer of the Kaleland Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Olga served on the executive and has been a member of the Farmers' Wives Union of Alberta, a director and secretary for the Two Hills Ukrainian Dance Club, a public relations officer for the Two Hills Cadet Squadron, a member of the Hairy Hill Farmerettes, and a performer with the Two Hills Country Drama Club, where she served as secretary.

Both Steve and Olga are active members of their church, and were members of the Centennial Choir.

The Orleskis were blessed with three daughters: Donna was born in 1954, Barbara in 1958, and Carol in 1964. Donna graduated from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology as a dietary technician. She married Dennis Soprovich, assistant in the Alberta Government Liquor Store, and established residence in Two Hills. The Soproviches have three children: Kelly, Carlene, and Curtis.

Barbara graduated from Two Hills High School and married Ron Warawa who is employed with Alberta Power Limited, in Vegreville. Barbara completed a correspondence course, qualifying as a medical receptionist. She is working for the Vegreville News Advertiser. They have one son, Corey.

Carol graduated from Two Hills High School and attended Lakeland College in Vegreville where she completed a secretarial arts course. She spent some time working for the County of Minburn with the mentally and physically handicapped at the Dr. R. Cairns School in Vegreville. Graduating as a model after taking a professional modelling course at John Casablancas Elite, Carol is presently assembling a portfolio. She is now employed with Markowski Agencies in Vegreville.

Chore time on the farm, 1960. Steve with daughters Donna and Barbara.

PALAHNIUK, John and Katrina (nee Zukiwski)

by Victor Palahniuk

John Palahniuk was born January 31, 1897, in the Village of Kysyliw, Chernivci, Bukovina, Ukraine. John was the second oldest son of Wasyl and Alexandra (nee Gordey) Palahniuk. He had three brothers and three sisters: Nick, of Ispas; Bill, of Andrew; Alex, of Whitford; Ellana (Metro) Andriatz; Maritsa (Petro) Yakiwchuk; and Katrina (Georgi) Yakiwchuk who remained in Ukraine.

In 1914, at the age of 18, John, and his uncle, Wasyl Gordey, immigrated to Canada. Sailing to Halifax, he travelled by train to Edmonton, and later walked to the Willingdon area, where his uncle John Gordey was already settled. He worked as a farm laborer, for room and board. In his second year in Canada, he earned an extra $100.

In 1916, he worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Edson coal-branch area. With the money that he earned, he bought a pair of horses, harnesses, and a wagon in 1919. He also made a down-payment of $246. on the NE 1-57-13-W4th, which he purchased from Metro Cebuliak. The tax on the land was $12.32.

On May 12, 1920, John married Katrina, second oldest daughter of John and Vaselyna (nee Gordey) Zukiwski.

Katrina and John Palahniuk, 1921

Katrina was born on November 21, 1902, in Wostok. Katrina had four sisters and two brothers: Barbara (Fred) Mulek, Pearl (Harry) Barlott, Mary (John) Garrick (deceased), Violet (George) Hawaleshka, James Zukiwski, and George Zukiwski (deceased).

John and Katrina cleared the bush by hand and broke land using a walking plow. For several years, immediately after cutting his crop, John found employment on the railroad. While John was away, Katrina hauled the sheaves into stacks to be threshed later. In 1925, John purchased another quarter of land, NW 6-57-13-W4th. In 1941, he purchased three quarters of land in the same section from the Hudson Bay Co. and continued to farm in the Ispas area for 24 years.

The Palahniuk family, 1934. (L to R) - John, Victor, Katrina, Sally, Lena, Mary, and Sadie. (Missing in photo is Victoria).

After selling the Ispas farms he purchased a half section of land, two miles north of Vegreville from Jim Cadzow. Several years later, the Mark Kitto farm was purchased. In 1946, he purchased his first tractor.

John Palahniuk retired from active farming in 1964, and pursued bee farming as a hobby.

Katrina's pride and joy was a beautiful orchard in which she spent many hours during the summer season. In the orchard, she grew apples, crab apples, high bush cranberries, plums, raspberries, and strawberries.

During their life at Ispas, John and Katrina helped build the Brinsley Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ispas Community Hall. When they moved to Vegreville, Katrina joined the St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Ladies Auxiliary. Generous financial contributions were made to the new Vegreville Orthodox Church.

John and Katrina have one son and five daughters: Victor, Sally (Peter) Barlott, Lena (Tom) Hill, Mary (Ivan) McGowan, Vicky (Marshall) Triska, all of Vegreville, and Sadie (Peter) Grykuliak of Lavoy. They have 17 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

After a lengthy illness, John Palahniuk passed away on August 22, 1978. Katrina lives in the Homestead Senior Citizens Home in Vegreville.

PALAHNIUK, Nick and Anastasia (nee Skoreyko)

by Victor Palahaniuk

Nick, the oldest son of Wasyl and Alexandra (nee Gordey) Palahaniuk, was born August 20, 1886, in the Village of Kysyliw, County of Chernivci, Province of Bukovina, in the Ukraine. He had three brothers and three sisters: John of Vegreville, Bill of Andrew, Alex of Whitford, Ellana (Metro) Andriatz, Maritsa (Petro) Yakiwchuk, and Katrina (Georgi) Yakiwchuk who remained in the Ukraine.

Nick and Anastasia Palahniuk, 1935

In 1913, leaving his wife and young son Wasyl behind, Nick left for Canada. He thought he would earn enough money there in several years to enable him to return and buy additional land in the Ukraine. Meanwhile, World War 1 started and he was unable to return. More tragic yet, he lost his wife and son as a result of the war.

After arriving in Canada, Nick worked on the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Edson area. Later he bought a farm at Ispas, NE 31-56-13-W4th.

In 1920, Nick married Anastasia Skoreyko and they farmed together until her sudden death in 1936.

In 1939, Nick returned to the Ukraine where he met and married Annie Meronek.

In 1945, Nick sold his farming operation at Ispas and moved to Vegreville. He passed away after a lengthy illness on October 23, 1966.

Nick Palahniuk cutting grain with binder, 1940

PALAMARUK, Alex and Kate (nee Russnak)

by Olga Chudyk (nee Serna)

Alex Palamaruk, son of Oleksa and Angelia (nee Tkatchuk) was born in Wostok, on the family homestead, SW 10-56-18-W4th on July 1, 1899. In early childhood, Alex moved with his parents to Rannock, where his father purchased the SW 30-55-10-W4th. He helped them on the farm to break land, build fences and cut logs for farm buildings. He enjoyed big game hunting, trapping and horse racing. At 18, Alex left home and got a job at a sawmill in Edmonton for 36 cents an hour. He worked as an assistant cook on the extra gang near Jasper for 36 cents an hour, ten hours a day, six days a week. At times his duty as cook made him responsible to provide meals for 388 men with his only help from five teen-age boys.

Alex and Kate Palamaruk, 1935

In 1921, Alex quit this job and went to Vancouver where he worked in a sawmill for 60 cents an hour. It was hard dangerous work pushing wet slippery logs into the chute of the sawmill with a long steel hooked pole. Three months later he travelled to Wilkie, Saskatchewan, and found a job on the railroad.

Later, he found employment on a large ranch during the harvest season. His job was to cut grain and haul grain to the elevator with a grain tank drawn by four horses. Returning to Edmonton, he worked at various jobs until he enrolled in the Hemphill Trade School of Barbering. Certificated on December 31, 1923, he apprenticed in Vegreville where his wages were $36. per week.

In 1927, Alex built a combined barbershop and living quarters in Two Hills. A year later, he completed his third and final Government exam. With George Serna as his model, he gave a haircut, a shave with a straight razor, and a facial massage.

In 1977, Alex was presented with a plaque from the Town of Two Hills for his 50 years of continuous business and service.

On November 5, 1935, Alex married Kate Russnak, daughter of Mike (Michailo) and Domna Russnak. Kate was born April 16, 1914, on the family homestead, 12-55-13-W4th, near Two Hills. In order to attend high school in Two Hills, Kate and her younger brothers and sisters either walked four and one half miles or drove a horse-drawn buggy or cutter. Kate, who graduated in 1934, enjoyed playing basketball. On the farm she had to help with farm chores including stooking grain. In her teen years, her mother taught her to knit, crochet, embroider and sew.

On December 19, 1939, the Palamaruks opened their 5¢ to $1.00 store, which Kate managed. During the war years, Kate, along with other ladies in town, sewed many patchwork quilts for the Red Cross.

Alex and Kate Palamaruk's (nee Russnak) 20th wedding anniversary, 1955

In 1942, Kate joined the Ukrainian Women's Association, Lesia Ukrainka Branch. Being a charter member she was presented with a plaque of appreciation for 40 years of outstanding and dedicated service. She was on the "Promin" Committee for 16 years. Later she joined the Two Hills Women's Hospital Auxiliary. Kate was treasurer for three years as well as auditor for both clubs. She also belongs to the church choir of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church. Alex and Kate are charter members of St. Mary's Greek-Orthodox Church parish in Szypenitz.

PALCAT, Andrew and Eva (nee Babysh)

Andrew, was born to Alexander and Melania (nee Semenuik) Palcat, on November 30, 1900, in the Village of Bilavci, County of Brody, Ukraine. His mother died when he was about one year old, and his father remarried. After living through many years of hardships and hunger, Andrew arrived in Halifax in 1927 through the sponsorship of his brother Stanley. From Halifax, he travelled to his brother Stanley's home in the Plain Lake district. Here he worked for many farmers, and in 1939, bought NE 18-52-12-W4th, from Peter Stubbs.

On June 14, 1941, Andrew married Eva Babysh from the Innisfree area. Together they worked on the land with a team of horses and in 1952, bought their first tractor, a Cockshutt 30.

Andrew Palcat family, 1948. Andrew, Eva holding Jerry, Elsie and Lillian.

Andrew and Eva had three children: Lillian, Elsie, and Jerry.

Lillian married Paul Slepanki in October, 1959. They had three children: Darlene, David, and Darrell. Darlene married Hartley Olsen in July, 1983, and raised three children: Todd, Marcia, and Tammy.

Elsie was wed to Milbert (Tony) Kisilewich in October, 1963. They live in Vegreville with their two boys, Kevin and Terry.

Jerry married Irene Zaleschuk in August, 1970. Their four children are Yvette, Geri, Jason, and Kerry. Jerry and his family live on the home place.

Andrew passed away suddenly in March, of 1977, at the age of 77. Eva resides in her Vegreville home.

PAUK, Stefan and Euphrosuia

by John Pauk

Stefan Pauk was born in the Ukraine in 1858. His wife, Euphrosuia, was born ten years later. Stefan and Euphrosuia left Western Ukraine and the Village of

Stefan and Euphrosuia Pauk, 1926

Buciw, with their three children: Mary, age ten; Annie, age seven; and two month old Stephen. After arriving in Halifax, they travelled west by rail to Strathcona (Edmonton) on April 16, 1902.

A wagon and other farm related equipment was brought from the Ukraine. Their homestead was established on the SW 10-53-13-W4th, in the New Kiew district. It was here that they built a one-room house. At this time there were no roads, only trails. Indians were hired to clear the land in preparation for breaking.

Stefan and his neighbors worked towards an improved community and together built the first log church.

The early frost in 1916, destroyed the oats and wheat, creating extra difficulties for Stefan and Euphrosuia. In 1929, their first tractor was purchased.

Families in the old country were not forgotten and letters were exchanged often with the Horns and Kopiaks (who was Stefan's sister). Later these families immigrated to the community and Stefan often helped them until they established their own homesteads.

During these years of hardships, friends and neighbors gathered at night and related various problems. St. Peter's Day, July 12, was an important religious holiday and families would pack lunches and travel many miles to celebrate the event in Mundare.

Steve Pauk, 1975

Daughter Mary married Steve Uniat and lived in the Beauvallon area. In 1913, she passed away leaving one daughter, Rose. She married Frank Nawrot and they had a family of six sons and three daughters: Mike, Bill, John, Walter, Eddy, Laurence, Adeline, Helen, and Nancy.

Annie, who was wed to Mike Misik in 1914, also farmed in the Beauvallon area. She passed away in 1963, and her husband in 1973. They had three sons and seven daughters: John, Annie (Fedun), Mary (Samoil), Nancy (Rudkowski), Katie (Sayler), Paul, Jessie, Rose (Dudar), Mike (deceased) and Nadia.

Steve, a bachelor at the age of 82, lives on the original homestead with John and Annie Pauk. Many people remember Steve as the man who rode his bike for miles visiting neighbors and friends.

Stefan and Euphrosuia passed away in 1936.

PAUK, John and Annie

by Iris Armitage (daughter)

John Pauk was born on April 5, 1916, and has many fond memories of the New Kiew area. He remembers walking four miles to Zaparoze School and later to New Kiew. John recalls going to a picnic and paying 25 cents admission and remembers cutting wood for the school or town for $6. a cord. This was a way of raising money to pay the land taxes. The great event during the winter was cutting ice from Steblyk's Lake which was used to keep meat and cream cool in the summer.

On October 9, 1939, John married Annie, the daughter of Peter and Nancy Yaremchuk of Beauvallon. He started farming on the original homestead of Stefan and Euphrosuia Pauk. Annie and John have recollections of three consecutive bad crops; a drought in 1945, and hail in 1946, and 1947. Still they continued to farm. During the fifties a new home was built and other farm improvements, including the installation of power, were made. A sprayer and threshing machine purchased by John provided customs service in the neighborhood. Bread was baked in a dutch oven and hearty meals were prepared to satisfy the appetites of those hard working individuals, who often exchanged jovial and cunning stories.

John and Annie Pauk, October 8, 1939

John was president of the New Kiew Hall for a number of years while Annie was head of the Ukrainian Women's League. Both contributed to the construction of a new hall in 1960.

During the 45 years of their happy marriage, John and Annie were blessed with one son, Peter, and four daughters: Elizabeth, Joan, Iris, and Julie. Peter the eldest, is married to Leona Tarapacki of Innisfree. They have four children: John, Steven, Audrey, and Teresa, and all reside in the New Kiew area.

Pictured above are the Pauk family, 1982. Tom, Elizabeth, Ronnie, Cindy and Donny Yaremko; Julie Pauk, Don and Iris Armitage; Peter, John, Leona, Steve and Teresa Pauk; Peter and Joan Sackley; seated - John and Annie Pauk with grandchildren Sheryl and Steven Pauk; in front - Jeffrey Armitage, Rodney Sackley, Lindsay Armitage and Kyle Sackley. (missing - Brian Elder, Janelle Armitage)

Elizabeth married Tom Yaremko of Lavoy and raised three children: Ronnie, Donnie, and Cindy.

Joan married Peter Sackley, of Stafford, England. The Sackleys, who reside in Bellville, Ontario, have two sons, Rodney and Kyle.

Iris, married to Don Armitage of Kinsella, has one son and three daughters: Jeffery, Lindsay, Sheryl and Janelle. The Armitages live on a farm in Kinsella.

Julie, the youngest, married Brian Elder of Edmonton. Julie and Brian are employed in Lloydminister, where they reside.

PAULICHUK, Mike and Maria (nee Mandrusiak)

Mike Paulichuk was born in the Village of Nazirna, north of the City of Chernivci, Western Ukraine. In 1908, he immigrated to Canada, sailing by boat and

Mike and Maria Paulichuk, circa 1955

arriving by rail in Winnipeg.

Being a stranger in the country, he had difficulty with communication. However, he was hired on a railroad crew, a common form of employment in those days.

After working for two years, he decided to go West, and in 1910, arrived in Musidora. There he met some old friends and neighbors from the old country who had settled on their homesteads. It was here that he purchased the SE 16-55-11-W4th, and built a one-room house. During the winter, he worked in a coal mine at Cadomin, and returned to work his land in summer.

On November 15, 1910, he married Maria Mandrusiak who came from his home village in the Ukraine. The Mandrusiaks farmed for 30 years.

They had five girls and four boys: Annie Maksymiuk of Edmonton, Katie Maksymiuk of Myrnam, Sophie Maskalyk of Edmonton, Elena Pashniak of Marwayne and Olga Woloshyn of Calgary, Mac of St. Paul, John of Edmonton, Metro of Calgary, and Nick who served in the Army and passed away in 1960.

While on the farm, Mike was involved in local politics. He served as a school trustee for 15 years, and for 16 years as councillor in Division 5 in the Municipal District of Sobor. In these public positions he encountered many difficulties as the area was opening up and lacked finances.

In 1955, they retired in Musidora. Maria passed away in 1960, and Mike in 1964.

PAULICHUK, Mac and Mary (nee Elkow)

Mac Paulichuk was born in the Luzan district where he attended school and helped his parents to farm.

In 1943, he married Mary Elkow of Musidora. After a few years, they decided to move to Musidora and began a livestock shipping company. During this time he received a new Holland and J. I. Case franchise. He also built a shop in Musidora and sold farm machinery, hardware, and gasoline.

Mac was interested in local politics and served for 13 years on the Two Hills Hospital Board and ten years as a School Division trustee.

Mac and Mary were blessed with two boys, Orest and Tarras.

Orest, Mac, Tarras, and Mary, 1949

In 1965, they moved their business to Myrnam, where they operated for five years. Then Mac and Mary moved to St. Paul, where Mac and their two sons continued the same farm machinery franchises. Mac has been in business for 35 years.

Mac and Mary's first son, Orest married Madeline Bykewich of Derwent and they have two sons. Their youngest son, Tarras, is married to Gloria Pankrado, also of Derwent and they have two sons.

The family home in Musidora, 1948.

PAWLIUK, Elia and Domna (nee Olynyk)

Elia Pawliuk, who married Domna Olynyk, emigrated in 1901, from Bukovina, Ukraine, to Canada, with their three children: Metro, Mary and John. At first they settled in the Wostok district and two years later, moved to Kaleland, where they farmed for the rest of their lives.

Elia Pawliuk's children, 1964. (L to R) - Olga, Metro, Dick, Bill, Rose and George. (Son John is not in the picture).

Their first home was a log house, with a straw roof and mud-plastered walls and floors. They had two horses with which freight was hauled for themselves and neighbors. Farmers from the north, hauling grain to Vegreville, often spent a night at Pawliuk's place. At times, depending on the weather, a return trip took a week as roads were only wagon trails and there were creeks and rivers to cross. Often, when water in the creeks was so deep that it reached the wagon box, flour had to be carried across on the shoulders of farmers.

Elia and Domna had a family of eight children: Metro, Mary, John, George, Bill, Rose, Dick and Olga.

PAWLIUK, John and Mary (nee Hutzkal)

John Pawliuk was born in 1901, in Sherivci, Bukovina, Ukraine (Austria). In the same year he immigrated to Canada with his parents, Elia and Domna Pawliuk.

John married Mary Hutzkal in 1923, and farmed near Two Hills for about four years. Later, the family moved to Warwick and then to Ardmore.

In 1945, John and Mary moved to Edmonton, where they bought a house and grocery store. Two years later, they bought property in Vernon, B.C. and operated a pool room. In 1957, the family acquired an apartment-house-garage in Edmonton and from 1960 to 1962, they operated a pool room in Two Hills. In 1963, they purchased the Premier Hotel building in Prince George and again operated a pool room. In 1965, they retired in Vernon.

John and Mary Pawliuk's wedding picture, 1923

John and Mary had six children: George, Katherine, Nicholas, Raymond, Stanley, and Edward.

George married Ann Hladan. They have one daughter, Crystal Lynn, married to Brian Schram. The Schrams have two daughters, and live in Winfield, B.C.

Katherine married Edward Dulaba, and they were blessed with five children: Cheryl, who works in Calgary; Larry, who attends Simon Fraser University; and Dale, Arthur, and Todd who live at home.

Nicholas married Elsy Poggemiller and raised three children: Rachel married Chuck Sales, and they have three children. Janet married Bill Eyford. George lives at home in Quesnel.

Raymond married Helen Hay, and they were blessed with five children. Son Randy lives in Prince George; Rick is married and lives in Vancouver; Greg lives in Enderby, B.C.; Gary is in Prince George; and Robert attends the University of B.C.

Stanley married Beth Spak and raised three children. Carol married Dave Sullivan. Kenneth and Martin are at home in Prince George.

Edward married Darlene Athey, and they have two children, Patti Gayle, who is an airline stewardess, and Ronald, who is in the service.

PAWLIUK, George and Anne

George, born April 27, 1904, was the third child of Elia and Domna Pawliuk. He grew up on the homestead, SW 14-55-13-W4th, and attended Szypenitz and Vegreville Schools. After leaving school, he helped his father and two older brothers to farm. In 1917, George's father, Eli, purchased a steam threshing outfit, and with his sons did custom work for his neighbors and farmers in the Ispas and Foisy districts.

In October, 1925, George married Anne, daughter of Tom and Elizabeth Kereliuk of Boian. Anne was the fourth child, born December 29, 1907. George and Anne lived on the homestead with George's parents for almost a year before moving to their own farm, NE 15-55-13-W4th.

George and Anne Pawliuk with daughter Mary, filling up their Model A Ford in the hamlet of Kaleland, 1933

George was a very community-minded person. He helped to build the Szypenitz Hall and was one of its directors. He was secretary of the Szypenitz Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and served as Councillor in Division 2 in the Municipal District of Eagle Number 81, as well as a trustee of the Szypenitz School District No. 1470 when the small school districts centralized into the Two Hills School Division No. 21. Later, he served as chairman.

In 1949, George bought the John Deere agency from Harry Bachinsky in Two Hills, and operated it until 1973.

In January, 1963, the Municipal District of Eagle and Two Hills School Division amalgamated to become the County of Two Hills No. 21. At this time George was on its school committee representing the Town of Two Hills.

In 1970, George, with the help of Harry Verenka, spearheaded the opening of the Two Hills Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre and was its president for two years.

George and Ann have three children: Mary, married to Nick Mandrusiak; Nick, (deceased); and George Jr., who married Vera Myroniuk.

George and Anne Pawliuk in their new home in Two Hills, 1966

PAWLIUK, George G. and Vera (nee Myroniuk)

George G. Pawliuk was born on December 23, 1927. He attended Szypenitz School Grades I to IX, and Grades X to XII, at the New Hairy Hill High School, from which he graduated in June, 1948. George enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Alberta.

A year later he left the University and operated the John Deere Dealership in Two Hills with his father, under the name of George E. Pawliuk & Son. In 1967, George E. Pawliuk Sr. retired from the business and the company name was changed to George Pawliuk Implements, and operated until 1977.

On October 21, 1950, at the Vegreville Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church with Reverend Ulyan officiating, George married Vera, daughter of Mary (nee Marusyk) and the late Harry Myroniuk. Vera and George made their home in Two Hills until July, 1977.

Vera and George were both active in community work.

George and Vera Pawliuk, married on October 21, 1950

George's activities were highlighted by seven years as town councillor, serving on the Finance, Recreation and Public Works Department. He served on the building committee of the Arena and Centennial Hall, and for 17 years he was the town representative on the County of Two Hills Education Committee. George was also member of the Two Hills Chamber of Commerce, President of the Two Hills Square Dancing Club, the Two Hills Men's Curling Club, the Building Committee during the construction of the new three-sheet artificial ice rink, and a member of the Two Hills Elks Lodge.

The Two Hills Ukrainian Dance Club was organized in 1969, by George and Vera, and George offered his services to the Club for seven years serving as secretary-treasurer and president at various times.

George was also one of the original members on the Vegreville Pysanka Festival Committee.

George's favourite spectator sports are football and hockey, but his participant sport was curling. George with his father George Sr., and his cousins Nick and George M. Pawliuk, formed one of the better curling teams and won curling trophies at many bonspiels.

Vera participated in Brownies, Ladies Church Club, the Sunday School Committee, Order of the Royal Purple, and the Ladies' Curling Club. She also worked as a stenographer at the Two Hills Chemical Plant, the Two Hills Schools and the Bil-Mac construction firm.

In July, 1977, Vera and George sold their business and their residence in Two Hills, and moved to St. Albert, Alberta. George joined the staff at the John Deere Dealership in Edmonton, (Martin Farm Equipment Ltd.) as an assistant Parts Manager. In 1978, he assumed a position in the Consumer Products Sales Department where he is employed today.

Vera continued in her secretarial work, first with Bell Realty, then with Bourgeois Cameron Real Estate, and for the past five years has been employed by the St. Albert R.C.M.P. detachment.

Vera and George were blessed with three children: Cheryl(Sheri) Marian, Geraldine Fay and Darcy George.

Cheryl born on February 2, 1953, graduated from Two Hills High School. She obtained a legal secretarial course at Alberta College and upon graduating in 1972, was employed by Psychologists Association of Alberta and now is an administrative Assistant. On July 17, 1971, Cheryl married Neddy Edward, son of Archie and Alaine McLean. They have three children: Dustin Lee, Shawn Everett and Tamara Shereen. The family resides in St. Albert.

Geraldine born on June 2, 1955, graduated from Two Hills High School. After completing her education as an insurance agent at Grant MacEwan Community College, Geraldine pursued her career with Dome Insurance Services Ltd. and Reed Stenhouse Insurance Brokers. On May 21, 1983, she married Const. Gordon Walter Manson, son of Walter and Iris Manson. The couple resides in St. Albert and have one daughter, Shalyn Chandra.

Darcy was born on February 24, 1959. After graduating from Two Hills High School, he attended University of Alberta and obtained a Degree in Business Administration and Commerce. Darcy was an avid participant of the Two Hills Ukrainian Dancers and the Cheremosh Dance Group of Edmonton. He also took an active part in hockey and other sports. On May 20, 1978, Darcy married Sherry Lynne, daughter of Harvey and Gloria Hebert. They reside in St. Albert and have two daughters, Brandi Lee and Jodi Lynne.

George G. Pawliuk family - May, 1983. Back row, (L to R) - Geraldine and Gord Mason, George Pawliuk, Ned and Dustin McLean, Darcy Pawliuk; front row - Vera Pawliuk, Sheri, Tammy and Shawn McLean, Sherry and Brandi Pawliuk. (Missing is Jodi Pawliuk.)

PAWLIUK, William (Bill) and Margret (nee Kereluk)

Bill Pawliuk married Margret Kereluk in 1935, and settled in the Kaleland district. In 1939, he became a grain elevator agent and from 1940 to 1948, worked as a radio and appliances serviceman for Sterling Furniture in Edmonton. Moving to Willingdon in 1952, Bill opened a radio, television and appliances service shop. In 1971, the Pawliuks retired in Edmonton.

Bill and Margret raised four children: Harold, Lucille, Lorraine and Sheryl.

Harold and Jacui live in Los Angeles, U.S.A., with their two children, Joey and Nicole. Lucille married Roy Rizos, and they live with their son Cory, in Montreal, Quebec. Lorraine married Bob Schneider, and they live in Vancouver, with their daughter, Lara.

PAWLIUK, Rose and Le Roy Miller

Rose Pawliuk Miller was born in Kaleland, to a family of seven children. She attended the Szypenitz School, and at 11 years of age, was sent to Edmonton to complete her schooling. Rose lived in the M.H. Ukrainian Institute from Grade V through Normal School.

After obtaining teaching credentials, Rose taught at Moose, Szypenitz, and Bohdan Schools. In 1943, she graduated from the University of Alberta, with a Bachelor of Science degree and worked as an oil chemist, at the University of Alberta National Research Council Department. All gasoline, used by war pilots in Western Canada, was tested here.

Later Rose worked as a petroleum chemist in the oil refinery at Whitehorse, Yukon. This project was set up to

Rose Pawliuk Miller graduated with a B.Sc. from the University of Alberta in 1943.

supply fuel for west coast shipping, in the event Japan would have closed shipping lines for supplies during World War II. Oil, from Norman Wells was piped to Whitehorse refinery and then to the Alaskan coast.

In 1947, Rose moved to the United States, to work as a technician at the Red Cross blood bank in Stockton, California. Two years later, she was transferred to Portland, Oregon, to work as chief laboratory technician with the American Red Cross bank. Here, she met her husband, Dr. Le Roy E. Miller, a native Oregonian, and dentistry graduate of the University of Oregon.

In 1958, Rose and Le Roy adopted two sisters, Vickie, 23 months, and three year old Connie. Grown up now and on their own, Connie is married. The Millers are now in the process of retiring.

PAWLIUK, Dick and Mary (nee Lebid)

Dick, son of Elia and Domna Pawliuk, married Mary, daughter of George and Onasia Lebid, of the Moose district. They were the proud parents of two children, Dianne and Michael.

Dianne, married to Robert Hutchinson, lives in the Riverbend Road District of Edmonton. She is a teacher's assistant in Greenfield School. Robert is owner of Eastgate Real Estate Company. They have two children, Laura and Sherry, as well as a grand-daughter, Natasha.

Michael Pawliuk, now the Two Hills town administrator, married Maryann Nelson of Wetaskiwin. Maryann is a receptionist at the local medical office. The Pawliuks have two children, Cory and Tanya.

PAWLIUK, Olga and Mike Kindrake

Olga, daughter of Elia and Domna Pawliuk, married Mike Kindrake of Melville, Saskatchewan. Mike was manager of Alberta Grain Company for 40 years. During the last seven years, he was elevator agent for the Alberta Pool Grain Company.

Mike and Olga have two children, Betty and Elton James.

Betty is a school teacher, married to Dr. J. Lawrence Tymko, an executive assistant with Alberta School Trustees' Association, in Edmonton. They have two children, Kimberly and Jayson.

Elton James is a lawyer working with a firm of Lucas Edwards & Bishop, in Edmonton.

The Kindrakes are retired and live in Two Hills.

PAWLIUK, Metro and Mary (nee Chrapko)

Metro Pawliuk was born on September 28, 1895, in Shyrivci, Bukovina, Ukraine (Austria). In 1901, at the age of six, Metro immigrated to Canada, with his mother and father, Domna and Elia Pawliuk.

The eldest of eight children, Metro lived and farmed with his parents in the Szypenitz district until he was 22 years old. On October 14, 1917, he married Mary, daughter of Simon and Pearl Chrapko of the Luzan district. The newlyweds lived with his parents, for a year, then moved to their own home on the E 1/2 26-55-13-W4th.

Metro and Mary operated a successful farm for 30 years. In 1916, Metro purchased a Model T Ford, in Vegreville, the first car in the district. This car initiated

Mary and Dick Pawliuk's 40th wedding anniversary, 1980

Metro and Mary Pawliuk with daughter Sophie, 1931

the family's favorite vacations to Banff, Radium, and Pocahontas (now referred to as Miette Hot Springs). Miette Hot Springs which he visited several times a year, was Metro's favourite resort. Since 1951, the language barrier never prevented Metro and Mary from vacationing in Mexico, New York, Hawaii, and other American states.

On June 12, 1923, Metro obtained a "Traction Engineer's Final Certificate" giving him permission to operate his father's Case Model Steam Engine. Metro broke land with an eight-furrow plough and custom threshed for many neighbors. While farming, Metro served as a school trustee and was a member of the Szypenitz Ukrainian Orthodox Church executive.

Life on the farm was not all work and no play. One festivity celebrated by many farmers, especially by Metro and Mary, was "Khram" (Church Patron Saints Day) celebrated annually on September 27th. The Pawliuks and their friends have fond memories of these joyous occasions.

In 1948, Metro and Mary left the farm to their youngest son, George, and moved to operate a hotel in Bellis. In 1950, they returned to Two Hills to manage the Two Hills Hotel for another two years.

Semi-retired in 1952, Metro drove a Two Hills school bus for the next ten years. In 1962, having permanently retired in Two Hills, Metro and Mary began to enjoy their life, making numerous trips to the Okanagan Valley in B.C.

Metro and Mary Pawliuk's children, at Sophie's wedding, July, 1960. Standing, (L to R) - George, Nick, Rose, Mike; seated - Metro, Sophie and Mary.

Metro and Mary had six children: Billy (passed away in infancy), Mike, Nick, Rose (Luchak), George, and Sophie (Hunchak).

Mike, the first child of Metro and Mary Pawliuk was born on October 23, 1919, at Kaleland. He attended Szypenitz School until the age of 14. He then worked on his father's farm to the age of 18, when he moved to Ardmore to continue farming. At age 19, he married Medoria Shepansky of Shepenge. They had three girls: Maryanne, born April 8, 1941; Fay Linda, on January 6, 1945; and Bernice Patricia Gloria, on September 4, 1949. Mike sold the farm in 1952, and moved his family to Two Hills, where he managed the Two Hills Hotel. After pursuing a variety of occupations, Mike moved to Edmonton, where he operated a trucking business. Mike and Medoria retired in 1983, and reside in Edmonton. Their daughters are married and they have six grandchildren - four girls and two boys.

Ann and Nick Pawliuk and family, 1978. Seated, (L to R) - Dale, Allen, Russel, Rosemarie and Delmer.

Nick, son of Metro and Mary Pawliuk, married Ann, daughter of Harry and Lena Nahamko of Ispas. The young couple farmed in the Kaleland district for about 19 years. In 1968, they moved to Osoyoos, B.C. Nick and Ann have five surviving children: Delmer, Rosemary, Dale, Russel and Allen. Delores passed away at three months of age. Delmer, a Registered Industrial Accountant married Pat Kiziak, has two children and lives in Vancouver. Rosemary married Carlos Brito. They live in Burnaby, where Rosemary is a lawyer. Dale is an engineer, working for Shell, and living in Edmonton. Russel is an iron-worker and lives in Victoria. Allen is attending Simon Fraser University in Burnaby.

Rose married Victor Luchak, son of Harry (Zachary) and Marafta Luciak. They have four childrren: Ralph, Wayne, Barry and Richard. (see Luciak, history)

George and Martha Pawliuk with their third daughter, Cynthia, 1984

George M. Pawliuk married Martha, daughter of Prokip and Mary Rosychuk of Foisy. George and Martha are farming on Metro and Mary Pawliuk's homestead in

Les and Debbie Reynolds with their children Tanya and Cory, 1984. Michael and Marilyn McAuley with their children Joey and Ashley, 1984

Szypenitz. They have three daughters: Deborah, Marilyn, and Cynthia. Deborah married Les Reynolds, and they have two children, Tonya and Cory. They live in St. Paul, where Les operates the Gulf Oil Bulk Station. Marilyn married Michael McAuley, and they are parents of two children, Joey and Ashleigh. They live in Vancouver, B.C. Michael is a computer consultant. Cynthia lives in Vegreville where she is employed by the Alberta Government telephones.

Sophie's family, 1967

Sophie, the youngest child of Metro and Mary Pawliuk, was born on November 5, 1928, in the Vegreville Hospital. She attended elementary school in Szypenitz, high school in Hairy Hill, and college in Edmonton. After teaching for one year, she worked for public health units for ten years, and was employed by an Insurance Company for two years. On July 16, 1960, Sophie married Walter Hunchak, a businessman in Edmonton. They have two children, Howard Walter, born December 8, 1961, and Kelly Ann, born February 23, 1963. The children attend the University of Alberta. They all reside in Edmonton.

Until age 88 Metro continued to lead an active life, preparing his own meals in his own home, gardening and driving a car.

His loving wife, Mary, passed away on April 11, 1974.

PAWLIUK, Nikolai and Elana (nee Kusiek)

by Mike Pawliuk

On July 2, 1903, some 17 families left their native Village of Ispas, Bukovina, Western Ukraine, to immigrate to Canada. Among them were two brothers and a sister: Metro Pawliuk and his wife Paraska; Nikolai (Nick) Pawliuk and his wife Elana; and Odokia Yusep and her husband Lesio (Alec). The Luchak families, cousins of the Pawliuk's, also accompanied them. On August 2, these immigrants disembarked in Quebec City and five days later arrived in Strathcona (South Edmonton). Here, they spent three weeks in the Immigration Hall.

During their stay at the Hall, the new settlers built a large river raft of logs. To hold their supplies, they built and placed on the raft three large boxes of lumber, each approximately 20 feet square. The Luchaks, who were relatively well-off, purchased 50 bags of flour at $1. each, and loaded them onto the raft.

With all their supplies on board, the settlers floated down the North Saskatchewan River. Several days later, they landed their river raft in the Shandro area which had already become a well established settlement. For a short time, the newcomers lived with a Lesio Melnychuk family. The Pawliuk and Yusep families spent that winter at the home of Andrew Flora, while the Luchaks wintered at Wasyl Hawreliak's.

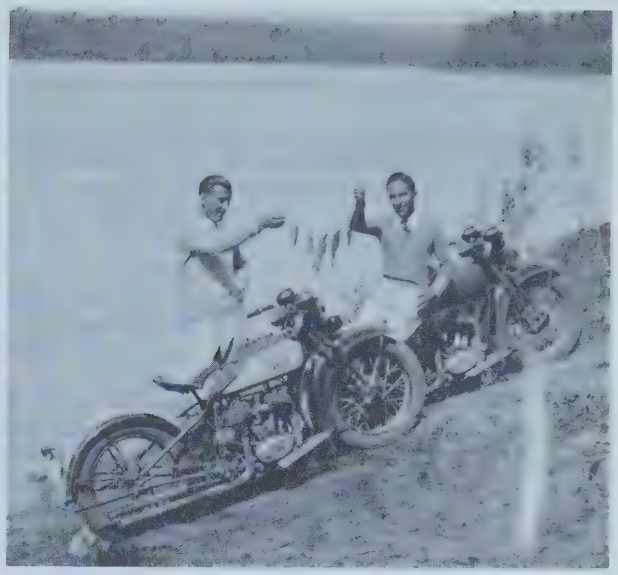
In the fall of 1903, Metro and Nick Pawliuk, and Alec Yusep walked eastward along barely visible Indian trails to explore and file on their homesteads. They soon reached an area which reminded them of their native Ispas in Bukovina - forested rolling land, sloping towards the river. Alec Yusep filed on NW 2-57-13-W4th, Metro on NE 2-57-13-W4th, and Nick on SE 10-57-13-W4th. The experience of finding their homesteads was a trying one. After some three weeks, they came back to the Andrew Flora's homestead; tired, unshaven, scratched-up, hungry, and almost in tears. They had left their lovely Bukovina to come to some God-forsaken land.

In the spring of 1904, the three families moved to their homesteads. To tell of their hardships would be to repeat that of most other Ukrainian settlers of this district and of that era. Hard work and perseverance made life tolerable.

The district was soon known as Ispas. Nick Pawliuk became the first postmaster of the Ispas post office, which was established about 1911. Earlier in 1906, the settlers built the Ispas Church, which still stands on the northeast corner of NE 34-56-13-W4th. Nikolai acquired another quarter of land, NE 3-57-13-W4th, adjoining his homestead.

The year 1913 was a memorable one for the Pawliuks, as their father Wasyl, step-mother Sophia, and another sister, Irena, arrived from the old country. Irena came to join her husband Mihailo Trufin, who had come to Canada two or three years earlier and homesteaded on SE 14-57-13-W4th. In that year the Ispas School was built. In 1915, after only two years in Canada, Wasyl died. His wife, Sophia, died in 1925 after a long illness. Nikolai Pawliuk passed away in 1949 at the age of 79 and his wife, Elana, in 1951 at the age of 72. All of them are buried in the Ispas Church Cemetery.

Nykolai Pawliuk family, 1942. Front row, (L to R) - Mary (Tkachuk), Nykolai, Elana, Helen (Shandro); back row - Peter, Alec, Mike, Bill. (Missing is Nancy (Wowk).)



Fishing in the North Saskatchewan River (circa 1932), two miles north of Ispas Church. Left - Sylvester Tkachuk (teacher at Ispas School); right - John Pawliuk (teacher at Brinsley School).

THE CHILDREN OF NIKOLAI AND ELANA PAWLIUK

Nikolai and Elana came to Canada childless, as two of their children died in infancy. Their first child, Helen, was born in Canada in 1904. At the young age of 15, she married John Shandro, son of Nikon Shandro, one of the three brothers who pioneered in the Shandro district. John and Helen farmed in the Desjarlais district and then took over Nikon's original homestead. They had four children: Mary, Pearl, Victoria and Walter. In 1980, Helen died in Edmonton where the family lived in their retirement years.

Pearl was born in 1906. A strong and healthy girl, she became ill after helping with harvest. Before she could be taken to a doctor, she died at the age of 15 in 1921.

Bill, born in 1908, helped on the family farm and in the running of the post office. He was also foreman of road construction in the area during the summer months when the main road construction equipment consisted of four horses and a scraper. In 1939, Bill became an elevator agent for the Alberta Wheat Pool in Hairy Hill. In 1943, he joined the army, and upon discharge resumed grain buying, this time with the Willingdon U.G.G. In the late 1960s, he left the elevator and moved to Edmonton where, for several years, he worked at the Grand Hotel. He continues to live his retirement years in Edmonton.

John, born in 1910, was educated at Ispas, Vegreville, and the Victoria High School in Edmonton. Graduating from the Edmonton Normal School with a First Class Teaching Certificate in 1931, he obtained a teaching position at Brinsley school. John was a sports enthusiast and organized hockey and baseball in the district during the early thirties. Hockey rinks were created by clearing an area on a pond, and banking the sides with ship-lap. John was also instrumental in organizing the building of Ispas Hall.

Because the teacherage was too cold to live in during the winter months, John lived at home and each morning walked the three miles to school. On the morning of January 25, 1935, at the age of 24, he passed away as a result of a heart attack.

The fifth child, Peter, was born in 1913. After completing his Grade VIII at Ispas School, he was required to help with farm work, and was not able to further his education. Along with his brother Bill and his dad, he operated the farm. In 1939, Peter married Alexandra Holowaychuk and the young couple took over the family farm, acquiring Uncle Metro's farm after he passed away. In the mid-fifties, Peter and Alexandra sold their land and moved to Edmonton and later to Gibson, B.C. where they purchased a hotel. They had three children: Phyllis, Ken and Reginald. All are married with families of their own. Peter died in 1979. Alexandra and Reginald still reside in Gibson, while Phyllis and Ken live in Edmonton.

Mary was born in 1915 and attended school at Ispas, Hairy Hill, and Edmonton. In 1935, she married Sylvester (Sally) Tkachuk who had been teaching at Ispas in the early thirties. In September, 1935, the Tkachuks moved to Halach about 100 miles north of Edmonton where Sylvester taught school. In 1936, they moved to the Shandro district after Sylvester obtained a teaching position there. Here their first son, Ronald, was born. In the early forties, Sylvester was transferred to Hairy Hill where two sons, Marvin and Garry, were born. After several years of illness, Sylvester died in 1955. Mary, along with her three sons, continued to live in Hairy Hill where she was employed as the village secretary. When a family friend, William Hawreliak, offered her a job as a bookkeeper with the Independent Wholesale, she sold her home in Hairy Hill and moved to Edmonton. Here the boys completed their education while Mary worked in the wholesale. After a bout with illness, she suffered a stroke in October, 1979, which left her paralyzed. She presently resides in the Dickensfield nursing home in Edmonton. Her sons are married with families of their own. Ronald is a school principal in an Edmonton school, Marvin a

superintendent of schools in the County of Parkland, and Garry is a building contractor.

Nancy, born in 1917, attended school at Ispas. She married Stanley Wowk of Hamlin, Alberta, in 1937. After farming in Ardmore, Alberta, for several years, Nancy and Stanley moved back to his father's homestead in Hamlin where they continued farming. In the sixties the Wowks sold their farm and moved to Edmonton, where Stanley was employed as caretaker with the Edmonton Co-op Store and later with the University of Alberta. They are both retired and are living in Edmonton. They have three married children: Olga Wozny of Calgary, John of Edmonton, and Ronald of Kamloops, B.C.

George was born in 1919, but died in infancy.

Alec, born in 1920, attended school at Ispas, Vilna and the Victoria High School in Edmonton. He then attended the Edmonton Normal School where he obtained his teaching certificate in 1939. For two years he was employed by the Two Hills School Division and taught at Greenbush, eight miles south of Beauvallon. In 1941, he joined the R.C.A.F. Upon his discharge in 1945, he took a refresher course at the Edmonton Technical School and then enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Alberta. In 1947 he married Anna Morhal of Edmonton. After receiving his B.Sc. degree in electrical engineering, he and his wife moved to Hamilton, Ontario where Alec found employment with Westinghouse Electric. He was rapidly promoted to higher positions in the company and finally became vice-president of Wabco, a subsidiary company of Westinghouse, which manufactures air brakes. Alec and Anna have three daughters: Chrissy of London, Ontario; Patricia of Vancouver; and Nicole of Montreal.

Mike, the youngest son of Nikolai and Elana Pawliuk, was born in 1922. After attending school at Ispas, Shandro, and Hairy Hill, he enrolled in the Edmonton Normal School and received his interim teaching certificate in 1942. In June of that year, he substituted at Slawa School while the regular teacher was away for army cadet training. In August, 1942, Mike joined the R.C.A.F. but was granted a two month leave of absence to try his hand at teaching, in Primula School, at the very eastern extremity of the Two Hills School Division. In October, 1942, he reported for training with the R.C.A.F. After his discharge he attended the University of Alberta.

In 1946, Mike married Elsie Eliuk, daughter of Sam and Mary Eliuk of Vegreville and formerly of Hairy Hill. Mike was re-employed by the Two Hills School Division in 1948 and taught at Rannock, Pruth, and Krasne before being transferred to the Two Hills School in 1953. Two years later he was appointed vice-principal in charge of the elementary school and in 1961 became its principal, a position he still holds at the time of writing.

Mike and Elsie have been active in the community belonging to various organizations. For 12 years, Elsie was employed by the County of Two Hills as a bookkeeper; for the past twelve years she has been the bookkeeper for the Town of Two Hills. From 1967 to 1973, Mike served as town councillor. He was chairman of the Centennial Committee during 1966 and 1967.

Mike and Elsie have one daughter, Beverly. She completed her high school in Two Hills and then attended the University of Alberta. Presently she lives in Vancouver.

Beverly, Mike and Elsie Pawliuk, 1978

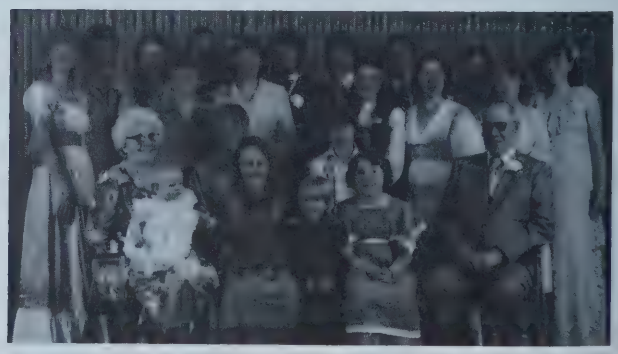
PAWLUSKI, Mike and Rose (nee Elko)

by Rose Pawluski

Rose, second youngest daughter of Fred and Wasylena Elko, lived on the SE 36-54-12-W4th and attended Nizir School.

Mike, fourth child of Thomas and Anna Pawluski, lived on SE 24-54-12-W4th, four miles southeast of Musidora.

Rose and Mike were married on June 8, 1933, and lived with their parents for several years. In 1935, they moved to their own farm, SE 13-54-12-W4th. Their first child, Elozee Alley, was born in 1934, Sonja in 1936, and Judy in 1942. The growing family required more than one quarter of land to sustain them. Homesteads were then available in the Peace River country. Selling their farm to Jessie Mandrusiak in 1943, they loaded two box cars of machinery, livestock, and belongings and moved to a new homestead at Eaglesham, Alberta. Their son Rodney was born in Eaglesham. All the Pawluski children attended and completed high school.



Mike and Rose Pawluski with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchild on Rose's knee, 1978

Mike and Rose Pawluski on their 50th wedding anniversary in the Vernon Recreation Centre, 1983, with Caroline Shewchuk (left) and John Baduk (right) of White Rock

Sonja married Steve Chahley and to them were born three children. Sonja is remarried to Earl Toews and lives in Kelowna, British Columbia.

Alley, who married Dianne Johnson, had three children and lives in Edmonton.

Judy, who was married to Hugo Strohschein, raised two children. Judy is remarried to Ron Allen and lives in Edmonton.

Rodney married Joan Webber. They have two children and live in Vernon, British Columbia.

Mike and Rose have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In 1975, Mike and Rose sold their farmland and retired to Vernon, British Columbia.

PAWLUSKI, Peter and Antonina (nee Wujcik)

Peter was born on June 3, 1905, on a homestead southeast of Two Hills. He was the son of Thomas and Anna Pawluski, who emigrated from the Village of Medyka, Poland (under Austria), with their two children, Frank and Mary. The family gave up their first homestead that they had claimed, for a second site that was located five miles east and two and one-half miles south of Two Hills, where land was cleared and buildings erected. Six more children were born: Peter, Mike, Walter, Andrew, Angeline and Edmund.

Peter and Antonina on their 50th wedding anniversary, February, 1984

After working out for a year, Peter returned, and bought his first parcel of land in 1925. By 1927, he had broken some land, harvested his first crop, and built a house.

A year later Peter married Antonina Wujcik who had just recently arrived to the area from Medyka, Poland. Antonina was sponsored by the Nick Snaychuk family in 1927, and resided with them.

Peter continued farming in the area until his retirement in 1968, when the Hutterian Brethern purchased a large tract of land for the purpose of setting up a community.

In addition to his farming operation, Peter and his family built and operated a theatre in the Village of Myrnam.

Their children, Ernest and Helen, completed their high school education at Myrnam.

While living at Myrnam, Peter and Antonina served the community in several capacities. Peter was a village councillor, a school board representative and also served as Mayor of Myrnam.

In 1978, Peter and Antonina decided to retire to Two Hills.

In February, 1984, Peter and Antonina celebrated their 56th year of marriage. They continue to enjoy good health and the company of their many friends.

PEDSCALNY, Nick and Frances (nee Petecki)

Frances was born to Antonia and Marcin Petecki of Plain Lake, in October, 1910.

Nick, second eldest son of a family of ten, was born to Malania and Joseph Pedscalny, in Ethelbert, Manitoba, in November, 1904. At 18, Nick left home to find work on railroad extra gangs in the Lethbridge area. While at Pincher Creek, Nick left the gang and got a job at Elko, drilling a tunnel 15 feet in diameter through a mountain. When the tunnel was completed, Nick went to Bonnington Falls to work on other projects. Returning home for two years, he again sought work in Prince George, B.C., where he shaped railway ties at 15 cents apiece. If

Nick, Francis and Victor Pedscalny, 1942

the lumber was good, one could cut 30 ties a day. He also cut logs for the sawmill at 11 cents a log.

Eventually, Nick registered in a mechanics' course in Edmonton. Learning that a new railway, between Edmonton and Lloydminister would be built, he decided that Two Hills would be a good location to start a business. In 1930, together with Alex Harasym, Nick built the Two Hills Motors garage. After being in partnership for two years, Nick continued the business on his own.

Later, Nick and Sam Bachinski purchased the Two Hills power plant which provided power from evening until midnight. Later, Canadian Utilities provided Two Hills with 24-hour service.

Nick Pedscalny and Frances Petecki were married in 1935. They were blessed with one son, Victor. Victor married Audrey Hamilton and now lives in Regina. They have three children.

In 1937, Nick sold the garage business to the Buk brothers. In 1939, he brought the Myrnam power plant providing 24-hour service. Canadian Utilities bought his operation in 1950.

After seven years in the hotel business in East Coulee and ten years at the Drake Hotel in Edmonton, Nick and Frances retired.

PETASKY, Frank and Katryna (nee Sturmay)

Frank Petasky was born in September, 1876, in the village of Berlin, County of Brody, Province of Halychina, Ukraine, to Joseph and Teklia Petasky.

Katryna, daughter of John and Maria Sturmay, was born in September, 1888, in the neighboring village of Biliwtsi, County of Brody, Province of Halychina.

John and Mary Sturmay, circa 1930

Frank attended the village school for approximately four years and later found employment - a rodman with a firm of Czechoslovakian surveyors.

As there appeared to be no hope for Frank's future, the family sold a piece of land to raise enough money to buy him passage to Canada. In April, 1903, he and his cousin Martin, along with his wife and three children, sailed for Canada. Arriving in Strathcona on May 3, 1903, he had only $2.50 in his pocket. During the first year he obtained work on a railroad gang at Taber, Frank and Fernie. Wages were only $2. a day and food was not supplied.

Later in 1903, John and Maria Sturmay and their two daughters, Katryna and Nastasia arrived in Canada. Frank and Katryna were married by Father Didykon, February 12, 1905, at Mundare. They filed for a homestead and established their home on SW 4-54-12-W4, which was situated approximately seven miles south of the Town of Two Hills.

Katryna and Frank Petasky, circa 1930

Although their beginning was difficult, with perseverance and hard work Frank and Katryna became successful farmers. They were very proud of their ancestory, and of Canada because of the freedom and opportunities it offered. Frank was of Roman Catholic faith and helped organize and build St. Peter and St. Paul Church in 1913, at New Kiew.

Frank Petasky family, circa 1927. Back row, (L to R) - John, Walter, Steve; front row - Frank, Rose and Katie.

The Petaskys raised five children: Mary married Walter Semeniuk in June of 1927, and raised four children: Josephine, Emile, Nestor, and Joanne. They farmed south of Two Hills for approximately 40 years and retired to Edmonton. They have seven grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Walter married Nancy Krawchuk in June, 1937. (See Walter Petasky family)

Steve and Helen Petasky, 1955

Steve, who married Helen Boyko in December of 1955, raised three children: Arlene, Douglas, and Donald. They also have two grandchildren. Steve was employed by the Municipal District of Eagle, Two Hills Municipal Hospital, Two Hills School Division, and for the past 33 years with the Canada West Insurance Company.

Rose, married to Dan Kitt in November of 1944, raised three children: Victor, Ronald, and Elaine. Ronald succumbed to cancer July 3, 1983.

John, who was single and in ill health for most of his life, passed away of heart failure in 1978.

Katryna passed away in September, 1944, at the age of 54. Frank passed away in December, 1963, at the age of 87. Both were laid to rest on the church site of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church at New Kiew.

PETASKY, Walter and Nancy

Walter, son of Frank and Catherine Petasky, was born on October 11, 1912, on his parents' homestead in Plain Lake, six miles south of Two Hills.

As a child, he attended Pobeda and Krasne Schools. At the age of 14, he had to leave school to help with the family farm.

On June 6, 1937, Walter married Nancy, daughter of Timko and Helen Krawchuk of Plain Lake.

Nancy was born on April 10, 1916, on her parents' homestead in Plain Lake. She, too, attended Krasne School.

The young couple lived and continued to farm on the Petasky homestead until 1965. To supplement their farm income, Walter, John Kitt, and Alex Miskiw formed the M.P.K. Construction Company which operated from 1953 to 1965.

In 1965, Walter and Nancy moved into the Town of Two Hills, where they presently reside. Walter continued to farm, and work on construction jobs. He worked for the County of Two Hills, during the summer months, for approximately 11 years. During the winter months, Walter and Nancy were employed by the Two Hills Curling Club as caretakers and managers of the concession booth.

Walter and Nancy Petasky, June 6, 1937

During their life on the farm, they raised three children: Robert, born on January 30, 1940; Iris, born on November 30, 1945; and David, born on February 28, 1948.

Presently, Robert resides in Edmonton, and has two daughters, Tracey and Lisa.

Iris married Julian Tymkow of Lamont on July 16, 1964. They reside in Lamont and have two sons, Shayne and Christian.

David married Linda Plaska of Two Hills on July 29, 1972. They reside in Vegreville and have two sons, Marc and Michael.

Walter and Nancy Petasky family, circa 1975. Standing, (L to R) - David, Iris and Robert; seated - Nancy and Walter.

PETECKI, Marcin (1868-1934) and Antonia (1878-1956)

by John Petecki and Michael H. Tomyn

Marcin Petecki, who was born in Austria, married Antonia (Ezinitski), and the couple was blessed with three children: Louis 1897-1979, Annie 1899-1982, and Rosie 1902-1905. In 1887, Marcin served in the Austrian army.

The family left Austria in May, 1903, and arrived in Canada settling on SE 32-53-12-W4th in the fall. There they built a thatched-roof log house with clay covered walls and chimney. After Marcin bought two horses he broke three acres of land.

Marcin and Antonia Petecky, 1926

In 1908, Marcin received two precious documents; his naturalization papers (March 3), and his homestead deed, on August 17.

The Peteckis were blessed with eight more children in Canada: Mary, (1903, born on the ship); Frank, 1904-1959; Joe, 1906; John, 1909; Francis, 1910; Walter, 1912-1964; Mike, 1914, and Peter, 1916.

Marcin and Antonia were members of the Roman Catholic Church at New Kiew but also attended Plain Lake Church.

In the early days there were no roads or bridges on the journey to purchase supplies in Edmonton.

When the wagon mired down, Marcin would unload the supplies, pull the wagon out and load it up again. At this time it was necessary to walk nine miles one way to receive mail at Warwick.

In 1915, Marcin purchased an International thresher complete with a hand feeder and blower. His son, Louis, did custom work, threshing from October 11, 1916, throughout the winter, until March 7, 1917. He threshed for 27 farmers that winter, an operation made possible because farmers placed the cut grain in stacks. The Petecki brothers continued custom threshing, breaking prairie, and sawing wood for many years in the neighborhood, replacing their equipment as need would arise. A bridge, used by many people was built over the creek running through the farm.

When people came to fish at Plain Lake in the early 1900s, they camped in the Petecki yard. By 1919, all the fish in the lake died.

The Indians used to camp one quarter mile south of the farm in the spring and again on their return in fall. Once, while Antonia was drawing water from the well by the creek she spotted a bear which was eventually hunted down by Sam English. Moose were also plentiful in the area.

A near-tragedy once occurred when Annie, the second child was bitten by a poisonous water snake. A tourniquet was applied and she was driven to the Vegreville R.M. Boswell Hospital. She recovered in a few days but because the tourniquet was not loosened every now and then, she suffered with a leg problem for the rest of her life.

In 1911-1912, an Englishman, named Jim Dennis established a small store which catered to settlers in the area. The lake and creek provided water for his steam engine which ran a flour mill, a saw mill, and a threshing machine in the fall.

The Petecki children and grandchildren have fond memories of Christmas at their home. Antonia would hide peanuts and hazel nuts in the hay under the table.

A new home was built in 1920, but was not occupied for about ten years.

Louis (see story "Petecki, Louis and Magdalene" elsewhere in this book)

Annie (for her story see Tomyn, Harry and Annie in this publication)

Four generations - Antonia Petecki, Anna Tomyn, Katie Hnydyk and Roseanne, 1946

Rosie died at the age of three and was buried at the Pioneer Cemetery of St. Nicholas at New Kiew.

Mary, born on the ship on the 1903 voyage, married George Fliczuk. To this union were born five children: Olga, Bill, Annie, Zena (now deceased), and James. The Fliczuk family history appears in the book "Vegreville in Review".

Frank married Katie Delawski, and the couple was blessed with a daughter, Lynn. For most of his life, Frank was manager of the hardware and lumber business.

Joe married Nettie Soldan, and they were blessed with two sons: Neil (now deceased) and Ross. Joe started out as a feed mill operator, but for the rest of his working life he was a storekeeper.

John (see story "Petecki, John and Mary" history)

Frances married Nick Pedscalny and they had one son, Victor.

Walter married Annie Iskiw, stepdaughter of Stefan Kisilewich. Walter started out as a farmer but later worked in a shingle factory.

Mike married Mary Chomik and they had a son Ronald. Mike was a mechanic.

Peter married Marie Sherstianko and they had one son, Louis. Peter started out as a mechanic but later was involved in road construction.

The pioneers, our forebearers, were blessed with a lot of courage and stamina, and we are proud of their contributions to our country.

We salute these pioneers!

PETECKI, John and Mary (nee Iskiw)

by John Petecki (Petecky)

John, who was born in 1909, was the seventh child of Marcin and Antonia. He farmed with his father, and managed the custom threshing operation until 1945.

On June 15, 1940, he married Mary Iskiw (stepdaughter of Stefan Kisilewich) at Mundare with Reverend Pryzsiezniak officiating.

The barn for the Krasne School district was built by John Petecki and John Krawchuk. In 1945, John moved to Two Hills where he worked as a carpenter for a couple of years with Matt Hnydyk. Later he worked with Bill Boyko until 1949. The next year, he moved to Edmonton where he worked in a dairy and for C.W. Carry Steel Fabrication plant until his retirement.

John and Mary have one son, Edward, and two grandchildren.

John Petecki family, 1979. Back row, (L to R) - Ed, John, Joan; front row - Mary, Darren and Naomi.

PETECKI, Louis and Magdalene (nee Tomyn)

by daughter Nancy Armstrong

Louis Petecki married Magdalene Tomyn in 1919, and settled in the Plain Lake area. They had three children: Steve, Nancy, and George.

In 1927, they moved to Two Hills where Louis and his partner owned and operated a garage and power-plant. Later a fire completely destroyed the building. Louis then managed the bowling alley and pool hall, and was employed by the John Deere agency.

In 1942, the Peteckis moved to British Columbia, where Louis worked in the pulp and paper mill.

Steve passed away in 1976; Louis, in 1979; and Magdalene, in 1981.

Nancy (Armstrong), widowed since 1981, resides in Victoria, B.C.

George lives in Winnipeg with his wife Nancy and their three children.

PHILLIPS, John and Nancy (nee Yaremcio)

The Phillips family emigrated from the Village of Krevenky, County of Buciw, Province of Galicia, with their four children in 1902. Son John was born in Canada after their arrival.

John Phillips' parents, 1903

In 1930, John married Nancy Yaremcio of New Kiew and settled on a farm owned by John's parents, located between Mundare and Vegreville. They farmed there until 1967.

John and Nancy had three children: Emily (Andrews) of South Dakota, USA; Victor, who married Mary Ambrosie on June 4, 1955, and farms near the home place; and Ernie, who farms the home place. Emily and Ernie have no family.

John Phillips died on September 30, 1979. Nancy, who helps on the farm, lives in Vegreville.

John and Nancy Phillips, the first Canadian generation, 1932; Emily, Victor and Ernie Phillips, second Canadian generation, circa 1943.

PILIP, Paulo and Katerina (nee Dzuiba)

Paulo Pilip, born in 1877, in the Village of Buciw, Galicia, married Katerina Dzuiba (born 1864 in the same village) in 1899. They were blessed with one son, John.

The Pilips had a few acres of land in the old country but because they could not provide for their needs there, they sold their property and immigrated to Canada in 1905. They filed a homestead, NW 24-54-12-W4th, about six miles southeast of Two Hills.

Katerina, John and Paulo Pilip, circa 1921

An enormous 40 acre hill which neighbors called "Pilip's Hill" was located on the property. In 1913, their son John, and his friends, Andrew Buk and Steve Snaychuk, hauled a part of horse sleighs to the top of that hill and all three coasted the quarter mile down. With no brakes or control they sped about 70 miles per hour, but arrived safely at the bottom of the hill, "white as sheets", never to repeat the adventure.

Katerina Pilip died in 1941, and Paulo Pilip in 1953. Both are buried in the Lanuke Cemetery.

PILIP, John and Jessie

In 1905, at age four, John, son of Paulo and Katerina Pilip, immigrated to Canada. He attended Pobeda School until the age of 15. Being the only son, his parents needed his assistance on the farm.

In 1924, he was the first resident in the district who acquired a "high-test" gasoline lamp for his home. All the neighbours admired it and one could see the bright light through the windows for miles.

In 1927, John married Jessie Hnatyshyn who came to Canada in 1925 from Medyka, Galicia, at the age of 23. The village was under the Polish regime and life was very poor, and thus she was convinced to immigrate.

Jessie and John Pilip, 1968

John and Jessie were blessed with four children: Bobby, a machinist foreman for the County of Two Hills; Alice, married to Nick Klim and living in Kamloops, B.C.; Marshal of Edmonton; and Paul, who is married and living in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

John and Jessie continued farming the land previously owned by John's parents. They enjoyed raising bees and during the war, when sugar was rationed, neighbours from many miles away came to buy honey.

In 1967, John and Jessie sold their farm and retired to Two Hills.

Both passed away in 1983, and are buried at the Lanuke Cemetery.

PONA, John and Mary (nee Kachmar)

by Mary Pona (as told to Sister Anne)

I, Mary Pona, daughter of William and Sophie Kachmar, was born in the Village of Miekisz Nowyj, District of Yaroslaw, Western Ukraine. My mother, sister Anne, brother George and I came to Canada on August 30, 1930. My father arrived in Canada in 1928. We cried when we left our homeland fearing we would never return. Fifty-four years have passed and we have not been back.

Our trip to Canada took 30 days. Since my father did not own horses, he hired a neighbour, Mr. Hladky, and they met us at Vegreville.

Soon, we were taken to our own home located on my Aunt Mary's (Uncle Alex Killick's) farm.

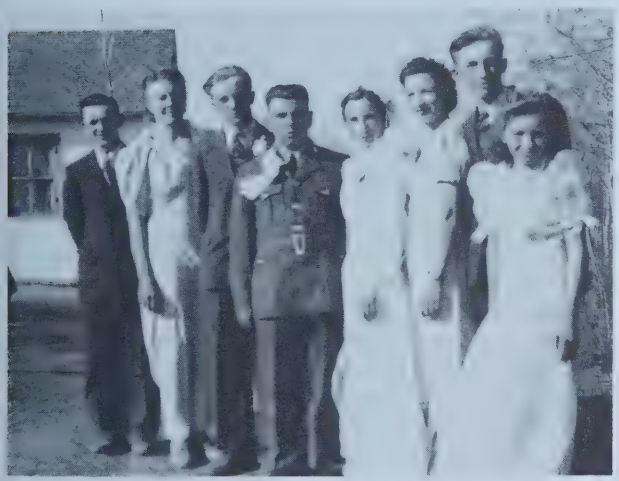
We attended Wolia School which was across the road from our home. My sister Anne and I knew no English. We could count only to ten. Mr. McQuillan, our teacher, placed us in Grade I. Because I was so tall I asked myself,

"What am I doing in Grade I when I was in Grade III in the old country?" This made me very self conscious. Sister Anne being younger, was not concerned, but I was sick every day with severe headaches. Miss Black, a nurse who visited the school, advised that I leave school to avoid a nervous breakdown. Hence, I never finished the school term.

In 1935, Dad bought his own farm in the New Kiew district, which my sister and I helped to clear and cultivate. This was hard work, but we were so happy to have our own place. I remember how we would sing our favorite songs as we brought the cows in for milking.

John, son of William and Maria Pona (nee Tvanyk), was born in the Village of Mlyny, District of Yavoriv. Shortly after World War I, he was called to train in the Polish army.

On March 26, 1929, John left the Port of Danzig on the ship "Montcall" via Liverpool to London, and then to Canada. Arriving in Edmonton on April 22, 1929, he began searching for employment immediately. He worked for the extra gang in the vicinity of Lacombe for 30 cents an hour, as well as for a farmer in Nisku for his board and room. Later, he worked at Hoadley as a sectionman for the C.P.R. In 1942, he was called for military duty and served for four years.



John and Mary Pona's wedding, 1944. (L to R) - George Kachmar, Rose Bachinsky, Louis Samoil, John and Mary Pona (nee Kachmar), Anne Chrunik (nee Kachmar), Steve and Alexandra Klimosko. The house built in 1936, is still standing.

On April 23, 1944, John married Mary Kachmar in the New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Church with Father Kurylo officiating. Our wedding reception was held in the farm yard. The building that served as my first home in 1930, now served as the 'dance hall' and 'motel' for our guests. John and I moved to Chilliwack, B.C., after the wedding.

When John was discharged from the army he returned to his previous job with the C.P.R. In 1953, he was promoted to section foreman and transferred to Hairy Hill, where we bought our own home. This was an improvement over living in bunkhouses.

We were blessed with two sons, Bill and John.

Mary and John Pona with their sons Bill and Johnny, 1960

Bill, born in Vegreville Hospital, attended Hairy Hill and Willingdon Schools. After graduating, he attended NAIT, and then worked for Canada Packers. Bill married Virgie, daughter of Peter and Elsie Kotowich. They have two lovely daughters. Bill has recently taken electrical courses at NAIT and is in partnership with Ranny's Electric in Two Hills.

John Junior, born in the Bentley Hospital, attended Hairy Hill and Willingdon schools. After graduating, he attended NAIT and graduated as a chef. Unmarried, he is presently working in Calgary.

After John retired in 1969, we continued to live in Hairy Hill. We belong to the Hairy Hill Ukrainian Catholic Church, sing in the choir, and John assists the priest at the alter.

We firmly believe that, with God's help, you can survive in peace and happiness.

POPOWICH, Peter and Doris (nee Paradis)

Peter, who was born in Lac Bellevue, Alberta, in 1930, is the fourth son of Fred and Zenovia Popowich. He attended the one room Boela School. Later, his parents sent him to Willingdon where he stayed with his maternal grandparents and continued his education.

The game of hockey fascinated Peter and at the age of 13, he bought a pair of skates for $1.50 and joined the Willingdon Monarchs Hockey team.

When Peter was 16, he was needed on the farm, and had to leave school. He worked on the farm for one year, then found employment with a seismic crew and after four years in the oil field, he returned to St. Paul, to help his brother operate a restaurant.

While working in St. Paul, he met Doris (nee Paradis), born in Foisy. The Paradis family moved to a homestead in the Ashmont area, where Doris attended school. Later, she worked in St. Paul.

In June, 1952, Peter and Doris were married and both continued to work in St. Paul, until October, when they moved to operate the Popowich farm.

The family moved to Two Hills in November, 1954. Peter continued to work at the Chemical Plant. He also became involved in community sports, Two Hills Lions Club and started coaching minor hockey.

Peter and Doris became proud parents of twin boys, Dwayne and Dwight in 1953.

A year later they moved to Duvernay, where Peter started working for Western Chemicals Ltd. In June, 1959, daughter Trudy arrived and in 1967, Darren arrived.

Dwight married Pat Hlewka and has one son. Now divorced, he resides in Two Hills.

Dwayne married Lexine Hnatiuk. They have two children and reside in Calgary.

Trudy married Patrick Orlecki and resides in Two Hills.

Peter left the Chemical Plant in 1975, and started his own real estate and insurance business. Doris left the nursing home in 1977, to join the business.

PREDYK, John and Ewdoka (nee Sadoway)

by Tilly Hyshka & Catherine Yakimyshyn

John Predyk was born in 1865, and his wife, Ewdoka in 1873. They left Zwinick, Chortkiw area of the Ukraine, and settled on a farm one-half mile south of the Plain Lake Church. Here they broke a quarter section of land with oxen and horses. Their first home was built of clay and was open to all passersby. The Basilian Fathers stayed at their home when serving the Plain Lake Parish.

John and Ewdoka with their family, 1912. (L to R) - Annie, Mary, Mother holding Pearl, Tillie, Father and Katherine.

John and Ewdoka Predyk were involved with church activities. Mass, conducted by Father F. Filas, was held at their home. Sunday School sessions and municipal meetings were also held at their home.

Daughters of John and Ewdoka Predyk, 1945. (L to R) - Tillie Hyshka, Anne Kostiniuk, Catherine Yakimyshyn, Pearl Samborski, and Mary Hayduk

John and Ewdoka had five daughters: Mary and Annie (deceased), Catherine, Tilly, and Pearl.

Daughter Tilly (Hyshka) resides in Edmonton. She has six children: Elsie Brownlee of Calgary; William of Fort McMurray; Steve, John and Nestor of Edmonton; Ed of Boyle. Nineteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren are also members of the Hyshka family.

John Predyk passed away in 1919, and Ewdoka in 1937.

PREDYK, Joe and Mary (nee Chwihun)

Joe and Mary Predyk and their son, Steve, arrived in Canada in 1903. They emigrated from the Village of Chrotkiw, County of Zbinach. Daughter, Annie, was born in Canada. A homestead was filed at 53-12-W4th, in Plain Lake. They had to work hard to clear a few acres of land. Because of thick bush, they had to use oxen to plow and clear the land.

Son, Steve, was postmaster at Plain Lake for many, many years. Steve was married to Mary Halushchak.

Joe and Mary worked very hard to make their living. Joe was the caretaker of the Plain Lake Church for 38 years. The priest stayed at their place and often 40 to 50 children would come on a Saturday for catechism.

PROKOPIUK, Harry and Mary (Maria)

as told to S.P. Mulka by Mary Prokopiuk (Chrapko)

Hryhory (Harry) Kasianowich Prokopiuk was born on April 19, 1896, of a peasant family in the Village of Shyshkanow, County of Kherson, Ukraine. There were eight children in the family: Paul, Fred, Harry, Dmetro, Wasyl, Alexia, John and Kalyna. When Harry was 24 years old, he met Maria Fiofana Karpenko who was born on March 20, 1910, in the Village of Bilka, County of Odessa, Ukraine. After a brief courtship, they were married in March, 1920.

Shortly after the marriage, Harry was conscripted into the Russian army, and part of his three-year training period was served in Romania. After completing his service, he helped his parents on the farm. During this time, daughter Tamara was born. Unfortunately she died of scarlet fever before the age of one year.

At seventeen years of age, Harry's brother Fred, immigrated to Canada and settled on a homestead near Hanna, Alberta. He repeatedly encouraged Harry and his wife to join him, and, in 1926, they left their homeland and arrived in Hanna to live with Fred for the next five years. At this time, Canada was in the midst of the depression. Employment was unobtainable, and living conditions were poor.

In 1931, Henry and Maria decided to return to the Old Country. They arrived at the place of Harry's parents only to find poverty and starvation, so they moved to the home of Maria's parents at Bilka. On their arrival, Maria's mother met them and exclaimed, "My dear children, why did you come? We have nothing to eat." After a short stay, they moved to Odessa, where they later learned that Maria's mother died of starvation.

Maria Prokopiuk and John Chrapko, circa 1965

Harry and Maria stayed in Odessa a short time, and then decided to go to Vladivostok in Russia. On arrival, they were told, to run away as leaving one's birthplace was punishable by life imprisonment or even death. It was here that they were shocked to see the soldiers carrying the head of a priest. They obtained the services of two Chinese guides to help them escape to China, where they travelled on foot by night and hid in cornfields, bushes and ditches by day. At night, they had to cross rivers, streams and sloughs. On one occasion, Maria would have drowned if Harry had not saved her. Their clothes were torn, shoes worn-out, and for days their only food was wild berries. One of the guides ventured out one night to buy bread and never returned.

On another occasion, one guide left to find some food, as they had not eaten for several days. He was not gone long, when they heard soldiers. Harry, barely breathing and half-frightened to death, covered Maria and himself with leaves and thus eluded the army men. It was past midnight when they heard a soft whistle of their guide, who had returned with some bread. The next day, still trembling with fear, Harry noticed that his hair had turned white. On the following night the guide left to scout ahead for possible danger. He had not been out for long when a shot was heard. As the guide did not return, Harry and Maria were left alone, but somehow they knew God would take care of them.

They do not remember how long it took them to get to Mullin, 300 miles from Vladivostok. At Mullin they stayed in hiding for three days, after which time some good people made arrangements for them to board a train for Charbin. To avoid the Russian police and soldiers, Harry had to follow on foot. They parted with little hope of seeing each other again; but three weeks after Maria arrived at Charbin, she saw a beggar walking towards her. Recognizing him, she ran and threw her arms around him and kept repeating, "Oh, my dear Hreesha". While holding her in his arms, he whispered, "My beloved Maria".

At Charbin, the Prokopiuks stayed with a good family. Maria occupied herself by making "pyrohy" which Harry sold. After three months, they left for Shanghai, and on arrival, rented a room. They slept on the floor with no pillows or quilts for comfort. Maria had to cut and sell her long blonde hair in order to buy two pillows and quilts. Harry chauffeured for eight years and then was employed unloading freight cars. In time, they purchased a small house, where they kept boarders and roomers. Their best customers were Jews who always had money.

Their son Paul was born in Shanghai, China, on June 29, 1941. In 1948, they again immigrated to Canada, settling in Two Hills where Harry became a drayman. In Two Hills, they made many friends and were happy until Harry passed away on March 18, 1957, leaving Maria and Paul to get along as best they could. Paul continued his education and at present is an electronic technician in Williams Lake, B.C. He married Audrey Warawa of Two Hills. They have two children, Karl and Kelly. In 1959, Maria married John Chrapko and lived with him until he passed away in 1972.

Maria lives in Two Hills, and often reminisces about her trials and tribulations.

PYLYPIUK, Eli and Family

Eli and Mary Pylypiuk and their three sons, William, Mike and Metro arrived in Vegreville in April, 1905, from their native Village of Zawale, District of Sniatyn, in Galicia, Ukraine. For several months they lived with relatives near Duvernay but in the fall of the same year they moved to their homestead in the Musidora area (NE 14-54-11-W4). Here they lived in a mud hut that they built.

The Pylypiuk boys were good workers and loved machinery. Eli bought the boys a steam engine, a sawmill, and later a threshing machine. They farmed and did custom work to pay the debt on the machinery. As there was no school nearby, they learned some English through the use of a dictionary.

Five members were born into the Pylypiuk family from 1908-1922: John, Annie, Pearl, Mary and Steven. These children attended Chornik School.

In 1924, when the Canadian Pacific Company surveyed land for a new railway branch from Lloydminster to Edmonton, the Chornik School was overcrowded. The

Pylypiuk's family wedding for Pearl, 1937

district wanted to build a new school but it was to be in a new town along the rail line. During the waiting time, Eli volunteered to provide room for a school in his house. About 15 children attended this schoolroom until a new school was built at Morecambe four years later.

Eli's interest in education paid off. John and Steven (Eugene) graduated from the University of Alberta in medicine. Pearl and Mary entered the teaching profession.

William and Annie led peaceful lives on the land they farmed.

Old Pobeda Church and the New Pobeda Church, 1934

Eli and Mary loved the Lord Jesus Christ and belonged to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church which they helped to build. Eli named it the Pobeda Church.

Eli Pylypiuk was laid to rest in 1936 and Mary in 1946.

RIPKA, Nicholai and Elizabeth (nee Wygera)

by Mickol Ripka

Nicholai was born in Shypynci, Bukovina, on May 2, 1891. At the age of 19 he landed at Halifax, and then continued his journey by train to Vegreville. His destination was the Two Hills area, as two of his brothers, Bill and Metro, had immigrated a couple of years earlier and had purchased land there. In a letter, they had impressed Nicholai with the large amount of land still available in the "New Land". Nicholai, the youngest in the family of four sons, was very independent, and was not to be outdone by older brothers. He knew that he wanted to farm, but had no land or money. Many of his friends and neighbors found

Nicholai Ripka (sitting on chair), 21 years old, 1912

themselves in the same position and had to work at various wage-paying jobs in order to buy the farmland that would eventually support them and their families.

At first, Nicholai worked on the railway, but the wages were extremely low. However, he was able to buy some land from the C.P.R. in 1915. The following year, he built his first house and married Elizabeth, daughter of Wasyl and Ryafta Wygera. Nicholai found work for the next ten years in the coal, gold, and copper mines in the Crowsnest Pass and southeastern areas of B.C. Mean-

Elizabeth Ripka, 17 years old, 1914

while, Elizabeth was responsible for looking after the stock and the family on the farm.

Soon, Nicholai was able to buy more land from Trifon Lupul and in 1927, bought his first car. Later, more land was bought from Kost Fedoruk where Nicholai's son, Michol and grandson, Russell, farm today.

In the mid-fifties, Nicholai and Elizabeth moved into Two Hills, but still came out to the farm as often as they could to help out with the work. Elizabeth, for a number of years put her natural talent to good use, working as a cook for many large Ukrainian wedding receptions in the Two Hills area.

The children of Nicholai and Elizabeth are: Helen (married to Peter Gorgichuk), Michol (married to Fiona Ewasiuk), and Rose (married to Thomas Eliuk). There are 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren in the family.

Nicholai passed away in 1966. Elizabeth, who is a resident of the Two Hills Nursing Home, celebrated her 87th birthday on September 1, 1984.

RIPKA, Michol and Fiona (nee Ewasiuk)

Michol Ripka was born on March 15, 1921, and attended Wattsford and Kaleland Schools, and New Hairy Hill High School. Due to ill health, he was not able to complete his high school. During the war years, he helped his father, Nicholai Ripka, with the farming operations.

In 1943, he married Fiona Ewasiuk, daughter of William and Elizabeth Ewasiuk of the Szypenitz area. They continued in a mixed farming operation after Michol's parents retired in Two Hills.

Michol and Fiona have five children: Robert Terry, Valerie Marie, Russell Raymond, Donna Lee, and Leslie Michael.

Michol and Fiona Ripka with some of their family, circa 1975

Robert who was born on February 19, 1945, took his schooling in Two Hills and completed his electrician studies in B.C. He married Donna Baker and lives in Prince George. They have one daughter, Tonia.

Valerie, who was born on June 9, 1948, completed high school in 1966, and attended the University of Alberta and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. She has worked in retail drug stores for a number of years and operated her own store for a period of four years.

Russell was born on March 10, 1952. He completed his high school education in Two Hills and pursued art studies. Presently, Russell is farming.

Donna, who was born on December 12, 1957, completed high school in Two Hills. She married Arthur Lypka of Two Hills and lives in Elk Point with their two children, Jeffrey and Christa.

Leslie was born on March 3, 1962. After completing his high school he entered the pharmacy program at the University of Alberta and graduated in 1984. He is presently employed as a pharmacist at the University Hospital in Edmonton.

ROBINSON, Rene and Lucia (nee Brosseau)

by Lucia Robinson

Rene Robinson, oldest son of Leon Robinson and Delina Blanchette, was born on the homestead near Lake Bellevue, on August 25, 1915. He attended Chesterville School, with Miss Margaret McPherson (Mrs. Robert Watt of Ben's Lake) as one of his teachers. When the family moved to Lafond he attended school there, but left at an early age to help his family. He worked for farmers in the St. Paul, Lafond, Foisy, and Duvernay districts. During World War II, he served in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Lucia Rosalie Brosseau was born August 2, 1914, in the house built by Edmond Brosseau, the founder of Brosseau, Alberta. Her father, Joseph Brosseau, took over the holdings on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River in 1917, when her grandfather died. Her mother, Lucie Coutu, was the great-granddaughter of Marie Anne Lagimodiere who, the historians qualify, was the first white woman to come to Fort des Prairies, later known as Fort Edmonton, in 1850.

In 1921, Lucia was placed in a boarding school, the Immaculate Conception Convent, run by the Daughters of Providence, in Vegreville where she attended St. Martin's Separate School and graduated in 1931. In 1932, she attended Edmonton Normal School and obtained a first class teacher's certificate. Many happy memories of those days are recalled when she taught in Champlain, Foisy, and Atmore. She substituted in Cartier and Lafond and it was there that she met Rene Robinson.

On November 27, 1945, Rene and Lucia were married by Father Campeau in Brosseau. Through the Veteran's Land Act, they bought a half section, adjacent to Duvernay and lived in a little house in the hamlet.

Robert Charles was born on September 19, 1946; Barbara Irene, on August 13, 1948; Leonard, on March 14, 1952. Richard was born on Father's Day, June 16, 1957.

At this time Duvernay had dwindled to a mere handful of people. Besides this family there were the Lavallees, Towpiches, Barneses at the post office, Haseys at the hotel, Boychuks at the store, and down the street lived George Logozar and his two daughters.

Farming conditions were dismal as hot drying winds and lack of rain ruined the crops. In the late fall, Rene worked in the lumber camps at Lake Eliza and the Upper Fraser, B.C. His wages went towards the next year's

farming expenses.

After Rene sold some farmland to Western Chemical Company for their plant, he obtained employment with the company and became a qualified steamfitter. He worked there for over 24 years, until his passing on August 9, 1976.

Rene loved sports, and as a young man played fastball with local teams. He was an avid hockey fan of the Montreal Canadiens and of the local teams, especially those in which his sons participated.

Rene became interested in the 4H Light Horse Club and became its leader. He also joined the Two Hills Agricultural Society. He participated in parades at Two Hills, Vegreville, and St. Paul, on his favorite Palamino horse, Blaze.

The Rene Robinson family, 1970. Back row, (L to R) - Richard, Robert, Leonard, and Rene; front row - Barbara Robinson and Lucia.

In 1957, Lucia returned to teaching at Saddle Lake. She retired in June, 1971.

Son, Robert, is a mechanical engineer and lives in Edmonton with his two sons, Wade and Brian.

Barbara (Filewich) is a computer operator working in Edmonton where she lives with her daughters; Leah, Wendy, and Jamie.

Leonard, married Lynda Walker of Sutton, Ontario. Lynda is a Registered Nurse, working at the Misercordia Hospital. The family lives in Edmonton and they have one daughter, Laura, born February 28, 1984.

Richard played minor hockey in Two Hills. Later he joined the Eagles, Sunburst, and the Blazers hockey teams. He plays slowpitch for Two Hills Swat I and fastball for the Two Hills Express. Richard lives in Elk Point.

As Lucia looks over the 64 years she has lived in this district, she recalls the area developing from open prairie to productive farms, trails to highways, ferries to bridges and horse-drawn vehicles to cars. She has seen hard manual toil relieved by mechanical conveniences, log houses converted to fully equipped modern homes, oil lamps to electrical fixtures, one-room country schools to sophisticated higher education, and midwives replaced by highly efficient medical care.

Life has been, and still is, beautiful.

ROMANIUK, Wasyl and Frozina (nee Melnychuk)

Wasyl Romaniuk was born January 14, 1875, in the Ukraine (then Austria). In 1907, he immigrated to Canada and became a Canadian citizen in 1910. In 1911, he married Frozina Melnychuk, who in 1910, immigrated to Canada from Bukovina, Ukraine.

Wasyl and Frozina homesteaded on the SW 24-54-11-W4th. Like many other settlers, Wasyl worked at many odd jobs in order to supplement his farming income.

In 1950, when Wasyl and Frozina retired, son Steven and his family took over the farming operation.

Wasyl and Frozina Romaniuk, 1976

Wasyl and Frozina had 11 children, born at home with the help of a midwife, Mrs. Pylipiuk. John and Sylvestor and three infants have died. The surviving children are Dora (Mandrusiak) of Edmonton; Nick, of Norwich, Ontario, Michael of Morecambe; Alex (Eli) of Edmonton; and Steven and Victor of Morecambe.

Frozina died, November 9, 1979, at the age of 89, and Wasyl in August, 1980, at the age of 105.

ROMANIUK, Michael and Elizabeth (nee Kurash)

Michael, the third eldest son of Wasyl and Frozina Romaniuk, was born November 28, 1919. He attended Chornik School for one year and for his second year of school, he was enrolled in the old Pylilpiuk house which he purchased in 1959.

In 1929, Morecambe School was built and Michael attended it until Grade X.

Mike remembers the hard times of the 1930s when wheat sold for 18¢ a bushel. Although times were tough, the family never went hungry, relying on chickens, partridges and jack rabbits for food. Wild berries were

picked for preserves and wine.

In the fall of 1936, when their crop was hailed out, Mike decided to leave home and seek employment. Venturing out to Lloydminster, he was employed by a farmer to milk cows and pasture 20 head of cattle. After working for a year, he decided to return home to help on the farm.

In 1942, Mike joined the Canadian Army and took two months of basic training in Camrose.

For advanced training he was transferred to the Royal Canadian Engineers in Chilliwack, British Columbia. Later, he was transferred to Dundurn, Saskatchewan, where he helped build an underground water reservoir. His next move was to Vancouver as a guard at Stanley Park. His last two years of service were in Victoria, doing search-light duty on the ocean. In 1946, he was discharged and returned home.

In July, 1951, he met Elizabeth Kurash of Beauvallon, whom he married on February 21, 1952. Mike and Elizabeth have six children, all born in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital: Arnold (1952), Josie (1954), Terry (1956), Debbie (1959), Vivian (1962), and Roxanne (1970).

Mike and Elizabeth Romaniuk with their family, January 7, 1984

In September, 1952, Mike started working at Chemcell in Duvernay. At the time, he was still living on his parents' yard, where he built his own home. In 1959, he bought NE 14-54-11-W4th, across from his parents' place and continued working at Chemcell until 1973.

Mike and Elizabeth continue to reside on the farm.

Eldest son, Arnold, married Lil Dowhaliuk of Grassland. They have three children: Tami, Jason, and Jeffrey and live in Edmonton.

Josie married Larry Melnichuk of Myrnam and they have one son, Ryan. Josie and her family live in Sherwood Park.

Terry married Karen Romanchuk of Two Hills and they reside in Edmonton.

Debbie married Larry Kitz of Innisfree and they live on the farm six miles south of Morecambe.

Vivian and Roxanne live at home with their parents. Vivian is employed at the Senior Citizens' Lodge in Two Hills, and Roxanne is attending the Two Hills High School.

ROMANICK, Alex and Jean (nee Popowich)

by Jean Romanick (nee Popowich)

Alex (Eli), son of Wasyl and Frozina Romaniuk was born on March 18, 1922 in Morecambe (then Naughton Glen). He attended Morecambe School where he obtained his Grade X.

On September 29, 1946, Alex married Jean Popowich, at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Musidora.

I, (Jean) was born on June 24, 1929, to Oleksa (Alex) and Elena Popowich of Beavallon. Alex and I farmed my mother's land. In November, 1948, we moved to Hazeldine, and lived with Alex's brother Nick, and his family. Six months later, we rented a farm in the area.

In April, 1951, we bought a small coffee shop in Marwayne which was destroyed by fire in 1954. Fortunately employment was found at the Duvernay Chemcell plant.

In 1955, we built a larger restaurant at the same location in Marwayne. In 1971, the restaurant was sold and we moved to Edmonton, where Alex worked for Independent Wholesale, and I for Heritage Food Services.

In Marwayne, Alex was a Chartered member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Honorary member of the Legion. I was a member of the Order of the Royal Purple and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion. Alex and I were also members of the Meadowlark Community League. We have been foster parents for 12 years and to date have cared for 18 children.

We have three children: Clarence George, born March 6, 1949; Joanne Marie, September 18, 1953; and Charlene Helen, October 22, 1967.

Clarence, married Therese Elizabeth Lafreniere,

Pictured above are Ernie, Joanne, Rachelle, Jean, Charlene, Alex, Clarence, Therese, Marcel, Danielle, Rene, Baba Popowich and Maurice, 1982.

daughter of Marcel and Juliette (nee Ducharme) of Bonnyville. They live in Bonnyville with their three children: Marcel (eight), Danielle (six) and Maurice (three). Clarence, a chemical technician, is employed with Suncor Inc. at Fort Kent.

Joanne married Ernest Laurier Guenette, son of Laurier (John) and Claire (nee St. Jean) of Edmonton. Joanne works for the Provincial Government and Ernie is a journeyman welder for Northwestern Utilities.

They live in Edmonton with their two children, Rene and Rachelle.

Charlene completed Grade XII at Jasper Place Composite High School, where she was involved with cheerleading, choir, and jazz dancing.

When our parents came to Canada, they worked hard in order to survive and make it easier for their children. We thank God for their sacrifices, devotion, and faith.

ROMANICK, Nick and Dorothy E. (Van Santon)

by Dorothy Romanick (nee Van Santon)

Nick, the second son of Wasyl and Frozina Romaniuk, was raised and educated in Morecambe. He worked on a farm in the Hazeldine area for Rudolph Isert prior to joining the Calgary Highlanders in 1940. He saw active service and was wounded in Holland. After returning to Canada in 1944, he was discharged two years later.

While stationed in Woodstock, Ontario, he met and married me, Dorothy Elizabeth, daughter of Pete and Mary Van Santon. Two children were born while we were living in Woodstock - Peter Wasyl and Larry James.

In 1946, we moved to Hazeldine, where we farmed for 15 years. During this time we had two additional children, Kenneth Wayne and Kimberly Ella Mae, who were born in Islay, Alberta.

Due to health reasons, caused by a war wound, Nick retired from farming in 1961. We moved back to Ontario and settled in Norwich where Gordon Allen was born.

Dorothy, Gordon, Nick and Charlene Romanick, 1975

Peter, his wife Lynda, and family: Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Jeff live in Stratford, Ontario, where Peter is a tax consultant. Larry and wife Merilyn live in Chatham, Ontario, with their sons Brian and Greg. Larry manufactures roofing and siding. Ken passed away in 1970, as the result of an accident. Kimberly and her husband Kirk, and their children: Kirk Jr., Charlene, and Tabatha, reside in Norwich where Kirk is employed as an auto mechanic. Gordon is still at home and attending high school.

Nick's health has failed and he has been bedridden for the last two years.

ROSHKO, Wasyl and Maria (nee Panishko)

by Mike Kachmar

The history of the Roshko family begins in the Ukraine, a land which was gripped with economic, political and social strife. Wasyl Roshko was born on March 26, 1880, in the Village of Nebyliv, Province of Galicia, Ukraine. He served in the Austrian army for two years.

In 1905, Wasyl married Maria Panishko and they were blessed with three children: Anna (1906), Doris (1910), and Mike (1912), born in the Village of Nebyliv.

In 1912, Wasyl left for Canada where he worked in lumber camps and coal mines; in 1913 he returned to Nebyliv to sell his property. Although he escaped the Austrian army draft, he was unable to bring his family to Canada due to the outbreak of World War I. He was not reunited with his family until 1921.

Maria's account of what transpired during their separation undoubtedly shook Wasyl to tears. War struck their village in 1915 destroying their home and sending the family to sleep in ruins and live on potatoes. Wasyl's story of his life in Canada was also one of difficulty. In Drumheller, during a mine collapse, his leg was crushed but restored with silver plates. Life in Canada was without war, but it was not without prejudice and discrimination.

Maria and her three children left Nebyliv in May, 1921, and travelled by train from Kalush to Berlin. Crossing the English Channel to London, they departed on the ship "Saxony", for Halifax. Then they travelled by train to Montreal, Winnipeg and finally Edmonton. After staying with family friends, the Halkeviches, the family moved to North Bank (Warspite). Wasyl became a farm worker in the area until he purchased his homestead along the North Saskatchewan River in 1922. The heavily treed land had to be cleared and cultivated.

Ann, the oldest daughter, married John Andruchow of Hilliard.

Later John and Anna moved to the Waskatenau area where they farmed for many years and raised five sons and three daughters: Joseph, Paul, Adolph, Mike, Johnny, Rosie, Angela, and Maryann. Anna passed away at age 52, predeceasing her parents.

Doris married John Kyca of Andrew. They lived with Wasyl and Maria for a short time, moving to Smoky Lake for a few years and then to Edmonton, until their retirement. John and Doris have one son, Bert, who resides in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Wasyl Roshko with family members, 1961

In 1933, Wasyl and Maria lived two miles east of Two Hills where Wasyl operated Watkins dealership. In 1937, they moved to E 1/2 7-58-17-W4th. Here they spent the remainder of their lives farming before retiring to the modern senior citizens' home in Smoky Lake.

Wasyl passed away in 1964, and Maria in 1966. They are interred at the Ukrainian Orthodox Smoky Lake Cemetery.

ROSHKO, John and Elizabeth (nee Kachmar)

by Mike Kachmar

John is the oldest son of Mike and Katie Roshko. In 1958, when he married Liz Kachmar of the Musidora district, the Nebyliw village years in the Ukraine became connected with Canadian years in the Roshko family's history. Unknown to John and Liz initially, John's maternal great-grandfather and Liz's maternal great-grandfather (Michailo Romaniuk) were born in the village of Nibyliw, on the same day, placed in one basket, and baptized at the same time.

John received his public schooling at the Lopstick, Pakan, Victoria, and Smoky Lake Schools. He began his teaching career in 1958 at Vilna. In 1960, John and Liz moved to Smoky Lake where John continued teaching.

Liz, having completed business college training, began her secretarial career by working for the County of Smoky Lake, Provincial Government Social Services, Town of Smoky Lake, and is currently employed as a computer operator for the county.

The Roshkos have three children: Michael, Steven, and Kevin. Michael and Steven graduated from the H.A. Kostash School and after attending university, Michael entered the business world where he serves as a senior

John Roshko family, 1983. Standing, (L to R) - Michael, Steven, and Kevin; seated - Cindy, Jonathan, Elizabeth and John Roshko.

person in the customer relations department of a large furniture firm. In 1980, Michael married Cindy Witwicki of Edmonton. Michael and his dad, John, played together in a band, and for a number of years were engaged in musical entertainment.

Steven, who is a machinist with an oil firm in Edmonton, is furthering his studies at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. Michael and Steven are actively involved in sports and although they reside in Edmonton, they still regard Smoky Lake as their base for sports and promote sports in the area.

Kevin, age eight and in elementary school, is attending the H.A. Kostash School at Smoky Lake.

Raised on the farm, John and Liz enjoy living in a small urban setting having an agricultural base.

John is a member of a number of professional and service organizations in which he has held various executive positions. He is currently principal of the H.A. Kostash School, the same high school he attended.

Liz is a member of the Ukrainian Women's Association and has held several executive positions. John and Liz hope the record of a four-male generation remains in the Roshko family.

ROSHKO, Mike and Katie

Mike, son of Wasyl and Maria Roshko arrived in Canada at the age of nine. Mike craved for an education and after four years of school, he completed Grade VIII. The school inspector, a Mr. Robinson made three visits to the homestead to convince Mike's father to send his son to the Vegreville High School but the father would not hear of it. The unfortunate words, common in those days were, "School won't give you bread." However, the school's teacher, a Mr. Hrehorowich, who later became a translator of seven languages for the federal government,

gave Mike many Ukrainian and English books on history, education, chemistry, math, economics, and political science. Mike read these into the late nights and eventually became a self-taught man.

At the age of 16, Mike became the secretary of the Highway School District No. 3928. He also became a proficient violinist, and for several years, had his own orchestra in the district. He participated in cultural plays at the Pakan and Highway halls as well.

In 1934, Mike married Katie Taranko of North Bank. The Roshkos moved with Nick's parents to the Victoria area in 1937, where they farmed until 1965.

After declining a Vancouver shipping firm's offer, made during the uncertainties of the depression, the Roshkos moved to the Two Hills district where Mike became a Watkins dealer and farmer for 16 years, until his retirement at Warspite.

For a number of years, Mike was a member of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, serving as Vice-President of District No. 4 (Egremont to Saskatchewan border in Northeast Alberta). As councillor for Division 3 of the Municipal District of Smoky Lake No. 89, he served terms as reeve, deputy reeve and chairman of the Agricultural Service Board. He was the first councillor to undertake gravelling of municipal roads.

Katie also enjoyed participating in cultural activities. She is a member of the Ukrainian Women's Association and Women's Institute. She loves children and during semi-retirement at Pakan from 1965, to 1973, took care of foster children. She enjoys being grandma to all the small children at Warspite.

Mike and Katie have three children. John is a teacher at Smoky Lake. Marianne lives and works as a hostess in Fort McMurray and Wesley is a professional musician in Edmonton. Mike and Katie are blessed with seven grandchildren.

ROSKO, Steve and Rose (nee Zylenko)

by Rose Rosko

I, Rose Rosko, the third child of eight children, was born in July, 1930. My parents, John and Kay Zylenko, lived on a farm in the Hairy Hill district. When I was six years old, my parents moved to a farm in the Brush Hill district, north of Vegreville. I attended Brush Hill School from Grades I to VIII, Grade IX in Warwick and high school in Vegreville. During the summer, we walked to Brush Hill School; in winter we relied on a horse and sled.

At one of the country weddings in 1947, I met Steve Rosko. On January 22, 1949, a cold blizzard day, we were married. Steve's parents lived on the farm in the New Kiew district. They farmed in this district until their passing. His mom passed away in 1943, and his dad died in 1944.

After our marriage, we lived on a rented farm in the Warwick district, for four years. Here, our sons were born: Kenneth Robert, in 1949; and Garry Lee, in 1950.

In 1953, we purchased 80 acres of land from Steve's uncle, in the New Kiew district. Later, we purchased a quarter of land next to our half quarter. Life on the farm was difficult. It took ten years of hard labor to pay for

Taking a break during combining. (L to R) - Steve, Garry, Rose and Ken Rosko, 1955.

our property.

During this period, three more members were added to the family: Audrey Maxine, born in 1957; Cindy Barbara, born in 1959; and Richard Steven in 1963. All the children except Richard, who finished his high school in Vegreville, attended the Two Hills School.

Often neighbors, with three tractors and a V-snowplow attached in front of the first tractor, had to open the roads for the children to go back to school.

Life on the farm was sometimes disappointing, yet most rewarding at other times. On February 3, 1964, tragedy struck our family, when a farm accident claimed the life of my husband, Steve. After his death, I leased the land to a neighbor. The income from the lease was not enough to support my five children.

In September, 1967, I moved my family to Edmonton and enrolled in a Registered Nursing Assistant program, graduating in 1968. I worked in Vegreville for six months, commuting from the farm. In March, 1969, I was employed by the Two Hills Municipal Hospital.

Rosko family, 1983. (L to R) - Rick, Audrey, Ken, Rose (Mom), Cindy and Garry.

For five years I commuted from Two Hills to Vegreville, working in St. Joseph's Hospital. At present I live in Vegreville and work on a part-time basis. Due to circumstances, I work in the central supply room and not as a Registered Nursing Assistant.

At present my son, Ken, lives in Edmonton and works in the construction industry.

Garry lives in Sherwood Park and works as an electrician. He married Linda Zayak and they have two children, Spencer and Sheena.

Audrey resides in Calgary, teaching elementary school.

Cindy married Dale Petersen and they live at Rocky Mountain House. Cindy is employed as a bookkeeper at the Walking Eagle Inn.

Richard graduated from high school and is working in Bonnyville.

ROSYCHUK, Adam and Adukia

Adam and Adukia Rosychuk immigrated to Canada with their parents from Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine, in 1901, and settled in Szypenitz, Alberta. Here they both grew up and helped their parents work the land.

Adam was born on November 10, 1894, and Adukia, on June 30, 1895. They were married in 1914.

Adam and Adukia farmed in the Szypenitz district until 1926, when they moved to Lafond where they remained until 1934. Due to hard times, they moved from Lafond to Glendon and remained there until 1937. Their final move was to Two Hills.

Adam passed away in November, 1954, and Adukia in February, 1970.

They raised 11 children: Harry, Mary, John, Elsie, Margaret, Annie, Irene, Bill, Mike, Rosie and Josie.

John, Mike and Harry took over the farming after their father died.

Billy and Mike Rosychuk, two carefree fellows making their own entertainment - June, 1947

ROSYCHUK, John A.

by J. Rosychuk

I was born on October 22, 1919, in Szypenitz, Alberta, but moved to Lafond, in 1926, where I attended Chesterville School. In 1937, I moved to Glendon for several years. Soon after, I settled near Two Hills and farmed until retirement in 1978. My greatest pleasure has been well-bred horses which I still break and provide for community hayrides and sleigh rides. My participation with my horses at parades has earned many trophies and ribbons.

I have travelled extensively over the years in such places as the United States, Northwest Territories and also the Ukraine, the homeland of my parents.

John Rosychuk threshing, 1957

ROSYCHUK, Nicolai and Anna (nee Moholuk)

by Hilda Rosychuk

In 1901, Nicolai Rosychuk, with his parents, Paraftay and Elena, brother Adam, and three sisters: Katrina, Parasina, and Jeanne, emigrated from the Village of Shypynci, Province of Bukovina, (under Austrian rule) Western Ukraine.

On their arrival in Canada they purchased a homestead in the Szypenitz area for $10. Life was very primitive and hard. Their first home, called a "burdei" was a dugout in the side of a small hill.

Getting supplies of coal-oil, flour, tools and other basic necessities required Paraftay and his son, Nicolai, a week's travel by foot to Edmonton. Later, they built a crude raft and brought the suplies down the North Saskatchewan River, as far as Duvernay. The final lap of the trip home by oxen took another two days.

A few years later, after settling and clearing some land, the family acquired a cow in exchange for work. Nicolai, 18 years old at the time, worked hard to help the family, but always dreamed of having his own farm. He obtained work in the neighborhood and during the summer bought a horse. When Nicolai was about 21 years old, he managed a homestead five miles northwest of the present Town of Two Hills. About this time, he met Anna Moholuk, a young girl from Pruth.

In 1902, Anna, at the age of 11, came to Canada with her parents from the Village of Mamatze, Province of

Bukovina, Ukraine (Austria). Nicolai and Anna were married in 1909. It took the wedding party one day's travel by horse and sleigh to get to Anna's place, and another day to bring her back.

Nicolai and Anna Rosychuk, 1945

Nicolai was a very prosperous and ambitious man. He owned the first store in the Szypenitz district. He also owned the one and only tannery, where all harnesses were made for the local farmers. In 1921, he purchased his first Avery tractor.

Nicolai and Anna raised a family of ten children: William married Nancy Belsek; Mary, George Taschuk; Metro, Rose Harasym; Bessie, Bill Boychuk; Kate, Alec Lupul; Alex, Emily Elkow; John, Hilda Zawaduik; Tony, Irene Hansen; Nick, Joyce Marko; and Elsie was wed to Douglas Fontaine.

Nicolai and Anna lived on the farm until Nicolai's passing on December 11, 1956, and Anna's on October 1, 1981.

In 1981, there were 33 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild in the Rosychuk family.

ROSYCHUK, William (Wasyl) and Nancy (nee Belseck)

William, the oldest of ten children was born on December 17, 1910, to Nick and Anna (nee Moholuk) Rosychuk, who emigrated from the Ukraine.

He attended Two Hills School, then located about a mile west from the present town of Two Hills. He left school at an early age to help his parents with the farming.

Nancy, second oldest child of Metro and Mary (nee Serna) Belseck, was born July 29, 1914, and attended Lillyfield School. She, too, was unable to continue her education because she was needed at home to help with the farming.

William and Nancy were married on November 23, 1933, in the Greek-Orthodox Church at Downing and

William Rosychuk family, October 25, 1969. (L to R) - Nancy, Trifon, Steve, William and Orest Rosychuk; seated - Sonia Skakun.

began their married life on the farm, E 17-55-12-W4th, in the Two Hills area. Because times were difficult, William sought additional employment by digging wells, breaking land, sawing wood, and grinding feed.

William and Nancy were blessed with four children: Triffon, Orest John, Steve Peter, and Shirley Sonia, all married. William and Nancy are proud of their 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Five generations, 1981. Seated, (L to R) - great-great-grandmother Anna Rosychuk, Lori Kupchenko holding Collin Kupchenko; standing - great-great-grandfather William Rosychuk, grandfather Triffon Rosychuk.

The couple farmed until their retirement in 1978, when they moved to their home in Two Hills where they presently live.

William has become an avid fisherman, and Nancy, an active member of the Greek-Orthodox Ladies' Church Club. Nancy also enjoys gardening.

Recently, William and Nancy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

ROSYCHUK, John N. and Hilda (nee Zavadiuk)

John, son of Nickoli and Anne Rosychuk and seventh in the family of ten, was born in the Two Hills district in 1923.

John attended the Two Hills School five miles away. A horse drawn buggy and cutter provided transportation but occasionally he had to walk.

After John left school, he helped to operate the family farm.

In June, 1947, at the age of 23, John married Hilda Zavadiuk of Hairy Hill. A small memorable wedding was held and John and Hilda's donation of $160. provided a one-week honeymoon to Banff and gave them living expenses until the crop was harvested.

To Hilda and John, hard work was no obstacle. Because their land was not suitable for grain farming, they changed to a turkey and chicken operation. In the late fifties, Hilda and John started a dairy farm which became more profitable. Dairy farming meant getting up before 6:00 a.m. daily for many years and making hay from June until freeze up. Because of poor health, John gave up dairy farming in 1970, and moved to St. Paul where he operated a hotel for three years. In 1973, the Rosychuks started a successful fabric and drapery business in Slave Lake, and in 1977, they moved it to Westlock, where they presently reside.

Hilda and John were community oriented and devoted to the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church at Szypenitz. John was an active Farmers' Union member and belonged to the local curling club and the Lions Club. He was a 4-H Diary Club leader for ten years and Hilda, a 4-H interior decorating leader for five years. Leading a youth club in the sixties was rather difficult, for there were no phones and messages had to be relayed personally.

John organized the very first 4-H County bonspiel, which is still active today. While being 4-H leaders, the Department of Agriculture selected John and Hilda to attend the 4-H Congress in Montana, United States.

Hilda and John own property at Lac Sante where they spend their leisure time with their families. They call Two Hills their home, as that is where their roots are and their relatives and acquaintances live.

Hilda (John's wife), John, Stephania, Gary and Olivia Rosychuk, 1970

John and Hilda were blessed with four children: Olivia, Stephania, Bernice and Gary. Olivia and Stephania graduated from Two Hills High School and completed their education at the University of Alberta.

Olivia taught school and was a guidance counsellor for a number of years. Presently she is married and lives in Calgary.

Stephania, who is in consulting business in Edmonton, is married and has two children.

Gary attended Two Hills School, and completed high school in St. Paul. In 1972, he was selected Athlete of the Year for Northeast Alberta. Gary, who is a qualified electrician, is married and has two sons. They reside in Edmonton.

Bernice is single and lives in Calgary.

During their leisure time, John and Hilda enjoy curling and cross-country skiing.

ROSYCHUK, Nick and Joyce (nee Marko)

Nick, the youngest son of Nicholai and Anna Rosychuk, was born in 1930, in Two Hills. He recollects that travelling to and from Two Hills School, he used a horse and sleigh in the winter, and a buggy in the summer. On leaving school, Nick began farming with his parents and after his father's death, he took over the family farm.

Joyce, the only daughter of Mike and Kate Marko, was born in Beauvallon and attended Krasnahora, Old and New Beauvallon and Stony Rapid Schools. When the small country schools closed, she attended the Myrnam High School and graduated in 1953. Joyce recalls

Nick and Joyce Rosychuk, 1955

memorable Christmas concerts held in the little country schools when people from surrounding areas came and enjoyed carols, recitations, drills, and plays performed by the students. After graduation, Joyce worked at the Bank of Montreal in Myrnam and the bank's sub-agency in Two Hills.

Joyce and Nick met in July, 1952, and were married in 1955, in the Szypenitz Church, by Reverend Melnychuk. They began their married life on the home place, NW 18-55-12-W4th, living with Nick's parents. At the time, Nick was farming NE 13-55-13-W4th and times were difficult. Nick recalls selling cows at six cents a pound, and calves at 12 cents. Water had to be carried to the house from a nearby well; wood had to be chopped and snow melted for laundry use.

On the occasion of Mike and Kate Marko's 50th wedding anniversary, 1984. Back row, (L to R) - Nick, Darcy, Dean, Karen, Linda and Joyce Rosychuk; front row - Mike and Kate Marko.

Nick and Joyce raised a family of four: two boys, Dean and Darcy, and two girls, Linda and Karen. The children attended Two Hills School. Dean, Darcy, and Linda graduated from Two Hills High School. In 1983 Karen graduated from the Camrose Composite High School. Dean and Darcy attended the University of Alberta, and received their Bachelor of Science degrees in Mechanical Engineering. Linda is a Dental Assistant, working toward her certificate in that area. Karen is presently singing in a travelling rock band.

Nick and Joyce are farming the home place. They have acquired another farm, NE 12-55-13-W4th. Nick enjoys fishing in his spare time. Joyce curls during the winter months. She is a member of the Order of Royal Purple. Nick and Joyce are members of the Two Hills and District Agricultural Society and the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Two Hills.

RUPTASH, Mike and Mary (nee Olynyk)

Mike, youngest and only Canadian born of the ten children of Alexander and Alexandra Ruptash, was born on January 24, 1902. His parents immigrated to Canada from Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine, in the spring of 1901. Mike grew up on the homestead (NW 20-53-13-W4th) established by his parents about four miles northeast of Hairy Hill. Mike received a Grade VII education.

At the age of 21, Mike married Mary, daughter of Nicolai and Anna Olynyk who were postmasters and general store owners in Kaleland, Alberta. Mike and Mary resided with his parents, engaging in the pioneer struggles of those days. At this time, their family consisted of nine children: Alice (1925), Peter (1928), Kalyna (1931), George (1932), Sophie (1934), Orest (1936), Miriam (1937), Margaret (1941), and Lydia (1943).

Mike (circa 1963) and Mary Ruptash, circa 1958

Along with the satisfaction of working the land and raising a family, came tragedies as well. Mike's father passed away in 1934. The following year, before the hospital in Vegreville could be reached, Kalyna died of a ruptured appendix. Orest died of pneumonia at five months.

Despite these sorrowful experiences, the family continued to flourish. Mike purchased the Edgehill Hotel at Hairy Hill in 1936, and moved his family into town but continued to operate the farm.

The hotel business expanded to Bawlf and Camrose in 1943, and the family moved again. Peter remained in Hairy Hill to manage the business and Alice married Jack Kotelko that year.

Two tragic deaths beset the Ruptash family with the losses of Peter and Alice in separate farm accidents, in 1945. That year, they moved to Edmonton where Mike expanded the hotel business to Evansburg, Blairmore, and Coleman. As well, he purchased the Gem Theatre in Edmonton and established a realty company. Mike continued to prosper until he and his wife were killed in a tragic automobile accident on September 19, 1965.

Mike was an active member of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

Today all of Mike and Mary's children live in Edmonton; George still retains ownership of the family homestead.

George married Agnes Shields and they have two children, Peter and Katherine.

Sophie, who married Nick Mandryk, has two children, Curtis and Marianne.

Marian married Peter Diakun and had one son, Randall. She then married Jim Bloeman and had three children: Jamie, Michael, and Lisa.

Margaret married Frank Concilla and has one daughter, Donna.

Lydia married John Skoreyko and has one daughter, Mary Leigh.

RUSSNAK, Michailo (Mike) and Domna (nee Olinek)

Michailo (Mike) Russnak, son of Onufrey and Katrina (nee Bodnar) was born on October 27, 1876, in the Village of Nepolkiwtsi, Bukovina, Ukraine, at the time under Austrian rule.

Domna, his wife, and daughter of Hrehory and Maria Olinek, was born November 5, 1881, in the same village.

Michailo and Domna attended the village school learning to read and write in both Ukrainian and German.

In his early teens Michailo left the village and lived in the City of Chernivci where he learned to speak Romanian and Polish. Here he worked in the railway station, carrying telegrams and later found employment in a drugstore, where his duty was to deliver prescriptions.

When he came of age, he served in the army for three years. Upon returning home he heard of Canada where land was abundant and cheap.

In June, 1903, Michailo and Domna were married and in August, accompanied by Michailo's mother Katrina, they boarded the train at Chernivci and travelled to Hamburg, Germany. From there they sailed to Canada aboard the Steamship "Palanza". The ocean was rough at times, and looked as though the waves would swallow the ship causing many people to be sea-sick.

On September 23, 1903, they arrived in Halifax, Canada, and continued by train to Strathcona, now known as South Edmonton, arriving on October 9. Gathering all their belongings, they crossed the North Saskatchewan River by ferry and walked 80 miles, skirting lakes and other natural obstacles. They arrived at the home of Kost and Annie Fedoruk, where they shared a sod house for the winter.

The following fall, Michailo filed on a homestead (12-55-13-W4th), near Two Hills. In the spring he built a sod house, and the following year, Kost Fedoruk constructed a house from hand-hewn logs, while Michailo sought work in Edmonton. His mother Katrina and his wife Domna plastered the house, thatched the roof, and were able to spend the winter in their new house that year.

For many years Michailo walked to Edmonton in the spring, worked until freeze up, and returned home in the winter. In Edmonton, he worked on the High Level Bridge that was under construction at the time. At Kananaskis, he worked in a cement plant.

The money earned enabled him to purchase oxen and necessary equipment for his farm. Later he bought another quarter of land from the C.P.R., (13-55-13-W4th). Most of the land breaking was done by oxen and walking plough at this time. After selling the oxen, he purchased a team of Clydesdale horses and was able to take grain to Vegreville, 30 miles away, and bring back freight for Fred Shoff's store. Later he bought another team of Percherons with which he worked his land. He paid for his taxes by using the four horses to build roads. In 1926, he bought a Chevrolet car.

Michailo and Domna Russnak's golden wedding anniversary, 1960

Michailo and Domna Russnak with their family in 1953. Front row, (L to R) - Bessie Gresiuk holding Donald Russnak, Michailo and Domna Russnak, Eva Lutzak; middle row - Fred Russnak, Kate Palamaruk, Ruth and George Russnak, Mary Serna, Mary Babak, Victoria Ruptash; back row - Ruby and Peter Sharun, Steve Gresiuk, William G. Serna, William Lutzak, Alex Palamaruk, Mathew Russnak.

Michailo served on the School Board, Two Hills District No. 1941 for five years.

In the early years, Michailo and Domna wrote and read letters for many Ukrainian people in the area. Michailo learned to speak English from contact with fellow workers on the job. Katrina lived with her son and helped with the children, while Domna helped in the field. Because medical help was not always available, Katrina frequently served as a midwife. She passed away quietly in her son's house that she helped to build.

On Sundays, Michailo and Domna would take their children to St. Mary's Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church at Szypenitz, of which they were chartered parishioners.

They raised 12 children: Ken, Mathew, Fred, Eva, Bessie, Mary, Kate, Victoria, Dorothy, Annie, Mike, and George.

Michailo passed away in 1963, and Domna in 1966.

RYBAK, Wasyl and Isabel (nee Mandrusiak)

by Peter Rybak

Wasyl Rybak was born in Galicia, Ukraine, in 1881. At the age of 27, he left his parents, brothers and sisters, and came to Canada (with one sister) to the "Land of Freedom".

They arrived in Winnipeg, where his sister found a job and later married. However, Wasyl worked on the railroad, in the mines, and on other jobs, until he worked his way to the district of Two Hills. Here he spent some time with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dowhaniuk. Wasyl continued to work on the railroad and in the mines until he saved enough money to claim a homestead, NE 10-55-11-W4th, where he set about clearing a few acres of land, and putting up a dwelling. Later he met and married Isabel Mandrusiak. They farmed on this land from 1912 to 1922. Isabel died in 1922, and left Wasyl with four children: Rose, Mike, Peter and Metro, from one to seven years of age. They were blessed with six children; however two died as infants.

Their land had seven acres of cultivation. It was three and a half miles to the school, and 42 miles to the closest town, Vegreville. Wasyl farmed this homestead until 1929. He then abandoned his homestead, and bought NW 9-55-11-W4th, for $700. at seven per cent interest with payments of $100. a year. This farm had 18 acres of cultivated land and was one mile away from school. In 1945, Wasyl bought another quarter of land, NE 17-55-11-W4th. He lived here with his son Mike, until 1953, and died at the age of 72 years.

Wasyl Rybak family. Standing - Rose Galichowski (Rybak) with son Joe, Peter, Metro and Mike Rybak; seated - Andrew Galichowski and Wasyl Rybak, circa 1942.

Rose, the eldest in the family, married Andrew Galichowski in 1933. They farmed in the Beauvallon district, the SE and N 1/2 20-54-10-W4th, until 1945, when they bought the SW 16-55-11-W4th, in the Musidora district. Rose and Andrew were blessed with two children, Joe and Joyce. Joe married Sonia Ewasiuk and they are presently farming on the home place. They have two children, Debbie and Russel. Debbie has recently completed her Grade XII in Two Hills and is working for the R.C.M.P. in Vegreville. Russel is attending school in Two Hills. Joyce married Orest Horon. They are farming the NW 20-53-12-W4th, in the Plain Lake district. They were blessed with one son, John, who is taking further education in Edmonton.

Mike, the second eldest, was never married. He farmed all his life on the homestead, and died in 1972, at 56 years of age.

Peter, the third eldest, married Elsie Serna in 1941. (see Peter Rybak history)

Metro, the youngest in the family, married Mary Makowecki. Metro owns and drives a school bus for the County of Two Hills (for the past 32 years). He also works as a maintenance man in the Two Hills hospital. They were blessed with one son, Harvey, who completed his Grade XII in Two Hills, and is now employed by the Alberta Liquor Control Board in Edmonton.

RYBAK, Peter and Elsie (nee Serna)

Peter, the third eldest son of Wasyl and Vesuta Rybak, was born in Musidora in 1917. He was only four years old when his mother died. Because his father did not remarry, the children had a very difficult life. Peter attended Luzan School, which had an attendance of 60 children and a staff of two teachers. After Peter left school, he worked for neighboring farmers.

On October 12, 1941, Peter married Elsie Serna and started farming near his dad's homestead in Luzan. Later, he moved four miles north of Two Hills. On

Peter and Elsie Rybak, 1941

October 27, 1944, Peter obtained his auctioneer's license and practised auctioneering for 40 years.

In the meantime he bought the Recreation Hall and Poolroom from John Kolisniak and three years later sold it to Fred Harmata.

In 1956, Peter and Elsie bought their first half quarter of land where Peter built their home and all other necessary buildings. While farming, he held various jobs such as carpentering with Bill Boyko and Victor Luchak. Peter also was a weed inspector for the County of Two Hills, inspector for Prairie Farm Assistance, and a car salesman for Two Hills Motors.

Elsie was employed as cook at the Two Hills Hospital for 20 years.

In 1974, Peter and Elsie enjoyed a trip to Spain and Morocco for three weeks. A year later they went to Ukraine and visited Elsie's relatives.

In the fall of 1975, Peter underwent lung surgery. A year later the Rybaks sold their farm to Allen Zaparniuk and purchased a home in Two Hills.

Elsie and Peter Rybak (seated), with grandchildren, Chantel Chipiuk, Ryan Bosch and Robby Chipiuk; standing - Shirley and Gordon Harris, Rita and Donald Bosch, Jeannette and Mickey Chipiuk, 1974.

Peter and Elsie had three children: Shirley, born in 1944; Jeanette, in 1946; and Rita, in 1953. All of the girls attended and graduated from Two Hills High School. Shirley attended University of Alberta where she earned her Bachelor of Education and is now teaching in Edmonton. She married Gordon Harris, who is employed with Edmonton Transit. The Harris children are Heather and Jarrad.

Jeanette is an assistant manager with Canadian Utilities. She furthered her education by taking evening classes. In 1964, Jeanette married Mickey Chipiuk, an accountant. They have two children, Bobby and Chantel.

Rita enrolled at the Alberta College in a legal stenography program and is presently employed by a legal firm in Edmonton. On July 15, 1973, Rita married Donald Bosch. Donald was a Two Hills graduate, and is employed as foreman for a machinist firm in Edmonton. He enjoys playing hockey and baseball. Rita and Donald have two children, Ryan and Tara.

In February, 1984, Peter underwent eye surgery at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Due to unforeseen complications, he passed away on February 15, 1984.

Elsie is presently residing in Two Hills.

SADOWINSKI, Jan and Anna (nee Girdowsky)

(JAN 1862-1927 - ANNA 1872-1942)

Jan and Anna arrived in Halifax, on April 14, 1914, aboard the ship "Bremen" from the Province of Bukovina, Ukraine. Their three children: Maria born July 27, 1896, Olena born November 21, 1897, and Kazimierz born October 3, 1904, also left their Bukovina homes and accompanied their parents.

Jan and Anna homesteaded in the vicinity of Two Hills and Plain Lake. Their first home had a thatched roof, a floor of clay and horse hair, and white-washed walls. Although the Sadowinskis worked hard, the family did not toil on Sunday. ("*Sabbath keep it holy*. Sabbath day was made for man and not man for the Sabbath - Mark 2:27.")

Picture taken at Lake Eliza, 1928. (L to R) - Andrew Saiko, Kazimerz Sadowinski with wife Katie Saiko and son John (baby) Sadowinski, Anna Sadowinski (nee Girdowski).

Daughter Maria married Wawryk Wasylciw in 1917. They were blessed with four children.

Olena married Yustin Sribney in 1918, and settled in Gratz, (Elk Point) where a family of four children were raised.

Kazimierz married Katie Saiko in 1927. Kazimierz and Katie had five children. Their family pioneered and homesteaded at Lake Eliza, north of Myrnam.

Katie and her two sons, John and Walter, still remain on the homestead at Lake Eliza today.

SAGANIUK, Peter and Marie (nee Sorochan)

Peter Saganiuk was born June 23, 1905, in Brody, Ukraine. In 1907, Peter's parents, Lucas and Nancy Saganiuk, left with their seven children to find a better life in Canada. Times were difficult in Ukraine for it was over-populated and there was a lack of money. Their land had to be sold so they could purchase tickets for the Canada journey.

The Saganiuks settled on a homestead three miles west of Morecambe, at that time called Naughton Glen. Here they bought three quarters of land. A two-bedroom home

Peter and Maria Saganiuk with their family on their 45th wedding anniversary - August, 1972

made of logs was soon constructed.

There were no schools around the area until 1912. The first Grades I to VIII school was heated by a barrel-type stove. Because no scribblers were used, slates and slate pencils were necessary. During the winter the children didn't go to school unless it was really warm.

At that time, dances were held only twice a year and activities such as social gatherings, baseball, football, drama plays, sing songs, and many church functions were very popular.

Clothes were very limited at one time and most were hand-made and passed down to other children. Shoes were usually too big, so the children would walk barefooted to school before putting them on, thus saving wear and tear.

In 1927, on the way to the flour mill, Peter met Marie Sorochan. Marie, the second oldest of ten children was born at Plain Lake, on May 15, 1912, to William and Annie Sorochan.

Peter and Marie were married June 29, 1929, and raised seven children: David, Joyce, Ruth, Orest, Esther, Bobby, and Lovette. Peter and Marie lived on the homestead his parents bought when they arrived in Canada. With the family growing, Lucas and Nancy bought a home in Morecambe, in 1932, while Peter added rooms to their home.

In 1947, Peter worked at the Powell River paper mill. After working at Powell River, he went to the Beauvallon Garage as a mechanic. International Harvester at Two Hills was looking for a mechanic, so in 1955, Peter was hired. Because Peter was always interested in mechanics, he completed mechanics' training in Edmonton. In 1956, Marie and their two children left their farm, to join Peter in Two Hills. Marie worked at the Two Hills Hospital first as a launderer, then a cook.

In 1972, after losing his wife Maria to cancer, Peter stayed on in the home that was built in Two Hills. Two years later, Peter sold his home and moved to living quarters next to the International Harvester shop where he worked.

Retiring from mechanics, he moved to the Senior Citizens' home and after his illness in 1982, he decided to make his home at the Two Hills Hillside Lodge, where he presently resides.

In addition to his children, Peter's family includes 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

SAKALIUK, Safroni and Anne (nee Yermichuk)

by John Sakaluk

Safroni Sakaliuk was born on September 21, 1878, and died in 1926. He was married on October 14, 1904, to Anne Yermichuk (born on August 27, 1887), in a little Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church named "The Blessed Virgin" in the Village of Shypynci.

In 1900, Canada publicized a vigorous pro-settlement campaign in Central Europe advertising many opportunities for work or land settlement.

My uncle, John Sakaliuk, responded to the Campaign and found work in the smelter industry at Trail, B.C., in 1905.

Two years later, Safroni came to Canada and in 1910, he bought a homestead, SE 24-55-13-W4th, in the Hairy Hill district, where a few relatives and friends had settled.

Safroni returned to the Ukraine in 1910 for his family and possessions.

The family lived with friends in a dug-out until a log house with a thatched roof was built. There were no nails, so wooden pegs were used to tie the logs in place. Clay mixed with straw or hay was used for plastering, then white-washed with lime.

In the beginning, oxen were used for power in cultivating land and transportation. The local Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Kaleland was five miles away.

With a growing family to support, my father bought a drilling machine (powered by one horse), but due to a large amount of gas in the wells and no water, his venture did not prove to be very profitable.

The closest store and post office was at Old Hairy Hill. For other supplies my father travelled to Edmonton, which took three days. Later, he was able to purchase supplies at Vegreville or Mundare. Eventually, he acquired horses from horse dealers or Indians; this made travelling faster.

My father acquired more land, cattle, pigs, chickens, and sheep. To keep the sheep safe, he bought greyhound dogs to hunt coyotes. Trapping muskrat, weasel, coyotes and badgers helped pay for the greyhounds.

When World War I ended in 1918, the prices of farm produce dropped. Father then decided to sell out and move to Vegreville. With the proceeds of a 1920 sale, he bought a livery stable, then a confectionery and bookstore. Later, he operated a general store until he passed away in 1926.

All children attended Vegreville Public and High School. Father believed in more and better education; thus to provide a broader scope for his children, the family joined the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association. We were lectured in Ukrainian reading and writing, the rudiments of music, and how to play many string instruments. A full course in Ukrainian culture including dances and drama, was also taught.

Safroni and Anne had seven children: Elizabeth, born in the Ukraine on November 12, 1905, is now Mrs. Davidiuk of New Westminister, British Columbia.

William, born in the Ukraine on December 12, 1906, passed away in 1981.

John, born in 1911, resides in Two Hills, and George, born in 1912, resides in Vancouver.

Harry, born in 1916, lived in Vegreville until his passing away in 1970.

Mary, born September 12, 1919, married Ray Tetreau, and lives in Kelowna, British Columbia.

Steve, born on January 7, 1922, passed away in Vegreville in 1974.

SAKALUK, John and Sanny (nee Arychuk)

During the Hungry 30s, John left school to help provide the needs of the family. Although work was scarce, he found employment with a Mr. Kassian of Ranfurly, Ted Eliuk of Hairy Hill, Mr. Yusep of Ispas, Mr. Nikiforuk of Lanuke and Mr. Pawluski of Musidora.

In 1938, John and W. Pawluski went to Peace River to apply for a homestead, but were unsuccessful and had to return to Musidora.

John married Sanny, daughter of William and Elizabeth Arychuk, of the Rannock district in 1939. They were married in the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Szypenitz, by Reverend Chrustawka.

For some time the young couple lived in Vegreville, where their son, Larry, was born. John worked for a Mr. Proskurniak of Chipman all summer, but returned in the fall to help his father-in-law with harvest. That winter, Mr. J. Ewasiuk hired him for $15. a month, room and board included.

In 1942, a one-third crop share lease was signed with Trefon Arychuk. John and Sanny lived on the leased

Safroni and Anna Sakaliuk by their home (1923), in Vegreville

Sanny and John on their wedding day at Rannock, 1939

property, S 1/2 32-55-11-W4th, for four years. Another agreement with his wife's parents was signed, and their home was located on SW 21-55-10-W4th, where they lived for the next 17 years.

In 1962, the Provincial Government purchased the land for the Rannach Community Pasture. John and Sanny then acquired a lease option on one-half section of land, SW 30-54-12-W4th and SE 25-54-12-W4th, that belonged to Steve Hammar. Here they lived for four years.

Unable to buy the land, they sold their equipment and moved to the Town of Two Hills where they purchased a home from J. Tkachuk.

John was able to find employment with the Alberta Poultry Producers. After completion of a correspondence course from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, he was employed by the Two Hills General Hospital as a steam engineer; here he worked until his retirement in 1976.

Sanny was employed as a housekeeper by the Two Hills General Hospital, where she continues to work.

John and Sanny Sakaluk and children on their 40th wedding anniversary, 1979

John and Sanny Sakaliuk raised a family of six children:

Larry Daniel, born 1940, married Carol Carlson of West Rose and they reside in Beaverlodge. They have four children: Tracy, Carrie, Jonathan, and Wendy.

Eugene Edward, born in 1942, married Elsie Martyniuk of Vegreville, where they now reside. They have three children: Jeannine, Chad, and Tyson.

Sharon Judy, born in 1946, married Wayne Moore of Tofield. They have four children: Valerie, Sean, and twins Floyd and Troy. They reside on a farm in the Ispas district.

Sonia Elizabeth Jane, born in 1951, married Marshall Paulichuk and resides in Edmonton. They have three daughters: Karen, Nadiene, and Michelle.

William Dale, born in 1955, married Brigitte Mathiot of Goodridge. They have one son, Jason John, and reside in St. Paul.

Brenda, born in 1963, graduated as a Registered Nurses' Assistant in 1983, and currently resides in Whitecourt.

SALAHUB, Gregory and Nastasia (nee Bonaruck)

by Linda Poznanski

Gregory Salahub was born in 1871, in Bukovina, then a province of Austria. Together with his parents, Tanasko and Maria Salahub, his sisters Kateryna and Yewona, and his bride Nastasia Bonaruck, Gregory immigrated to Canada at the turn of the century. He filed for a homestead near Smoky Lake but later cancelled and in August, 1905, applied to homestead in the Duvernay district on SW 22-55-11-W4th. Gregory received his naturalization certificate October 19, 1905, and on February 18, 1909, he received full title to his land.

Gregory Salahub (1871-1940).

To supplement the family income, Gregory worked on the Canadian Pacific Railway as far west as Yaht, British Columbia, until 1913, when their sixth child was born.

Before the first world war was over, Gregory's father, Tanasko died. In November 1920, his sister Kateryna died during childbirth. Cancelling their quarter in Duvernay, Gregory, Nastasia, his mother, and nine children moved to Smoky Lake where they filed to homestead NW 5-65-13-W4th. In 1922, their tenth and last child was born.

Gregory's widowed mother, Maria Salahub, married Gregory Kozma and moved to Pakan. Upon his death in 1928, she returned to live with Gregory and Nastasia and passed away a year later.

During the next decade, Gregory and his sons toiled through the Depression of the 1930s. On November 30, 1940, Gregory Salahub died. Nastasia, his widow, lived with her son George and daughter Mary, first in Craigend and later in Lac La Biche. While living with her son, Peter, Nastasia died at the age of 76 years on January 27, 1958, and was buried near Gregory at Craigend, Alberta.

Of the ten children born to Gregory and Nastasia, only six are alive today. Bill Salahub married Mary Warawa and lives in Grand Forks, British Columbia. Peter married Ann Ewasiuk and resides in Edmonton. Nick married Clara Bateman and they live in Edmonton. Rose,

Nastasia Salahub, Elsie (Starchuk) Salahub and grandson Ken, 1954

the widow of Charles Bronson, also resides in Edmonton. George Salahub married Joyce Cousins and they make their home in Wildwood, Alberta. Helen Salahub married Alex Starchuk and now lives in Grand Forks, British Columbia.

SAMOIL, Dmytro and Catherine (nee Bulowsky)

Demetrius (Dmytro) Samoil (1859-1943) and his wife Catherine (1870-1943) (nee Bulowsky) left their Village of Buciw, Peremyshl, Halychina, with their two children Mary and John, and arrived in Canada in 1901. Upon their arrival in Edmonton, they bought horses and a wagon and set out to their homestead, SE 36-53-14-W4th, in Warwick. In 1901, son Mike was born. A year later, the family moved near New Kiew and settled on a farm, SE 10-53-13-W4th, where Peter, Steve, Basil, Nick, Paul, Pauline, and Richard were born.

Before immigrating, Dmytro was a corporal in the Austrian Army, and could read and write German and Polish as well as his native Ukrainian. Thus, he was able to help many neighbors locate their land by reading ciphers on the surveyors' rods which marked the sections.

Catherine and Dmytro Samoil, 1920s

Dmytro's family (youngest to oldest). (L to R) - Richard, Pauline, Paul, Nick, Basil, Steve, Mike, and Mary. Peter is missing from this photo taken in the 1950s.

Also, he was a founding and lifelong member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Kiew. In 1941, at the age of 82, he retired to Vegreville where both he and his wife died two years later.

The Samoil children attended the Kiew School at first, then Wolia and Zaporoze.

The Samoil men on the Samoil homestead which is now Paul's farm, 1979. (L to R) - Nick, Richard, cousin Dick Bulusky, Steve, Basil, Peter, and Paul.

John died in 1918, during the influenza epidemic. Mike, Peter, Basil, and Paul established their own farms nearby. Steve, Nick, and Richard became teachers. Mary married Dmytro Marchak and Pauline married Mike Farion, both farmers in the neighborhood.

SAMOIL, Basil and Irene (nee Ferbey)

In 1935, Basil bought land near his father's place and began farming. In 1937, he married Irene, daughter of Danelo Ferbey of Lanuke. At this time, she had completed Normal School in Edmonton.

In 1931, when he was elected as councillor to the Municipal District of Norma he was, at age 24, the youngest councillor, and served continuously until 1943. It was during these years that he, with his brother Mike, who became councillor in 1929, pressed for the construction of what became the Lavoy-Two Hills highway.

In 1938, the Municipal District of Norma No. 515, bought some heavy road equipment with plans to build a high grade road which would serve as many people as possible. This road, from Vegreville to Warwick, then to New Kiew Roman Catholic Church, and back to Lavoy, was the first high grade road in the area. It had a raised road bed which kept it clear of snow in the winter, and drier in the summer rains.

After the road was completed to Lavoy, the municipality decided to extend it to connect with Two Hills. However, to do this they had to pass through the Municipal District of Sobor No. 514. John Tomyn, then secretary for Sobor, authorized the extension of the road to Two Hills. This last extension was built with Norma equipment and crew. Upon completion, this road connected Two Hills with Highway 16, which passed through Lavoy and Vegreville and on to Edmonton. This road was also the first in the area to be gravelled, thereby making it an all weather road of considerable importance. For many years, this road was used by those from as far away as St. Paul to travel to Edmonton.

Irene and Basil Samoil with their children and their spouses, 1974. Seated - Irene and Basil; first row, (L to R) - Mike Tomyn, Kathleen Tomyn, Emily Powers, Iris Djurfors; second row - Basil Samoil, Tom Powers, Sven Djurfors.

Basil withdrew from public life for 12 years until 1955, when he was again elected as councillor in the Municipal District of Minburn. In 1955, as a result of reorganized municipal boundaries, the Samoil farm passed from the jurisdiction of the Municipal District of Eagle (up to 1943, it was the Municipal District of Norma) to the Municipal District of Minburn. During these years he was also trustee of the Vegreville School District, member of the Vegreville Health Unit, board member of the Vegreville Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home and the Two Hills Nursing Home. Earlier he served as secretary-treasurer of the Zaporoze School District No. 2246. Much of his life was dedicated to public service; 28 years specifically in municipal government, with about ten of these as Reeve. In 1969, he was recognized and honored by the Provincial Government for having contributed 25 years of service in municipal government.

In 1975, when his wife Irene died, Basil retired from active farming but continues to live on the farm where their family of four was raised: Kathleen (Tomyn), Emily (Powers), son Basil, and Iris (Djurfors), all of whom attended the University of Alberta.

SAMOIL, Michael P. and Mary (nee Duk)

Michael Samoil was born in 1884, in Peremyshl, Ukraine. In 1904, the prospect of fertile land and hope for a free and better life encouraged his mother, Katherine Samoil and step-father, Bill Horon, to leave their homeland. Along with Michael's brothers, Steve and Bill, and sister Mary, they sold their small parcel of land and began making preparations to immigrate to Canada. For weeks they baked and dried bread and packed a few essentials, one of them being a sieve, for the long journey.

Travelling by train to Hamburg, Germany, they boarded a Cunard Line ship for Canada.

Two miserable weeks later, they arrived in Halifax and continued their journey to the Prairies by train. Their main food supply was the dried bread that they had fortunately packed. Arriving in a foreign land, with little money, not able to speak the English language, and facing a strange new way of life, was a traumatic experience. However, like other newcomers, Michael and his family faced every ordeal with courage and determination.

At the Edmonton Immigration office, they were fortunate to be met by a friend from Peremyshl, Harry Bushko Sr., who had settled in a part of the Warwick area which later became the New Kiew district. Harry drove them by horse and wagon to the Horon homestead where they resided until they could settle on their own.

In the spring of 1905, Michael set out for Edmonton by foot to seek employment. Katherine, his mother, sold the sieve that she had packed and gave him the money (20¢) for the journey. In the fall he returned by train with some earnings and proceeded to establish his homestead eight miles south of Two Hills (SE 24-53-13-W4th). The hardships and poverty that his family endured were unbearable at times. However, they continued to toil long, hard days cutting down trees, pulling roots and picking rocks in order to clear the designated number of acres and establishing their first home, a sod hut.

In 1909, Michael married Mary, aged 16, daughter of Andrew and Eva Duk. They had four children: Peter Michael, Katherine, Alex and Marshall, who attended Krasne School.

Michael P. and Mary Samoil, 1938

In February, 1940, family and friends were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Michael Samoil, a respected and valuable member of the New Kiew Community.

Michael's widow, Mary, remained on the farm with her son, Alex, until she married Steve Cwihun and retired to Vegreville. She continued coming to the farm to help Alex. After being widowed by Steve, she married Alex Sheninsky and continued to reside in Vegreville. She particularly enjoyed helping the Catholic Church women's group in making pyrohy and holubsti for parish functions. In the fall of 1970, on their return trip from a visit to the farm, Mary was involved in a car accident and was fatally injured. She was buried at the New Kiew Cemetery next to her first husband, Michael Peter Samoil.

SAMOIL, Peter M. and Eva (nee Cymbaluk)

Peter, the eldest of four children, was compelled to leave school early to assist his father with the farmwork. Several years later he had the opportunity to further his education at the Vermilion School of Agriculture. Upon his return, he apprenticed as a grain elevator operator and later became a grain buyer with the Federal Elevator Company Ltd. at Two Hills until 1943.

Peter, being the first student of the Basilian Fathers' School of cantoring at Mundare, Alberta, studied choir conducting in Edmonton and later conducted the New Kiew Choir. To this day, Peter is an active church cantor at New Kiew Church and cants at many weddings and funerals.

Peter Samoil and Eva Cymbaluk on their wedding day, August 1, 1939

In 1939, Peter married Eva, aged 19, daughter of Jack and Anastasia Cymbaluk of Two Hills.

In 1941, Peter and Eva bought a half section of land five miles south of New Kiew Church. Moving to their farm, an old abandoned granary in 1943, the only building on the site, became their first home. Peter, with Eva's support, immediately began constructing buildings, buying machinery and taking a keen interest in purebred Shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses. The cattle and Percheron horses were shown at many fairs and exhibitions where they won numerous prizes and awards. Over the years the lonely barren site of a single granary grew to be the present-day Bannerman Farm.

Peter is actively involved in his parish and community as a member of New Kiew Church and Hall Committee, Knights of Columbus, Brotherhood of Ukrainian Canadians, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. Eva was an active and respected member of the New Kiew Ladies' League and the Lavoy W.I.

The Samoil family, 1973. (L to R) - Peter, Vivian, Eva, Marion, Margaret, and Michael.

Peter and Eva had four children: Michael, Margaret, Vivian and Marion, all of whom attended school at Lavoy and Vegreville. They also attended choir and other parish activities at New Kiew and took active roles in the 4-H Club.

Michael, married Betty, daughter of Ignat and Anne Yuzda of Two Hills. Presently they reside in Fort Saskatchewan where Michael works as a Supervisor at Dow Chemical; Betty teaches English and Ukrainian Kindergarten in Sherwood Park. They have three children: Peter, Christine, and Gregory.

Margaret married William, son of George and Vera Yuskow. William and Margaret both completed their masters degrees at the University of Oregon and presently are working for the Edmonton Public School Board. They have one daughter, Krista, 11 years of age.

Vivian also completed her Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Oregon and teaches for the Edmonton Public School Board.

Marion married Ken, son of Mike and Olga Pylypchan of Mundare. Ken, awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree by the University of Alberta, currently is the Chief Engineer at Dow Chemical. Marion, holder of a degree in

Educational Administration, teaches for the Edmonton Catholic School Board. Marion and Ken have one daughter, Natasha, three years of age.

SAMOIL, Alex

by Peter M. Samoil

Alex Samoil is the son of Michael P. Samoil, who arrived in Canada from Western Ukraine in 1904.

After his father passed away in 1940, Alex farmed the homestead on SE 24-53-13-W4th. Within a short time, he bought an adjoining half section from his brothers, Peter and Marshall. Alex's father was a long-time Percheron horse breeder and continued to use Percheron horses for field work until he bought a rubber-tired John Deere Model D tractor in 1946. From then on he progressively changed from horse to tractor-driven machinery.

Alex Samoil with the family car, a 1933 Deluxe Chev, which cost $1300, 1934

Alex operated the family farm until 1964, at which time he sold the land to the present owner, Nick Yuskow. For a short time, Alex rented a farm south of New Kiew until he bought a half section, W 1/2 9-53-13-W4th, where he now resides.

Alex's involvement in community activities as a helpful and cooperative member of the New Kiew National Church and Hall, has been a gratifying experience. Even today he continues to serve the priest in altar duties.

SAMOIL, Marshall and Alice (nee Cymbaluk)

Marshall, the son of Michael and Maria (Duk) Samoil, attended Krasne School and completed his high school at Two Hills and Vegreville. He married Alice, daughter of Michael and Annie (Hryciw) Cymbaluk in 1945. Alice attended Lainuk School and Wolia School.

The young couple started farming on two quarters of land, six miles north of Lavoy, which Marshall bought from Mr. Dmeterko. Both were actively involved in the New Kiew Church and hall. Alice worked with the Catholic Women's League as treasurer and secretary for many years. Marshall took over as secretary of the church from his father, who passed away in 1940, at the young age of 54.

In 1965, Marshall started working for the County of Minburn. He continued farming as well. In 1974, the Samoils sold their land and moved to Vegreville where Marshall is still employed as Executive Assistant with the County.

Alice and Marshall have three children: Pat, Ken and Lorne. After completing high school and working for a few years, Pat married Theodore Zscherpel, who worked at Northwest Industries in Edmonton. He is now plant manager at General Systems Research. Pat and Ted have two children: Kane and Leah. Now that the children are attending school, Pat works at the Liberton Pharmacy in St. Albert. The family resides on an acreage on the outskirts of St. Albert.

Ken finished his grade XII at the Vegreville Composite High School. After attending NAIT, he apprenticed with Otis Elevators, the company for which he still works. Ken married Beverly Naundorf and they have one son, Lance. Beverly works for Shell Oil Company at Scotsford. Ken and Bev make their home on an acreage near Fort Saskatchewan.

Lorne attended Lavoy School and graduated from the Vegreville Composite High School. He is now employed by Edmonton Telephones as a communication electrician and resides in Edmonton.

SAMOIL, William and Anna

by Lewis Samoil

William Samoil, at the age of 6, immigrated to Canada with his mother Katherine, two brothers, Mike and Steve, and one sister, Mary, in June, 1904. According to a diary kept by the oldest brother, Mike, the family left Buciw, Peremyshl, Western Ukraine, and arrived in Canada with very few belongings. Their worldly possessions consisted of two chests, few articles of clothing and a few tools.

In Hamburg, Germany, the Samoil family exchanged what little money they had into Canadian funds, which amounted to $2.50. After boarding a ship, they arrived in Halifax three weeks later. They continued their journey by train to Strathcona (South Edmonton). Here, Mike, coincidentally met fellow countryman, Harry Bushko, who had immigrated to Canada a few years earlier. From him Mike learned that friends from their homeland were living in the area known as New Kiew. Hearing this, the Samoil family made arrangements to get a ride with Harry Bushko to this new settlement. The fee for the ride was $10. which would be paid at a later date.

Arriving at New Kiew the family was amazed to see such beautiful woodland, which would provide them with enough fuel and building material for many years. For one year, they were given shelter by Bill Horon. While staying there, they helped by cutting bush and picking roots in the fields. Mike walked to Edmonton in the early fall and found work, digging ditches at $1.10 for a ten-hour day of toil. His hard earned money provided food for the family.

Because William was too young to qualify for a homestead, he stayed with his brother Mike, and his mother, helping them out on the farm. During winter months William trapped muskrats and squirrels for spending money.

In 1913, William's mother, Katherine, passed away, and the family had to be on their own. William's sister

Mary married Paul Kisilewich, and moved to farm northeast of Innisfree.

In 1920, when no more homesteads were available, William bought CPR land , SW 25-53-13-W4th, just a mile away from his brother Mike's. With the help of his brothers, he built a house and started farming.

In 1920, Anna Zurawel, with her brother Joe and sister Helen immigrated to Canada from Probizna, Hoshatin, Poland. Their fare was paid by her father, Woytko, who arrived in Canada in 1915. He had earned his money as a carpenter building log buildings for new settlers.

In June, 1922, William married Anna Zurawel. With their wedding donation money William bought a new Adams wagon and box.

William and Anna Samoil, two years after their marriage, in 1924

William's father-in-law helped build the rest of the buildings on the farm and more land was cleared. Anna started sewing clothing for the neighboring ladies.

In 1925, Anna's brother John, his wife Annie, and their two sons Ted and Edward arrived in Canada and settled in the same area for a few years.

William and Anna had four children: Walter, Lewis, Edward, and Gloria. All attended Krasne School, just a half mile away.

During World War II, Walter served in the Canadian Army. After the war, he helped on his father's farm.

Lewis, who married Sophie Solovenko, worked for a construction company in Edmonton. At present, he is employed by the City of Edmonton, at Central Supplies and Services Department.

Edward attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, where he trained as a bodyman. He married Lorraine Kromm. Later he went back to SAIT, and took a refrigeration course. He is now employed with Eskimo Refrigeration and has a hobby bee farm.

Gloria married Marshall Lotoski, a farmer. Ambitious and hard workers, they are now prosperous farmers north of Innisfree. Gloria got to be well known at the Two Hills Farmers Market for her good cottage cheese.

Anna was an enthusiastic and a very active community member. She was chosen President of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League for many years.

As years went by, life got better for William and Anna. Then tragedy struck when Walter, who lived with them and helped them on the farm, died in 1967. As this was a big loss to them, William and Anna sold the farm and bought a house in Vegreville, close to the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Here they lived for a few years until Anna passed away in 1970 and William in 1972, leaving six grandchildren behind. True, the old pioneers are fading away, but the Samoil name lives on.

SAMOIL, Stephan (1889-1969) and Nancy (1894-) (nee Bodnarchuk)

by Stella Basaraba

Stephan, son of Paul and Katie Samoil, immigrated to Canada in 1905, from the Village of Buciw, District of Peremyshl, Ukraine. He had two brothers, Michael and Bill, and one sister, Mary (Kisilewicz).

Nancy, daughter of William and Matrona Bodnarchuk, immigrated to Canada in 1911, at the age of 18, from the Village of Zvyniach, District of Chortkiv, Western Ukraine. Nancy came from a family of five children: John and Annie (in Canada); Eva (Evdocia), deceased in the Ukraine; and Nick in the Ukraine.

On February 4, 1912, Stephan and Nancy were married in the New Kiew Chapel. They settled on a homestead at Plain Lake (SW 56-28-12-W4th) and worked with oxen in a mixed farming operation. Stephan and Nancy raised six children: John, Annie, Mary, Andrew, Stella, and Adam.

Nancy and Stephan Samoil, circa 1945

John (1913-1980) married Mary Malowaney in November 1939. They had three children: Joanne, Larry, and Mary (deceased in 1966).

Annie (1914) was wed to Mike Hnydyk in 1937. They had three children: Adeline Hope, Mary Anne Coe, and Mike (deceased in 1983). Annie resides in Edmonton.

Mary (1916) married Anton Sokalski on February 16, 1938. They had three children: David, Ronnie, and Susan Chomiak. Mary resides in Lavoy.

Andrew (1918-1965) married Emily Fedyna.

Stella (1912) and Nick Basaraba were married on June 5, 1943. Nick passed away in 1978. They had five children: Ken, James, Richard (deceased 1974), Audrey McCafferty, and Randy. Stella resides in Edmonton.

Adam (1924) married Mary Kostelney, in June, of 1945 and raised five children: David, Linda, Kenneth, Leonard, and Pamela Samoil.

There are also 15 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren in the Samoil family.

In 1948, Stephan and Nancy retired to Vegreville. Stephan passed away in 1969. Nancy presently resides at the Homesteader Senior Citizens' Home in Vegreville.

SASKIW, Nestor and Elaine

Nestor and Elaine Saskiw (nee Johnston) arrived in Two Hills in August of 1969, to accept teaching positions in the Two Hills Junior-Senior High School. Nestor is the son of John and Anne Saskiw of Myrnam, Alberta, and the move to Two Hills was one of returning to familiar surroundings.

Nestor has taught various high school courses, always acquainting his Grade VII home room with "Freddy" and the rules of the school.

Gerren, Nestor holding Travis, Russell, and Elaine Saskiw, 1980

Elaine taught High School social studies for three years before taking leave to raise three boys: Gerren, born in 1972; Russel, in 1974; and Travis, in 1977. Over this period of time, Elaine continued contact with the schools by substitute and part-time teaching.

The Saskiws moved back to the farm near Myrnam in May, 1982, the third generation of Saskiws on the original homestead. The couple continues to teach in Two Hills and the children attend school there. The many activities associated with a small community and the friendships formed there are a part of rural Alberta that the Saskiws treasure.

SAWCHUK, John and Malanka (nee Prochowniuk)

John, son of Alexander and Pearl Sawchuk, was born on April 28, 1871, in the Village of Koniushkiv, Brody, Western Ukraine. When his mother died suddenly, John was seven years old; his brother, Fred, was six; his sister, Jennie, was four, and the youngest, Michael, was two.

As a child, John did not attend school. At 16, he went to work in a kerosene barrel factory.

In 1898, he married Malanka Prochowniuk of the neighboring Village of Berlin. In 1907, after spending a few years farming his father's land, John and Malanka decided to follow his father, brothers and sister to Chipman, Alberta. John and Malanka, and their two children, Annie and Andrew, left for Canada with only $500. They took the train to Hamburg where they boarded a ship. They arrived in Halifax 14 days later, then took the train to Alberta.

After spending two weeks with his family, John left in search of a homestead which he found some 50 miles east of Chipman in the Plain Lake area.

During the summer of 1907, John cleared some land and built a house of logs. In the fall he moved his family to the farm. With a team of oxen, a wagon, and some hand tools he continued to clear the land and three years later obtained full title. Being community minded, John helped build the church and the school.

By 1910, John had a team of horses with which he hauled lumber for construction in Vegreville, some 20 miles away.

John passed away in April, 1958, at the age of 88 years. His wife, Malanka, predeceased him in 1951, at the age of 71.

Malanka and John Sawchuk, circa 1945

The children of John and Malanka Sawchuk:

Annie was born on July 18, 1900, in Ukraine. She came to Canada with her parents in 1907, and later married Kindrat Yacey. They lived in the Beauvallon district where they farmed until Kindrad died in 1918. That same year, Annie, aged 18, lost her two small daughters to influenza. Two years later she married Matty Chapelski. In 1927, they built the first hotel in Myrnam. Annie and Matty had one son, Alexander, and one daughter, who passed away as an infant. Annie died in 1938, at the age

of 38.

Andrew, who was born on December 13, 1901, in the Ukraine, married Mary Dmytryshyn of Myrnam in 1927. He was a self taught carpenter and worked in Myrnam before moving to Edmonton. Andrew and Mary had three sons: Edward, Walter, and Ron, and one daughter, Louise. Andrew passed away in 1973, at the age of 72.

Mary, the second daughter of John and Malanka Sawchuk, was born in 1908. She was the first to be born on Canadian soil. Mary attended school for a few years but because she was required to work on the farm she was unable to attend for very long. In 1925, she married Steve Yuskow.

Alex, who was born in August of 1909, married Alice Humen in 1946. He owned and operated his own auto repair shop in Two Hills. He served in the Canadian forces during World War II. After marriage, they moved to Vancouver and made it their home. Shortly after their move to Vancouver, Alex passed away after a brief illness. He was 38. Alex and Alice had one son, Gerald.

Mary Yuskow and Tony Sawchuk, 1974

Tony and Pearl were born in May, 1911; however, Pearl died when she was ten months old. As a bachelor, Tony took over his father's farm and operated it until 1973. He retired early and now lives in Two Hills.

Mike was born on February 12, 1916. He worked for Imperial Oil in Two Hills, and later served in the Canadian army from 1941 to 1946. Just before going to the army he married Eva Maloney. Upon discharge from the army he made his home in Edmonton and worked as an auto body mechanic. He passed away in September, of 1973, leaving one son, Leonard, and two daughters, Paulette and Jane.

SAWCHUK, Harry and Tillie (nee Cymbaluk)

Harry Sawchuk, the youngest son of John and Malanka, was born in February, 1921. He spent his school years at Krasne. After leaving school he continued working on his father's farm until 1942, at which time he joined the army, and served mostly in Canada. Upon being discharged in 1946, he returned to the farm. In 1948, he married Tillie Cymbaluk, daughter of Jacob and Anastasia (nee Hyrciw). After a brief stay on the farm they moved to Two Hills where Harry worked for Alberta Highways, and the Alberta Wheat Pool as a grain buyer. He later joined Western Chemicals Co. and worked for 24 years as a process operator and as a steam engineer.

In 1980, Harry joined the Alberta Environment Center, located in Vegreville, as a heating engineer.

Mercy Cymbaliuk, Garry and Elaine Miskiw, Terry and Delores, Debbie and Richard, Tillie and Harry Sawchuk, July, 1977

Tillie and Harry have three children: Terry was born November 1, 1949, in Two Hills, where he attended school. After graduation, Terry began working for Celanese Limited, where he is presently employed as a boiler maker. In August, 1970, he married Delores Moroz, daughter of Dmetro and Sarah (nee Axani). They have two daughters, Terra and Kristin.

Elaine was born March 13, 1953, in Two Hills where she also attended school. Upon completion of high school, she attended the University of Alberta, graduating with a Bachelors degree in Education. In June, 1974, she married Gary Miskiw, son of Steve and Alice (nee Zaparniuk) and is presently teaching in Edmonton. Gary and Elaine have two sons: Nevin and Michael.

Richard was born on September 23, 1956. Like his brother and sister, he attended school at Two Hills. After graduation, he went to work for Tele-Communications. He then joined Alberta Power where he is still employed. In July, 1977, he married Deborah, daughter of Dave and Emily Hassen.

SAWCHUK, Stefan and Barbara (nee Zasebida)

Stefan, the oldest of five brothers and two sisters, came to Canada with his wife, Barbara (nee Zasebida), in 1899, from the Village of Lanivci, County of Borschiv, Province of Halychina, Western Ukraine. They brought with them their one and one-half year old son, Adam, and Stefan's younger brother, John. First they settled for a short period three miles west of Mundare with the Kitlarchuk family, people they knew from their home

village. Later, they moved and settled on a homestead NE 28-53-13-W4th, ten miles north of Lavoy.

Stefan's parents, Ewan and Olena Sawchuk, along with their son, Gregory and his wife Mary, and four children: Nick, Sam, Annie, and Mary, settled on the adjacent quarter, SE 28-53-13-W4th.

Stefan and Barbara's life on the homestead was very difficult. They suffered numerous hardships, setbacks, and poverty. Their homestead, however, had an abundance of trees available for firewood and buildings, a resource which was very scarce in their homeland. The main source of food in the homestead was wild duck, rabbit, prairie chicken, and wild berries. Their first home was a small log cabin, with a sod roof and mud-plastered walls.

Stefan and Barbara Sawchuk, late 1920s

Stefan's main concern was to buy a milk cow in order to have milk for the family, but because he had no money, he sought employment, at which he worked long and hard hours for 50¢ a day. His second concern was to turn his new land into a productive farm and so the backbreaking work of clearing the land began. Because Ewan was a miller by trade, he undertook the task of grinding flour for his family. This was done on a home-made stone mill called a "zhorna", which Ewan made from two large circular wheel-like stones. The bottom stone was stationary, while the top stone had a hole chipped out through the middle for pouring the grain; another small hole was chipped on the side, part way, where a small wooden peg was inserted to turn the top stone by hand, and as the grain entered through the centre hole, it was ground between the two stones into flour.

Stefan once related a story how his father, Ewan, went to find a large stone to make a "zhorna". He carried it home in his hands over a distance of one half mile, and as a result, ruptured himself and, a year later, died. At that time, there was no graveyard for burial; therefore, he was buried on a hill in the northwest corner of Gregory's homestead.

About 1905, the early settlers decided to build a chapel, the first of its kind in the area. It was built on the SE 28-53-13-W4th, on a ten-acre plot of land donated by Gregory. The plot of land included a cemetery, which was named St. Nicholas.

Stefan's children walked to the Kiew School, a distance of less than four miles. Most of them attended school, but the older ones stayed home to work on the land.

They advanced from oxen to horses to tractors. Their first tractor, a Titan, had steel wheels with lugs and was used mainly for breaking land.

As Stefan's land-clearing expanded, so did his family members. Stefan and Barbara raised a family of six sons: Adam, Mike, William, John, Nick, Alex, and one daughter, Catherine.

In 1924, Stefan was forced to give up farming and so he left it to his sons and moved to Mundare with his two younger children, Alex and Catherine. He left his homestead (NE 28-53-13-W4th) to his son William, who married Annie Semenuik. They had four children: Olga, Emily, Alice, and Walter (who later took over the family farm when William and Annie retired and moved to Vegreville).

The adjacent quarter (SE 28-53-13-W4th) that Stefan purchased from his brother, Gregory, was left to his son, Mike, who married Mary Yaremchuk. They raised three children: John, Victoria, and Victor.

Adam married Barbara Zacharuk, and they settled on a farm three miles south of Hairy Hill. They raised three children: Anne, Bill, and Peter (who took over the farm after his parents moved to Vegreville).

John died at an early age while Stefan was still farming.

Nick married Anne Gully and settled on land south of Vegreville. They had one son, Joey. Nick died at an early age.

Catherine married George Herchuk and they also farmed south of Vegreville. They raised four children: Barbara, Marie, Theresa, and Edward, a pharmacist in Edmonton.

Alex, the youngest in the family, married Lena Triska and settled on a farm three miles east of Mundare. They had two children, Rosemarie and John. Rosemarie is a nurse and has four children. John, a meat inspector, is the father of one child. Alex and Lena who are now retired, farmed in the Mundare district for over 40 years.

Stefan and Barbara lived in the town of Mundare for over 30 years. Stefan died in May, 1944, and Barbara died ten years later in November, 1954. Both of them are buried in the New Kiew district, where they first settled, farmed and raised a family of seven children. They are survived by 19 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

SAWCHUK, Mike and Mary (nee Yaremchuk)

Mike Sawchuk was the second oldest son of Stefan and Barbara Sawchuk. He lived and worked with his parents on their homestead in New Kiew until 1928, when he married Mary, daughter of Hren and Paulina Yaremchuk of Buczacz. They settled on a farm, SE 28-53-13-W4th, built a home and raised their family of three children. Their first son, John, was born on October 28, 1929. John helped out on the farm and also worked at numerous jobs. He moved to Vancouver in 1960, and has been working as a millwright in New Westminster. His daughter, Bonnie, is living in Vancouver.

On April 7, 1933, their daughter, Victoria, was born.

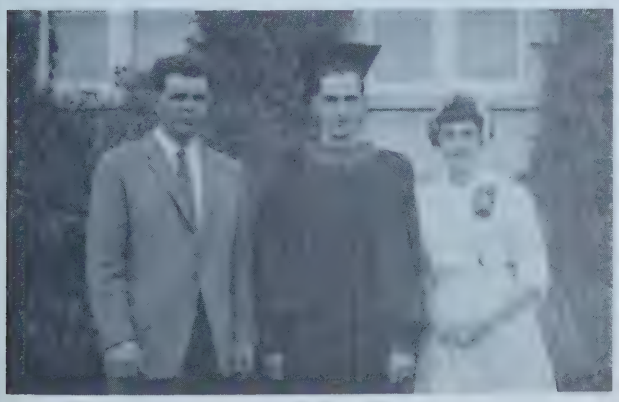
Mike and Mary Sawchuk, early 1930s

During these years life was extremely difficult, hard work was endless and the family suffered numerous hardships. Their youngest son, Victor, was born on April 1, 1936. School was three miles away and it took some effort to make it to school on time. In 1949, the County of Two Hills started school bus service. The first school bus was built by William Chrapko of Two Hills and Victoria and Victor were thus driven to Two Hills. Going to school by bus was like a dream come true, compared to struggling and often walking to get to school three miles away.

In 1951, Victoria married Oliver Kuzio, son of Nick and Mary Kuzio of Two Hills. They were blessed with three sons: Daryl, Terry, and Darcy. They now have three grandsons: Robert, Michael, and Ryan.

Victor graduated from Two Hills High School in 1954. He enrolled at the University of Alberta in Medicine. Money was scarce, and he had to walk ten blocks to catch a bus out of Beverly. But, he was determined and nothing was going to stop him. On his graduation, Victor was presented with the Alberta Tuberculosis Award by then Premier Ernest Manning. He then interned at the University of Saskatoon, and in 1957, married Anne, daughter of Mike and Mary Dronyk, of Edmonton.

They raised a family of five children: Cynthia, Bob, Jeff, Robert, and Barbara and they now have a granddaughter, Jennifer. Victor and Anne settled in Wainwright where Victor practised medicine for many years.



John, Victor and Victoria, children of Mike and Mary Sawchuk, 1960

They are presently living in Calgary, where Victor is on the staff at the University of Calgary.

The great-grandchildren of Mike and Mary Sawchuk are the sixth generation of the Sawchuk family in Canada. Their great-great-great-grandparents, Ewan and Olena Sawchuk came to Canada in 1899, and are buried in the northwest corner of their home farm.

SEMENIUK, Filemon and Sofia (nee Pohranychny)

Filemon Semeniuk was born in 1879, in the Village of Shneriw, Brody, Galicia, in Western Ukraine. In April, 1902, he married Sofia Pohranychny of the same village and on May 12, 1902, they left their homeland, for Canada - a new land where freedom and land were abundant.

After a month-long voyage, including a long train ride across Canada, they were met in Edmonton by relatives from the Beaver Creek (Chipman) area. They stayed there for a while, then, with the help of brother-in-law Paul Tymchuk, and friends such as Kisilewich, Bachinsky, and others (who had arrived in 1900 or 1901), they soon selected their homestead at SE 34-53-13-W4th. At that time the land was really in the Northwest Territories.

That same year they built their first log sod-covered clay-plastered house, a 12 by 14 foot structure with a 12 by 8 foot entrance.

In 1903, they broke a couple of acres of land with oxen and a walking plow, and started constructing the main service building - 80 feet long under one roof, and consisting of two barns, two granaries, a "stodola" and other storage and work spaces. They acquired their first pair of horses and a wagon in 1906. They now owned a walking plow, three harrows and shared a 12 blade disc, mower and rake with Uncle Tymchuuk.

In 1910, they built a larger house, still with a thatched roof, and eventually laid a wooden floor. Finally, a large two-storey house, which still stands, was completed in 1925. The original site for the buildings was retained because the landscape here was unsurpassed: gentle, rolling land, with sparkling ponds, and a profusion of wild fruit blossoms in the spring - reminiscent of their Ukraine.

Fred, Filemon, Walter, Sofia and Annie Semeniuk, circa 1920

Progress in all respects was slow but steady. A major disaster occurred in 1917, a killing frost on July 12, followed by a severe drought in 1918, and an outbreak of the dreadful "flu" epidemic in the fall. The Semeniuk family survived these setbacks. However, Filemon passed away in 1923, at the early age of 44 years. Mother, Sofia, with the help of the older members of the family, and with a great deal of hardship and personal sacrifice, raised a family of six sons, and three daughters. She passed away on February 25, 1968, having seen her family established as respected members of the community.

THE MEMBERS OF THE FILEMON AND SOFIA SEMENIUK FAMILY

Walter, who was born in 1904, helped establish the family farm, and married Mary Petasky in 1927. After raising two sons and two daughters, they retired to Edmonton.

Fred, born in 1905, a prominent farmer in the Vegreville area, and especially known for raising purebred beef cattle, married Tillie Babych in 1938. They raised a family of three daughters. Fred passed away in September, 1981.

Bill, born in 1909, a successful farmer and community worker, married Mildred Procinsky in 1941, raised a family of two sons and one daughter, and is now semi-retired in New Kiew.

Annie, who was born in 1910, married Bill Sawchuk in 1927, raised a family of one son and three daughters, and is now retired in Vegreville.

John, born in 1911, a successful farmer on the original homestead, is retired in New Kiew.

James, born in 1913, and a successful farmer, married Sophie Cymbaluk in 1946. They raised one son and one daughter, and retired to Vegreville.

Mary, born in 1915, married Alec Yakimetz in 1941, raised a family of three sons and two daughters. She is semi-retired in New Kiew.

Harry, born in 1918, became a successful farmer and served in the Canadian Army during World War II.

Catherine, born in 1921, became a school teacher and participant in international assignments in India and Kenya. She married Dr. Bill Skoropad in 1945. They raised three sons and one daughter, and are now retired in Edmonton.

Filemon and Sofia Semeniuk have 25 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

SEMENIUK, Theodore and Tillie (nee Babych)

A second son, Theodore (Fred), was born to Filemon and Sofia Semeniuk on September 24, 1905. He grew up with his five brothers and three sisters on the homestead at New Kiew. For schooling, Fred walked a distance of three and one half miles to attend a one-room school at Wolia. After the death of his father in 1923, he continued farming.

Fred started farming at NW 27-53-13-W4th. Later he purchased a quarter section (NW 23-53-13-W4th) from Joe Morski, a mile from the home place. A third quarter was purchased in the early fifties.

Stephen and Anastasia Babych, 1935

On October 20, 1938, Fred married Tillie, daughter of Stephen and Anastasia Babych of Plain Lake. The young couple motored in a 1937 black Plymouth to St. Peter's and Paul's Greek Catholic Church in Mundare to receive their marriage vows from Father I. Lesiuk.

In 1944, Fred began raising purebred registered Yorkshire swine, showing his prize winning hogs at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair in the fall of 1950. As a member of the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association, he participated in the Fall Hog Shows and Sales in Edmonton as well as the Vegreville Exhibitions.

In 1946, he expanded his farming operations by raising purebred registered Hereford cattle. In 1956, his daughter, Patricia received the Grand Championship in Edmonton 4-H Beef Club.

Throughout the years, Fred and Tillie played an im-

Theodore and Tillie Semeniuk and family, 1957

portant role in establishing and supporting the Holy Ascension Catholic Church of New Kiew. Fred served as church trustee from January 1940, to December 1970; as Church Vice-president for 11 years from January, 1971, to September, 1981. He was also in charge of the church cemetery for 40 years to the time of his death in 1981. Tillie was a member of the New Kiew Women's League for 38 years, and had served on various executive and committee positions. Fred participated in church choir and various drama productions.

Fred and Tillie raised three daughters: Patricia, Iris, and Mary Ann.

Orest and Patricia Steblyk family. (L to R) - Patricia, Joann, Orest, Cathy and Carol, 1983.

The eldest daughter, Patricia, completed her Grade XII in Two Hills, then went on to attend the University of Alberta, receiving her degree in Education (Home Economics). She married Orest Steblyk, son of William and Anna. Orest is the principal of St., Martins, a Ukrainian bilingual school in Edmonton Separate School Board System, and Patricia is a Program Coordinator with Continuing Education. Orest and Patricia have three daughters: Carolyn, Cathy, and Jo Ann.

Iris, their second daughter, attended Alberta College and University after her high school education in Two Hills. Presently she is working as a senior cataloguing assistant at the Cameron Library, University of Alberta, and part-time with the Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum.

Mary Ann, their third daughter, attended school in Two Hills and Vegreville. She attended the Western Industrial Research and Training Centre in Edmonton. Mary Ann, was chosen to represent Western Industrial Research and Training Centre on television. Presently, she is working for the New Canadian Encyclopedia to be published in 1985.

Fred passed away on September 7, 1981. Tillie continues to live in Vegreville. She is a member of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Parish and the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League. Much of her time is devoted to church activities, gardening, baking and creative hobbies.

SEMENIUK, Teodor and Eva

Teodor and Eva Semeniuk are second-time residents of Two Hills, first, from 1953 to 1957 and again from 1970 to the present.

Teodor was born on March 4, 1916, at Sznyriw, Brody, Lviv, in Western Ukraine. He was the fifth of seven children of Teodor and Mary Semeniuk. After completing six years of schooling at the local school, Teodor helped on the farm until March, 1938, when he was conscripted into the Polish army and stationed at Chanstochawa in Western Poland. He became an infantryman in the 74th Regiment, 3rd Division, and first saw action on the German-Polish front on September 5, 1939. Because of the unsettled European situation, Teodor decided the best thing to do was to emigrate. He thus proceeded to the refugee camp at Mainz Kastel, near Weisbaden, where he became a military policeman.

Eva, the youngest of eight children of Wasyl and Anastasia Caplap of Krasne, Jaroslaw, Lviv, was born January 1, 1926. She attended seven years of elementary school, but because of lack of money for further schooling, she helped on the family farm from 1940 to 1942. From 1942 to 1945 she worked on a farm owned by Krist Sigge, Rhenege Korbach. With the arrival of the American Army, Eva, along with her sister Mary and husband Ivan Novak, headed for Mainz Kastel, Germany. It was here that Teodor and Eva met and wed on February 17, 1946.

Teodor made contact with his sister, Feska Kit, and brother John, who immigrated to the Myrnam area in the late twenties. John and Feska, sent sponsorship papers for Teodor, his wife and son Roman. The Semeniuk family then embarked for Canada on September 21, 1948, from the port of Bremnen on the converted warship "Lengfit".

Teodor spent two years working on farms in the Myrnam area and it was here that their second son, Ihor, was born, September 26, 1949.

By 1950, they were able to borrow some money and buy a quarter of land, north of Beauvallon and acquire a team of horses and some livestock. Teodor spent the first winter at a lumber camp near Hinton. The next two

Son Roman, Eva, son Ihor and Teodor, 1958

years, he farmed his own land as well as worked on neighboring farms for extra income. In 1952, Teodor began working for the C.P.R. in Beauvallon. When he was transferred to Two Hillls in 1953, the Semeniuks decided to sell their land and move to Two Hills. Eva worked in the Java Inn restaurant. Because work on the railway was not as secure as they had hoped, they traded their house for the Horon homestead.

In 1957, Teodor found himself working for the C. P.R. at Strome. Later he transferred to St. Michael, then Hairy Hill, and finally back to Two Hills.

In 1969, their son Roman, married Katherine Diane Garner of Regina. They and their three children, Deborah, Donna and Kristopher reside on the farm south of Two Hills.

In 1972, their son, Ihor, married Simone Wiert of Alliance. They and their daughters, Jackie and Tanya, live in Morinville.

Grandchildren - Deborah, Donna, Jackie, Tanya and Kristopher, 1983

Teodor worked for the C.P.R. in Two Hills until 1979. He and Eva were also caretakers of the Centennial Hall, from 1976 to 1983. They are active in the Legion, church organizations and Drama Club. The last few years they have been busy exhibitors at the Two Hills and Vegreville Fairs, bringing home many awards for produce, flowers, and needlecraft. Both Teodor and Eva enjoy gardening, socializing, travelling, and generally staying busy and active.

SERNA, George and Helen (nee Dron)

George Serna was born in 1869, in Erkivci, Province of Bukovina, Ukraine. He was left an orphan as a small boy and lived with his brother Wonso "John". He met Helen, daughter of Iakiw "Jacob" and Vaselka "Lena" Dron. Helen was born in 1875, in Berehomet, Province of Bukovina, Ukraine.

They married in 1892, and looked after Helen's aging parents, eventually inheriting the Dron farmstead. While in the Ukraine, they raised seven children: Mary (born in 1893), Ustena "Justine"(1895), John (1900), Mike (1903), Vaselka "Lena" (1905), Bill (1911), and Tynia "Martha" (1911). In 1912, their oldest daughter Mary married Metro Belseck and the young couple lived with the Serna family.

With the imminent threat of war they decided to sell their land and move to Canada. In the spring of 1913, they assembled their family and whatever belongings they could take, and boarded a ship bound for Halifax. After a trek by train to Vegreville, they lived with the H. Kupchenko family for two years. In 1913, Justine married Dick Rosychuk and settled in the Bellis district where they raised eight children: George, Tom, John, Mary, Harold, Rose, Ann, and Mac.

In 1915, George, Helen and five children moved to a homestead in Morton Moore, about six miles from Bellis. In 1916, their last child Anastasia "Nellie" was born. In 1923, Lena married Steve Zawaduik, settling on a farm in the Brosseau district where they had four children: Mary, Anne, Pauline, and Nick who passed away at an early age. Metro and Mary Belseck settled on a homestead at Downing, just south of Vilna, where they raised 14 children: Harry, Nancy, Nick, Pearl, Dora, John, Bill, Lena, Rose, Mike, George, Elizabeth, Steve, and Victor.

In 1924, George and Helen bought a section of land for $7,000. about one mile north of Two Hills (Sec. 9-55-12-W4th) and moved the family to the farm. As the land was heavily wooded, clearing had to be done by hand axes and picks, and then broken with a large plow pulled by eight horses.

John and Mary settled on the NW quarter, where they raised a family of five children: Rose, Steve, Victor, Maryanne, and Allen.

George and Helen Serna, 1935

George and his family built their home and other buildings on the SW quarter, where eventually Mike and Lena (nee Rosychuk) settled and raised a family of five children: Mary, Nick, Andy, Sandy, and Donny.

Nellie married William D. Nikiforuk on April 30, 1933, and they settled on the Nikiforuk homestead (NW 34-54-12-W4th), where they raised three children: Victor, Dennis, and Elaine.

In 1933, Bill married Mary Rusnak and settled on the NE quarter, where they had six children: Katherine, George, Raymond, Mary, Evelyn, and Olga.

In 1932, Martha married Alec Dron, and following a brief stay in Manitoba, joined her parents on the SE quarter, where they raised two children, George and Josie. Alec and Martha lived with George and Helen and farmed the land together.

On St. Mary's Day, September 21, 1938, as George and Helen were heading for church at Szypenitz by democrat, their horses bolted after being frightened by a motorcycle. When Helen tried to jump off the buggy, she fell and one of the horses crushed her chest.She died on November 15, 1938, at the age of 63, from blood clots in her lungs. George died of cancer on January 31, 1941, at the age of 72.

SERNA, John and Mary (nee Dometraschuk)

by Steve Serna (son)

John Serna was born in 1900, in Bukovina, Ukraine, and at the age of 13, came to Canada with his parents, George and Helen Serna. They settled in the Bellis area and farmed there until 1923. During this time, John first worked in the Drumheller coal mines and then on the Saskatoon-St. Paul section of the railroad. In September, 1924, John married Mary Dometraschuk of Desjarlais, Alberta and moved to a farm one and one-half miles north of Two Hills. They brought all their belongings with them and lived on a hayrack under the blue sky until a one-room house was built.

John and Mary Serna's marriage, 1924

The years passed and they raised five children: Rose, who married William Chomyc; Steve, who married Emily Elkow; Victor, who married Lily Gordey; Allan, who married Sylvia Sekora; and MaryAnne, who married Jerry Romanick. After many years of farming, John and Mary moved to Edmonton in 1959. In 1977, John passed away. Mary continues to reside in Edmonton.

SERNA, Steve and Emily (nee Elkow)

Steve married Emily, the daughter of Mike and Mary Elkow, on June 21, 1951, and to this union was born six children: Rosemarie, who is married to Constable Gary Muzechka, has three boys, Michael, Christopher, and Trevor; Linda is a registered nurse working at the Edmonton General Hospital; Lorraine is employed by Alberta Transportation in Edmonton; Sharon, who is married to Gordon Trach, has one daughter, Lisa, and resides on a farm in Thorhild; Lorna is in her third year of Education, at the Canadian Union College, after teaching Grades VII and VIII in Palau in 1983-84; Dennis is in his third year of Agriculture at the University of Alberta.

Steve and Emily Serna with family, on their 25th wedding anniversary, 1976

At the present time, Steve is chairman of the Two Hills Hospital Board and Nursing Home Board. He is also President of the Rannach Community Pasture and Szypenitz Rural Electrification Association. Emily is a Registered Nursing Assistant graduate from Calgary Vocational School. Steve and Emily farm four miles north of Two Hills at SE 29-55-12-W4th.

SERNA, William G. and Mary W. (nee Russnak)

by Olga Chudyk

William G. Serna, born in the Village of Berhomet, Province of Bukovina, Ukraine, was the youngest son of George and Elana (Dron) Serna. He came to Canada in 1913, with his parents and settled on a homestead near

William G. and Mary (Russnak) Serna, 1933

Bellis. After farming there for 11 years, the Serna family moved to another homestead, two miles north of Two Hills where William farmed with his parents.

On November 12, 1933, William married Mary, daughter of Mike and Domna Russnak in St. Mary's Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Szypenitz. The young couple, after living for one year with William's parents, moved to their own farm in the same section as William's parents. Here for 36 years they continued to meet the trials and tribulations of life as they committed themselves to hard work in establishing the farming operation that exists today. The task was not easy as there were no great machines to replace manual labor.

Their first home was a one-room log cabin. Later another room and porch were added.

William and Mary continued to expand their farming operations when they sold six cows for $100. and put a down payment on lumber to be used for constructing a barn which cost $700. The young couple also bought two purebred Yorkshire sows for $6. a piece. From her relatives, Mary acquired some hens and a rooster and expanded a poultry operation to include 90 ducks, 50 geese and 75 turkeys which were all hatched on the farm. Later William and Mary raised 300 turkeys which were purchased from a hatchery. Their dairy herd consisted of six cows which were milked by hand.

Harvesting always proved to be a dreaded chore for most farm women such as Mary who not only had to feed the hungry crew of 16 men, but also had to look after the outside chores as well as the young children. Somehow, Mary always managed, although she had many sleepless nights.

William and Mary took pride in having a beautiful yard and garden. Mary's prized garden consisted of rows and rows of many different vegetables which would be preserved for winter use. They planted Russian poplars, caraganas and maple trees for shelter.

No refrigerators were available to preserve the food supplies at this time. Eggs were often stored in limewater for use in winter. Hundreds of jars of fruits, vegetables and meats were canned. Homemade sausage was stored in a crock and sealed with lard. Bacon was salted and stored in wax boxes. Mary would make 100 pounds of (brenza) cheese in wooden pails and seal them with melted butter. In order to keep the cream cool it had to be placed in an ice house.

Horses were used in most of the farming operations until 1948, when the family acquired a tractor and Dodge car. Harvesting operations involved cutting the grain by binder and stooking it by hand. William and Mary worked hard and also brought their young children into the fields.

Mary has many girl-hood memories. Once she bravely crossed the North Saskatchewan River on a 12 inch wide plank. She walked three miles to school in moccasin-like shoe packs and almost froze walking to school on an unbearably cold winter day. Although Mary's dreams were to become a teacher, she only was able to complete Grade VIII, as she was required at home to work on the farm.

William and Mary took part in many community activities. They were members of the Szypenitz Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church and William was a church trustee for many years. He was also an F.U.A. and a Co-op representative, a member of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and a member of the Two Hills Local Board of Trade at a time when it was involved in the purchase of land on which the resort, Lac Sante is situated. Mary is a member of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Two Hills.

Mary and William were blessed with six children:

Katherine died when she was three years old.

George graduated from Two Hills High School and

Mary W. Serna and her family, April 1984. Front row, (L to R) - Olga Chudyk holding Evylin Chudyk, Mary W. Serna, Mary Holyk holding Dorothy Holyk, William and Raymond Holyk; back row - Eugene Chudyk, George and Raymond Serna, Katherine and Frank Holyk, 1984.

attended the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Engineering. He was employed by the Two Hills Chemical Plant, Chemcell in Edmonton, and at Nickel Mine in Thompson, Manitoba.

Raymond, a Grade IX honors student who received the Governor General's medal, graduated from the Two Hills High School and attended the University of Alberta, in the Faculty of Engineering. He worked at the Two Hills Chemical Plant and at the present time is in partnership with his brother George in a mixed-farming operation.

Mary, who graduated from Willingdon High School and attended the University of Alberta, enrolled in the Faculty of Education. She has been employed as a bank bookkeeper, receptionist, and is now a homemaker. Mary is married to Frank Holyk, an Edmonton denturist. They have four children: Katherine, William, Raymond and Dorothy.

Evylin Serna, second year of nursing at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, 1968

Evylin, a graduate of the Two Hills High School, attended the Royal Alexandra School of Nursing for two years before passing, on May 5, 1968, at age 20.

Olga graduated from Two Hills High School and attended the Grant MacEwan Community College, enrolling in Early Childhood. She has held positions at the Two Hills Bank of Montreal, the Toronto Dominion Bank in Vegreville, and has worked at Palamaruk's 5¢ to $1. Store for four years. At present she is a homemaker, married to Eugene Chudyk of Two Hills who operates Two Hills Upholstery. They have one daughter, Evylin.
daughter, Evylin.

William G. Serna passed away on November 29, 1969. Mary continued to live on the farm with her two sons. For the past 52 years she has been busy with many farming activities as well as making many tasty kolachi in her outdoor oven. May she be blessed with many years of good health as she trods into her sunset years.

SERNA, John M. (1887-1981)

John was born in the Village of Revakivtsi, Bukovina, Ukraine, several miles from Chernivci. This part of Ukraine was under the rule of the Austro-Hungarian empire at this time.

John was fortunate to attend grade school, after which it became necessary for him to seek a job away from home. There was neither enough land for him to start on his own, nor was there any prospect for acquiring any property in the future. This was a plight common to many, and the eventual reason for immigration to Canada. For several years, John found work on the farms of Romanian landlords. He served in the Austrian army, most of which was in the barracks of Franz Josef in Vienna - the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

In 1913, John made the momentous decision to leave his homeland upon hearing of the opportunities for both employment and homesteads in Canada. Arriving in Canada, he obtained work in a factory in Welland, Ontario. While there, he participated in a men's choral group and was active in the Ukrainian community. However, it was not too long before the call of the West prompted him to begin working his way to the prairies.

Obtaining work on the railway crew was easy, even if the work was hard. In 1919, John came to Vegreville, to visit Old Country friends, George and John Dronyk. Any thoughts that might have been harbored about returning to the Old Country were completely dispelled as a result of the visit with the Dronyks, and in short order, John filed for a homestead near Lac La Biche. This land was abandoned, in favour of a quarter section, two miles north of Two Hills. The land was purchased at $13. per acre, relatively expensive at the time. It is here that John spent the rest of his working career until his son, Bill, took over in the mid-fifties.

In 1920, John married Anastasia Kutsengavich of Boian, Alberta. Two children were born of this marriage: Mary and Domka. In 1923, Anastasia died of influenza, leaving John with two small children. In spite of the best care by neighbors, Domka passed away not too long after her mother. In 1924, John brought home a new bride, Jennie Bodnaruk of Desjarlais, Alberta. Jennie cared for Mary, was a stalwart help-mate on the farm, and became the mother of four more children: Elsie, Metro (died in

John and Jennie Serna with their children - William, Alexandra, Elsie, and Mary, 1942

infancy), Alexandra and William.

Mary completed her schooling in Two Hills and then found work in Edmonton. Shortly after, she moved to Calgary and then to Vulcan, Alberta, where with money she saved, she opened a small dress shop. Mary married John Andrews, a farmer. John and Mary have two children: Beverly and Ron. Ron and Cathy have two children, Keegan and Logan.

Elsie married Peter Rybak and resides in Two Hills. (see Rybak history)

Alexandra is married to Harry Hohol and both work for the Edmonton Public School Board. They have three children: Demjan, Shannon and Keenan. Demjan is completing his thesis toward an M.A. in Ukrainian folklore and ethnography. He has also completed two years of study leading to a Bachelor's degree in Theology. Shannon has obtained her Bachelor of Education and is currently studying dance at York University in Toronto. Keenan is completing Grade XII. All three children are members of Ukrainian Shumka Dancers.

William married Sophie Eurchuk and has been farming since 1955. They have three boys: Clifford, Randy and Richard. Clifford and his wife Francis, currently live near, Willingdon.

John and Jenny Serna, circa 1946

In 1960, Jennie passed away after 37 years of marriage to John. During her life-span, she maintained church membership, first at Szypenitz and then Two Hills. John continued his membership and always demonstrated his belief in the value of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. In 1965, John married Ksenia Libich of Beauvallon. They lived together until Ksenia passed away on January 7, 1981. John moved into the Two Hills Hillside Lodge where he resided until his passing on December 3, 1981.

SEVEREN, Micketa and Vaselena

by grandson Andrew Gorgichuk

Micketa and Vaselena, along with their one-year old daughter, Domka, landed in Canada for the very same reasons thousands of other Ukrainians emigrated—to shed the burdens of aristorcratic oppression and to accept the challenges of pioneering. They wished to live in a land where resourceful, hard working men and women could find equality and satisfaction in their endeavors. With them, came Micketa's brothers, Michailo and family, and Vasel and his family, from the Village of Lashkiwka, District of Kitzman, Bukovina, Ukraine. They lived with their friends at Pruth before moving to their homestead, SE 24-56-13-W4th in 1902.

Micketa, being committed and resourceful, soon had living quarters built, some land broken, and his homestead fenced. It was on this homestead that the rest of his family was born: Nastacia (1903), Metro (1906), William (1908), and Anne (1910).

Micketa was a good provider and decided to mill some better quality flour for his family. To do so he hitched his two oxen and was off to Vegreville in the fall. On his return, it turned very cold and he was found nearly frozen by a neighbor. It took a couple of days to thaw "Gido" (grandpa) Micketa out, and although he survived, his health didn't. In 1916, as a result of his misadventure, he passed away.

For a few years, "Boona" (grandma) tried to farm alone, but found that her efforts were unrewarding. Her two older girls, Domka and Nastacia, dressed in bleached flour bag dresses, went to work for neighbors and elsewhere. Stooking or pitching bundles was work for a strong man, but these girls were willing, hard workers and were rewarded with bolts of cloth and clothing in addition to their pay. They survived those difficult days of poverty but at the expense of their education. Nastacia once said, "Nothing, but nothing, has the same importance as writing, reading and comprehending."

Lillian Boychuk with Nelson, Boona Nahnychuk, Emily Gorgichuk with Terrance, circa 1961

"Boona" Vaselena married John Nahnychuk. They saw their children married and their delight was to see them prosper.

You helped build a homeland you were extremely proud of, Gido Micketa, yet you came and started to build another. You can be extremely proud of your children who continued in your work.

SEVERYN, Metro and Martha

by Rocky Chrapko

Metro Severyn and Martha Chrapko were married in the mid-20s and for several years the young couple lived

with Metro's mother. Later, they purchased their own farm in Ispas.

Metro and Martha were proud parents of three children: John, Elsie, and Joanne, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

John was born October 1, 1929. In November, 1952, he married Doris, daughter of George and Mary Kereliuk. Living in St. Albert, John managed a hotel in Edmonton, while Doris taught school.

They have one daughter, Dale, a son Robert, and one grandson. Dale is married to Grant McPheil and lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They have one son, Robert, who is single and lives in Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

Elsie born on May 2, 1935, married Johnny, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mazurek of Ispas, on July 11, 1954. Elsie and Johnny lived in Ispas for two years. In 1954, they bought a farm a few miles northeast of Hairy Hill. For five years, Johnny worked at the Two Hills Chemical Plant. In 1970, Elsie began working at the Nursing Home, as a nurse's attendant.

The Mazureks have three children: Joanie, Garry and Sharon. Joanie is married to Darryl Kuzio, and they live in the Two Hills area with their two sons, Robert and Michael. Garry is married to Dawn and they live in St. Albert. Sharon lives at home.

Joanne was born June 5, 1940. After marrying Ed Anhel, she worked for a number of years in a government office. Ed is employed as a salesman with Primco. The Anhels have two sons, Blane and Brent, and reside in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

In 1955, Metro passed away leaving his wife and children on their own. Martha moved to Two Hills where she lived until her passing on July 31, 1971.

SEVERYN, Mike and Mary

by Rocky Chrapko

Mike and Mary Severyn immigrated to Canada in the early 1900s. They settled on a homestead in the Ispas area. Here they raised a family of four sons and four daughters: William, Metro, George, Ann, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Nick, and Kathrina.

William was born November 10, 1905. Being raised on the farm, he later owned a place of his own in the Shalka area.

William married Vera on August 6, 1929, and they continued their farming operation. To supplement their income, William hauled grain for the farmers in the area.

In 1954, William and Vera and their family moved to Edmonton where William drove a truck hauling gravel and asphalt.

They raised seven children.

Trifon lives in Coronation and has one son, Ted.

Lawrence is single and lives in Coronation.

Ernest married Monica (nee Morill). Their children are: Brian, Gary, and Cheryl. They reside in Los Angeles, California.

Elsie married Jim Burke and they live in Cincinnati, Ohio. They have two boys, James and Paul.

Shirley married George Chrapko and they reside in Fort St. John, British Columbia. Their three children are: Judy, Wade, and Teresa.

David married Karen (McNalley) and the family lives in Coronation. The couple is blessed with five children: Lori, Barbara, Michael, Bruce, and Mark.

William Walter married Carol (Alosis) and they live in Edmonton. Their two sons are Robert and Christopher.

William passed away on September 4, 1972. Vera moved to Kelowna, B.C., in 1980.

Metro (see Metro Severyn history).

George farmed in the Ispas district for 40 years. At 27 years of age, George suffered a household accident which left him in poor health, but did not deter him from farming. He later was hospitalized in Edmonton for several years and in the Two Hills Eagleview Nursing Home for two years. Presently he is in the Camrose Auxiliary Hospital.

Ann (see Harry Lutzak history)

Elizabeth (in John A. Chrapko history)

Alexandra (see John Hlewka history)

Nick (look in the Lukenchuk's history)

Kathrina married Mat Skinty and they were blessed with one daughter, Mary. As a young mother Kathrina had strayed off into the bush and was found later, dead, due to exposure.

Last heard from, Mat was living in Cold Lake, Alberta. Mary is married and lives in Edmonton.

SEVERN, Mike and Jennie (nee Arychuk)

Jennie Severn and her parents, Peter and Rachel Arychuk, arrived in the Duvernay district from Canmore on October 8, 1918.

Jennie's mom and dad originally came from the Ukraine in 1910. He worked in the mine at Canmore where Jennie was born. Jennie completed Grade IX at Duvernay School and recalls an old teacher, Mr. Koortemouz, who always asked Jennie to talk to the children because they could not speak English very well.

On February 25, 1925, Jennie married Mike Severn of Ispas. The young couple worked hard, picking rocks and pulling stumps with horses. Because of a shortage of nails, rail fences often were constructed by using thin willow ties.

Mike and Jennie Severn family, 1940

There were eight children in the family.:

Mary married Nick Sheptecki; Ann married Dr. Gordon Duncan; Andy married Agnes; Lillian married Norman Long; and Rose married Norman Skakun. They all reside in Edmonton. George married Ann Duric and resides in Ashmont. Shirley married Harry Motowylo and resides in Clyde. Walter, who married Shirley Hamaliuk, resides in Two Hills.

All the children worked very hard on the farm. Meat was kept in a well that was dug by hand. The kitchen stove had no oven, just a top. For baking bread, an outside oven, called a "peech" could bake about 20 loaves at a time.

Every summer wild berries were preserved for winter use.

Clothes were washed by hand on a home-made washboard. Soap was made from one jam can full of lard, and a can full of water as well as a can of lye. Often Goldeye were caught for food. Mushrooms were dried for winter. During the cold weather the family played cards with friends and neighbors while sipping some homemade liquor that had to be drunk straight because there was no chaser.

Jennie Severn, 1982

In winter, about 20 loads of logs were hauled for firewood, and it had to be cut, split, and dried for the next winter.

When Christmas Eve came along, 12 different dishes were prepared. The children could hardly wait for that night. After supper, they went carolling, and often would walk about six miles to get a dime or a quarter from each house for singing; sometimes the people would give the children apples or candies. It was a great outing for the children, for as many as 30 children would participate.

On New Year's Day, the adult carollers would arrive with everyone dressed differently, for a ceremony called Malanka. They would be dressed as a Gido, Baba, and Policeman. One played the fiddle while another would grab the lady of the house and dance. They would be paid five dollars for their performances.

On New Year's Day, the children would go "seeding" in the morning. They would sprinkle a little wheat around the house and recite poems, for which they would be paid about ten cents.

At Easter, bread, Easter eggs, cheese, butter, and homemade sausage were blessed in church. After dinner, the children would play on the grass to see whose egg cracked first. On Easter Monday, boys poured water on the girls' heads. Tuesday, it was the girls' turn to pour water on the boys' heads. Many times the boys would run away and the girls would chase them for hours.

All these were traditions from the "old country".

SHANDRUK, Hryhory and Lesavata

by Leonard J. Shandruk

Hryhory Shandruk was born in 1879 and raised in the Village of Shypynci in central Bukovina, Ukraine, which was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He was the son of Metro Shandruk (1836-1919) and Jennie Bobdonyk (1850-1885). His mother, Jennie, passed away when Hryhory was young and he was raised by his stepmother Mary Makovay. During the late 1800s Hryhory served in the Austro-Hungarian cavalry of Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria. After serving his mandatory term of three years as a hussar, Hryhory was discharged and received a distinguished service medal. About this time a large number of villagers from Shypynci began leaving for Canada where it was believed that large amounts of fertile lands and a bright future were available. Prior to departing for Canada with his elder brother Kost Shandruk, Hryhory married Lesavata (Elizabeth) Werenka (1884-1976) in approximately 1901. Lesavata was the daughter of Maketta Werenka. She inherited a hectare of land before her marriage to Hryhory and they were able to sell this land to help finance their voyage to Canada.

Hryhory and Lesavata Shandruk, circa 1924

Hryhory and Kost Shandruk arrived in the Kaleland area in the spring of 1902. Each brother filed for a homestead and Hryhory obtained the SW 10-55-13-W4. Hryhory's first building site was located directly north of where the Pioneer elevators were later situated in

Kaleland adjacent to the alkaline lake and a fresh water spring. After establishing his homestead, Hryhory's resources were depleted. To generate funds, he and his young family joined his brother Kost at the Canmore Coal Mines. He worked in the coal mine from about 1907 to 1911 and again returned to Kaleland. In about 1920 Hryhory traded the NW 10-55-13-W4 for a livery stable in Vegreville which he operated for five years. He then returned to the Kaleland area and built a new house on the SE 9-55-13-W4. This impressive white and blue structure was a major Kaleland landmark for many years and is today, after renovations, occupied by his son, Gordon Shandruk. In 1928 the CPR passed through the area and Hryhory sold 45 acres of land for the establishment of the Kaleland townsite.

Gordon, Victor, Helen and Jennie Shandruk, 1927

By now Hryhory's family had expanded to include:
Kate Kupchenko (born 1906), now in Kelowna, B.C.
Grace Cooper (born 1910), residing in Mississauga, Ont.
Douglas Shandruk (born 1916), living in Vernon, B.C.
Gordon Shandruk (born 1918), now in Kaleland, Alta.
Jeanne Martin (born 1920), presently in Nelson, B.C.
Victor Shandruk (1923-1984), resided in Banff and Calgary
Helen Shandruk (1926-1968), of Kaleland, Alta.
Andrew Shandruk (born 1930), residing in High Level, Alta.

In 1930, while hitching a green team of horses to his binder, Hryhory was involved in an accident. His leg was lacerated and as a result he died from gangrene. Hryhory's estate was handled by a young lawyer, now the Honourable Justice N. Primrose.

With the assistance of her sons, Elizabeth maintained the home quarter until 1963. She then sold it to her son Gordon and moved to Two Hills. In 1968 she moved to the Viking Nursing Home where she remained until her passing.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren carrying Hryhory Shandruk's namesake are:
Leonard Shandruk, Ardrossan, Alberta
Stanley Shandruk, Calgary, Alberta
Leslie Shandruk, Edmonton, Alberta
Douglas Shandruk, Vernon, B.C.
Brian Shandruk, Calgary, Alberta
Andrea Shandruk, High Level, Alberta
Jessica Shandruk, Calgary, Alberta
Lyndon Shandruk, Ardrossan, Alberta.

SHANDRUK, Gordon and Madeleine

Gordon Shandruk, son of Hryhory and Lesavata Shandruk, was born in Vegreville, Alberta, on May 9, 1918.He attended Vegreville School for two years and then moved to Kaleland with his parents where he attended Wattsford School.

Gordon was 12 years old when his father passed away, so he was forced to terminate school in the seventh grade in order to assist his mother and his brother Douglas with farm duties. In order to earn some extra money Gordon, along with many of the local young men, sold small round hay bales on the Ben's Lake "flats". The hay was hauled to Kaleland where it was loaded into box cars and shipped to Eastern Canada. Later Gordon became ill with osteomyelitis at 14 years of age and was hospitalized for six months in Vegreville.

Gordon developed a keen interest in hockey at an early age. As he was raised near a large lake, he was able to practise skating and hockey skills. He walked to Hairy Hill and Two Hills to participate in hockey games. It was during one of these hockey games that Gordon took a wicked slap shot which cleanly removed the pipe from the mouth of the local M.L.A., Mr. Tomyn.

Gordon and Madeleine Shandruk, 1943

In the fall of 1942, Gordon met Madeleine Gordichuk when they both were working on a local threshing crew. They were married on May 9, 1943 in Pruth Church by Reverend J. Chrustawka. Since they were married during the height of World War II, many goods were rationed. Each guest at the wedding was restricted to one-half a bottle of beer. Their wedding cash donation amounted to $240.

After their marriage, Gordon purchased a quarter of land (SE 10-55-13-W4th) from John Gordichuk which was the farmstead where Madeleine was born and raised. Two children were born to Gordon and Madeleine: Leonard Jerry was born on November 14, 1947, and Linda Darlene was born on July 31, 1951.

Gordon worked at the Western Chemical Plant in Duvernay during its initial three years of operation. With the money earned, he acquired a new Cockshutt self-propelled combine from Iftody Farm Implements, in Two Hills. He did some custom combining in 1952. In 1953, he purchased a new maroon Chevrolet from Thomas Garage, Vegreville, Alberta. In June of that year, the family motored to Pennsylvania to visit Madeleine's sister, Marie.

In the fall of 1957, the Shandruks relocated to Vernon, B.C., where Gordon worked as a logger, and Madeleine, a clerk in a grocery store.

Job opportunities were scarce so they returned to Edmonton a year later. Gordon was then employed by Universal Millworks for four years and Madeleine worked at the C.N. Station. During this period, Gordon also farmed his land in Kaleland on weekends. In 1961, the Shandruk family made a permanent move to their Kaleland farm. Since returning to the farm, Madeleine has been employed with the following: Double V Foodland, various cafes in Two Hills, and the I.G.A. from which she retired in 1983. Gordon was employed with the Alberta Wheat Pool as a carpenter in the repair crew from 1978 to 1981. In 1979, Gordon took his wife on their first honeymoon to Hawaii.

At present, Gordon and Madeleine are retired on their Kaleland farm where they both enjoy gardening. Their son Leonard farms the land. Madeleine is involved with the Ukrainian Women's Association as well as being secretary to the Senior Citizens' Centre. Gordon continues to be an avid fisherman and hunter. He also exercises his carpentry skills building various creative projects.

Their son Leonard graduated with a B.Sc.(Agriculture) in 1970 and a M.Sc. (Range Wildlife Management) in 1975. In 1969, he married Susan Trabysh and they have one son, Lyndon, born in 1983. Leonard is presently a habitat biologist with Canadian Wildlife Service, Canada Department of Environment, in Edmonton.

Their daughter Linda graduated from Two Hills High School in 1970 and earned a Social Work Diploma from Mount Royal College in 1972. On April 16, 1977, she married Martin Topolnisky and chose to reside on a farm near Willingdon. Linda teaches playschool on a part-time basis and Martin is a gas plant operator for Francana Oil and Gas.

SHAPKA, Nickolai (Nick) and Wasylena

Nick was born on April 27, 1897, to Leonty and Paraska (nee Choban) Shapka. He was raised in Orshewchi, Bukovina, and immigrated to Canada in 1914. Arriving at his brother's home in the Shandro-Desjarlais district, he worked for Nick Shewchuk and Alec Luchak. Later he worked in the Drumheller coal mine. Coming back to the Desjarlais district he married Wasylena Hunchak in 1919 on "Green Sunday."

Nickolai and Wasylena Shapka, 1947

Wasylena was born on January 5, 1902, to Iwan and Magdalena (nee Gordy) Hunchak. She was raised in Borivci, Bukovina, and immigrated to Canada with her parents, in 1910. They came to her aunt's place, Mrs. Wasylena Zukiwski. Later, Iwan acquired a homestead in

Shandruk family, circa 1955, (L to R) - Leonard, Madeleine, Linda and Gordon.

Nick and Wasylena's daughters, 1980. (L to R) - Violet, Katie, Annie, Emmy, Lillian, Sadie, Pearl, and Mary.

Brothers William, Steve, and George Shapka; seated - Wasylena (mother), 1980.

the Ispas district (5-57-12-W4th) where he farmed. First, they broke a few acres of land for gardening, and later built their first log home which had an earth roof.

When Wasylena's parents went to town, she would climb on the roof and watch for their homecoming. She felt safe from the coyotes on her perch.

Wasylena lost her father in the flu epidemic of 1918. She and her mother were left with a team of horses and some cleared land.

In 1919, she married Nick Shapka and they settled on her father's farm. Her mother, Magdalena, stayed with them for about two years. She later married Wasyl Kucherak. Magdalena passed away in 1949.

Nick and Wasylena had 13 children. Two of them died in infancy; 11 were raised on the farm. The family belonged to Brinsley Church and the children attended Brinsley School. Nick passed away in 1952. Wasylena continued to live on the farm with her children. Annie, William, Katie, and Violet attended Hairy Hill School. In 1960, Wasylena moved to Two Hills, where Katie and Violet finished school.

John and Pearl Lakusta - February, 1940

Of their children, Mary married Bill Chorney in May, 1942. They had four children: Kenneth, Joyce, Judy and Peggy.

Pearl married John Lakusta in February, 1940. They raised two children, Irene (deceased) and Andrew (Andy).

John and Pearl Lakusta family, 1984. Standing, (L to R) - John and Pearl; seated - Andy and Jeanne with sons Nick and Alexander.

Sadie married Steve Chorney in July, 1947, and was blessed with four children: Eddy, Shirley, Linda and James.

Steve died on February 8, 1982.

George married Victoria Jacob in October, 1951. They had one child, Laurence.

John died in infancy.

Lillian married Vern Quist in June, 1953. They had three children: Grant, Donald and Janice.

Emmy married Nick Serna in October, 1952. They had four children: Cheryl, Shannon, Nickolas, and Shelly.

Anna died shortly after birth.

Annie married Bill Korechuk in September, 1957. They raised four children: Linda, Rose, Julie, and Vivian.

William married Esther Zallas in August, 1963. They had two children, Charlene and Darlene.

Katie married Dr. Brian Long in May, 1966. They had two children, Kelly and Jason.

Violet married Clayton Conradson in July, 1966. They, too, had two children, Brent and Blaine.

Wasylena Shapka passed away on January 10, 1983.

SHAVCHOOK, Peter M. and Tillie

Peter M. Shavchook, son of Michael and Mary Shavchook, was born on November 12, 1904, on the family homestead, NW 20-53-16-W4th, immediately east of Mundare. He had one sister, Rose, and brothers, Paul and Harry. In 1908, his mother passed away and soon after, his father married Annie (nee Yawny). From that time on Peter lived mostly with his grandmother Theresa Shavchook.

Peter attended the Mundare School; his first teacher was Mr. Eaton. He completed his high school in 1920, but being too young to take Normal School, he applied for a teaching permit. In 1921 he taught at Plain Lake School for six months after which he completed his Normal School in Edmonton and enrolled in the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta. In 1923 he was hired to teach in Sich School, where he remained for 11 years. He was well-liked by his students and also by people in the community. He organized and prepared concerts and plays and took an active part in sports.

On August 2, 1924 he married Tillie, daughter of Joseph and Eva Stewart. Tillie was born on her parents' homestead, NE 4-53-15-W4th, a short distance from Sich School. She was one of a family of seven children: Annie, Tillie, John (deceased), Josie, Mary and twins Peter and Paul. Peter was lost overseas during the Second World War. Tillie attended Sich School and after their marriage participated in concerts and plays that her husband prepared and staged.

In 1934, Peter and Tillie moved to the Old Hairy Hill School where Peter taught for five years before being transferred to the New Hairy Hill School, where he remained until the fall of 1942.

In 1942, Peter retired from teaching and accepted the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Two Hills School Division No. 21, taking over from Eli Boida, who joined the army. Upon Eli's return from overseas, Peter relinquished the position to Eli and on April 1, 1946, he was hired as Field Supervisor in the Municipal District of Eagle No. 81. He worked with District Agriculturists Fred Magera and William Pidruchney, Department of Agriculture officials, many office staff, the Agricultural Service Board and the farmers.

On December 1, 1948, the secretary-treasurer's position in the Two Hills School Division became vacant and Peter accepted the position. In 1963, when the Two Hills School Division and the Municipal District of Eagle amalgamated to become the County of Two Hills No. 21, Peter's position changed to that of assistant secretary-treasurer of the County. On January 31, 1972 Peter retired to Vegreville.

During Peter and Tillie's 30 year residence in Two Hills, they were active members of the Two Hills Ukrainian Orthodox Church, where Peter held a number of executive positions and Tillie was active in the church choir. Both were active in sports, curling and golfing. Peter was a charter member of the Two Hills Elks Lodge, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Legion Branch No. 237, and a member of the baseball and curling clubs. Tillie was a member of the Ukrainian Women's Association, Lesia Ukrainka Branch, for 30 years. She was also a member of the Order of the Royal Purple and of the Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion. In Vegreville, Peter joined the Vegreville Elks, the Rotary Club and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. As secretary-treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce he was one of the driving forces in building the Vegreville "Pysanka".

It can be truly said that for a period of 56 years, Peter played a leading and often distinguished part in many organizations, clubs and societies. He had great stamina and enjoyed good health but on October 5, 1979, most unexpectedly, he passed away in his home.

Peter and Tillie loved children even though they never had any of their own.

Tillie and Peter Shavchook, circa 1948

SHCHUREK, Anton and Maria (nee Yalowica)

by Anton Shchurek

Anton Shchurek (Szczurek), son of Walter and Maria Szczurek, was born on May 10, 1882, in the District of Mosciska, Village of Lacka (Latska) Wolia, Poland. He immigrated to Canada in 1901.

Maria Yalowica, daughter of Theodor and Paladia Yalowica, was born on August 13, 1886, in the District of Borshchiw, Village of Piszczatyncy, Ukraine. She immigrated to Canada in 1898.

Anton and Maria were married on February 4, 1906,

Maria and Anton Shchurek, 1930

and settled on a homestead in the Warwick area (present New Kiew). After a few years, they acquired two more quarter sections of land thus expanding their farming operations. At that time they were a prosperous family, and were the first in the community to ship a carload of wheat to Vegreville.

In the fall of 1924, a tragic binder accident resulted in Maria's loss of her left leg, and a severe injury to Anton. After recovery, Anton continued farming, and Maria, in spite of her handicap, managed the household duties with the help of her children. Planting a very large garden was an annual undertaking, and one year Maria sold 100 farmer sacks full of cucumbers at one dollar per sack.

All the children attended Wolia School, walking two and a half miles most of the time. They were also obligated to go to catechism at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. However, it was much more enjoyable to spend the time playing "hookey" in the nearby bushes and straw piles in summer.

In 1928, Anton built an elaborate home on the farm at a cost of approximately $9,000. The heavy burden of debt took its toll during the depression years that followed. Anton passed away in 1931, and was laid to rest in the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Cemetery. The harsh economic poverty made the operation of the farms very difficult for Maria and the family.

Maria resided on the farm for many more years before leaving to live with her daughter Anne, and later with her son Anton. Her remaining few years were spent in St. Joseph's Hospital in Edmonton where she was able to attend mass in the chapel. Her faith in God, and her determination, sustained her through many trying periods in her life. Maria's love of reading in Polish, Ukrainian and English literature helped to pass the long days when she was confined to the hospital. She passed away in 1974, at the age of 88, and was buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery in New Kiew.

Anton and Maria had eight children who reached adulthood:

Anne married Nick Paplinski, and they reside in Edmonton. They have three children: Walter, Mike and Basil.

Peter passed away in 1968.

Angela married Alec Skrobutan (deceased). She lives in Ontario and has one son, Ronnie.

Mike married Lena Mandryk and raised two children, Laura and Timothy. Lena and Mike were divorced. Mike passed away in 1975.

Anton married Anne Kostek. They live in Two Hills and have two children, Eileen and Kenneth.

Mary resides in Brooklyn, New York.

Joe lives in Nelson, B.C.

Julie married Bill Forst. The Forsts reside in Swift Current, and have two children, Debbie and Darlene.

Anton and Maria left many cherished memories for their children.

Golden wedding anniversary of Anne and Nick Paplinski (seated). Back row, (L to R) - Anton, Mary, Julie and Joe, 1979.

SHCHUREK, Anton and Anne (nee Kostek)

by Anne Shchurek

Anton, son of Anton and Maria Shchurek, was born on November 9, 1917, in the New Kiew district.

He attended Wolia School, then Vegreville High School. In Vegreville, Anton stayed at Mr. William Kieryluk's place where he worked for board and room, as a delivery boy at Kieryluk's New General Trading Company. Anton continued his education at Victoria High School in Edmonton, and stayed at his uncle's place, helping him mine coal, deliver bricks, and haul cordwood to the brick yard. During these depression years money was very scarce, so Anton had to work his way through school by doing jobs, wherever they were available.

After working in the Two Hills and Hairy Hill Co-op stores for 14 years, Anton enrolled in a correspondence

Anne and Anton Shchurek, December, 1942

course from the Illinois School of Watch Repairing. Completing it, he was employed at Shore's Credit Jewellers in Edmonton. Later he returned to Two Hills and opened "Anton's Jewellery", which he presently operates.

Anton was an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Hairy Hill and Two Hills and held executive positions in the Order. An avid curler, he belonged to the Curling Club, and is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Anne, the oldest of three children of Alex and Martha Kostek, was born on December 6, 1921, in Klekotiv, in the Brody district of the Ukraine.

After the family arrived in Canada, Anne grew up in the Two Hills area, where she completed all her schooling. After graduating from the Two Hills High School, she attended the Edmonton Normal School (Garneau). At this time Anton was employed at the Two Hills Co-op store, and on December 25, 1942, they were married.

Anne's first teaching position was at a two-room school, Lac Canard, (north of Myrnam), in the St. Paul School Division. Here she taught the primary grades for four months. Anne vividly recalls the hospitality of this community as well as the extremely cold winter nights when it was impossible to keep the teacherage warm. Wood was the only available fuel for a kitchen stove that was used to heat both rooms. The heat would escape through the cracks of the single-ply lumber walls. Surviving this cold meant getting into an ice-cold bed at nights, and sleeping in her new, expensive $20. fur-trimmed coat.

Her first full-time teaching assignment was a Grade I to VIII class in Duvernay School where her annual gross salary was $775. Take-home pay was a meagre $65.40 per month.

In 1945, their daughter Eileen Laura was born. The following year Anne was employed by the Two Hills School Division, teaching a combined Grade III and IV class in Two Hills. A year later the Shchureks moved to Hairy Hill where Anton managed the Co-op store for seven years and Anne taught at the local school a combined Grade VII-VIII class, and later a Grade II-III class.

In 1954, their son, Kenneth Anthony, was born.

The remaining years of Anne's teaching career were spent teaching Grade II at the Two Hills Elementary School. In 1970, after ten consecutive years of summer school, Anne completed her remaining three years of University credit courses, and obtained her Bachelor of Education degree. She has enjoyed her many challenging and rewarding years in the educational field in the Two Hills School Division, (later the County of Two Hills) and is appreciative of the leadership qualities of superintendents Hannochko, Myskiw, Cherniwchan, and Yakimowich.

Anne was a member of the first Ukrainian Women's Association in Two Hills, and for many years belonged to the Order of the Royal Purple, holding several executive positions. She loves to travel and one of her most interesting trips was a 1983 journey to her native village of Klekotiv where she was greeted enthusiastically by her relatives.

Shchurek family, 1985. Back row, (L to R) - Anne and Anton, Ken and Florette, Ken and Eileen; front row - grandchildren Mike, Jackie, Mitch and Harlan.

Both Anton and Anne are members of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in New Kiew.

They have two children and four grandchildren:

Daughter Eileen Laura, a graduate in education, and husband Ken Fox, reside in Red Deer with their children Harlan, Jacqueline, and twins Mitchell and Michael. Like Eileen, Ken is a graduate of the University of Alberta and is teaching in Red Deer.

Son Kenneth Anthony, also a University of Alberta graduate in education, and his wife Florette, are engaged in a real estate business in Edmonton.

Both Anton and Anne look forward to their retirement, when they will have more time to travel, and visit their family.

SHEPANSKY, George

by Metro Shepansky (son)

George Shepansky was born in Kitzman, Bukovina, Ukraine, in February of 1886. He emigrated to Canada in 1908, and homesteaded on the NE 6-56-12-W4th, about eight miles north of present day Two Hills. In 1909, he built a log home on the homestead and sent a ticket to his girl friend, Annie Fiwchuk. Arriving in Canada, she became George's bride in 1910.

The Shepanskys raised a family of eight children, four boys and four girls. Mary was the oldest in the family, and Metro who relates this story was second oldest. The rest of the family were William, Rachel, Kathleen, Medora, Nick and Peter.

Our first house was built of hewed logs and plastered with a clay and straw mixture, then whitewashed inside with lime. Before every Christmas and Easter mother would give it a new coat of whitewash. The roof was thatched with rye straw sheaves. At first our house didn't have a wooden floor. It was plastered with clay. We also had a stove made of clay with a four ring cast iron top (shparhut). A clay oven in the middle room was used for baking bread.

In the summer of 1910, my Dad George Shepansky bought one horse, and Metro Marusiak gave him another one. As well, Meketa Severen provided one ox. This

formed a team of three animals, which when hitched to a walking plow, could break three acres of land a day. Metro Marusiak was the plowboy and my dad was the plowman. Next spring dad fenced the breaking with a rail fence and seeded the land by hand. Then he sought work on the railroad in southern Alberta.

Everyone was poor but happy at this time. Our nearest town was Vegreville, 35 miles away. There were no nurses or doctors in our area, so the children were born with the help of midwives. Our neighbor, Mrs. Maria Dronyk, was one of these midwives. There was no school in our area at that time so my father taught me how to read and write in Ukrainian.

At 18 years of age, I was postmaster of Shepenge Post Office. I was married at 20 to Elsie Meronuik. We have one daughter Tannia who married Lionel Cherniwchan. They have two daughters, Pamela and Melanie.

SHOFF, Fred

by Andy Gorgichuk

As a young man, Fred left his home in Ontario to journey into the unknown in the U.S.A. He travelled and worked through many of the American states, tending cattle, horses and hunting and trapping. Stories of his travels revealed his various occupations but his constant reminder of Kansas and, where most of his stories originated, showed the love and respect that he cherished.

There were whispers of gold found in Alaska and with time, those whispers intensified motivating Fred to gather his meager belongings, and to move north to the gold fields. His vivid recollections of this journey and the natural hardships of travelling alone in a country was far from being amusing as he related his experience to his neighbours and friends. To many of those who immigrated, these stories could only mean an exchange of experiences as they shared the hardships of their old country as well as the new. To those born here, his related stories were synonymous with those of a well written book.

Fred Shoff landed in Edmonton and for a short time leased land or was in partnership in the Fort Saskatchewan area. Archival records indicate that in 1902, he had taken a homestead on NW 36-54-13-W4th. As well he also obtained all of Section 35-54-13-W4th in 1901, from the C.P.R. This was on the north side of Vermilion Lake, with a meadow that was ideal for raising cattle or horses. Because Fred preferred raising horses he acquired a Clydesdale stallion to run with his string of mares. Besides his horse breeding operation, he raised Berkshire hogs. Both these ventures were successful as the horse was necessary in opening the land and the hog kept families in food and income.

Fred, at the same time, operated a general store as well as a Deering agency. His store, being situated on the Battleford Trail, provided a resting place for weary travellers who replenished their supplies on the route to Edmonton or North Battleford. His store, indeed was a blessing to the community. His Deering agency provided the tools and implements necessary in a flourishing farming area. Being primarily in a Ukrainian settlement, Fred soon learned the language and this simplified

Fred Shoff, 1903

communications. He was always willing to help those who suffered disaster of any form by providing credit or work on his place. His ledger must have had outstanding accounts that were marked *"Paid in Full"* after his death. Also, those just starting up were helped with a set of horses or credit for supplies as my parents were because he believed in them and their needs.

With a flourishing business, and hogs and horses scattered all over the country, Fred decided to take a partner, a man by the name of James Bleakly, who recently arrived from Ireland. Bleakly was a schoolteacher, married and father of one child. The partners expanded into real estate and it was during this partnership, that the name Two Hills and the post office, Two Hills, first originated.

The partnership was successful as James Bleakly looked after the equipment and real estate and his wife helped out in the store. Fred did what he always liked, buying hogs, raising horses and chinwagging or trading stories with the neighbors.

As always, when the future looks best, events or tragedies occur. Both the girl and Mrs. Bleakly took sick and passed on. James, in his grief, joined the Armed Forces; he was sent to France, never to return.

Fred Shoff never accepted another partner, although another old gentleman by the name of Hank Watt did live with him. Fred looked after his store but gave up the implement agency. His hired help looked after the horses and the tilling of the land.

The Shoff store consisted mainly of necessities for a farm home: salt, pepper, allspice, and crystal vinegar. A coffee grinder, coffee beans, a barrel of salt herrings, several barrels of apples, a round block of cheese, bolts of cloth, a barrel of soda crackers, pails of candy, tobacco with brand names such a Bull Durham, Old Chum, Pic-O-Bac, McDonald Plug were also stocked. Shoes and moccasins hung from the ceiling along with lanterns, harnesses, horse collars and pads. Creamers with strainers, pails, nails, and staples, were also stocked.

Flour, bread biscuits and chocolates were non-existent and even if they were, they could not be stored for any length of time.

At the back of the store, a picnic would be held on occasion. Women of the area would bring large baskets of prepared food for the celebration. Anyone who was there never went away hungry. Sports events of the day included horseshoe pitching, foot races, catching the greased pig, horse races, and shots of white lightning. Picnics were held in other places as well, as recreation halls at that time, were non-existent.

As time went on, Fred in failing health, sold the store contents to Nicoli Olinyk who built a place on NE 36-54-13-W4th and in 1929, Olinyk moved once more to Kaleland. The post office was then taken over by a Mrs. Graff.

A conversation with my father after Mr. Shoff had sold his store, revealed to my three-year-old mind that he was a man small in stature. He groomed a white beard and loved cats. Seated on a sheepskin covered rocker or arm chair, he would relate stories in a voice one could listen to all day. On several occasions, he would ride in on a small bay mare, plunk me in the saddle in front of him and fill my ears with stories, no doubt about his past. However, I understood not one word of it.

In 1931, Mr. Shoff became very ill and was hospitalized in Vegreville. He passed away and was buried in the Vegreville Cemetery.

The saga of Mr. Fred Shoff has come to an end and his outstanding accounts were marked *"Paid in Full"*.

To a three or four-year-old, who rode in the saddle in front of him, he poured out his life history. I'm convinced that just having someone to talk to, made him extremely happy.

It was my pleasure, Mr. Shoff to have had the pleasure of being associated with a true pioneer of the Two Hills area.

SHMILAR, Elia and Maria

Elia and Maria Shmilar were born in Bukovina in the Western Ukraine. Maria was the daughter of Elutca Zawadiuk. They were married in 1902; their first son Metro was born on November 8, 1903.

Shortly after Metro was born, Elia travelled to Canada looking for work. He got a job at the Lamont stockyard and worked there for two years. In 1907, he went back to the Ukraine and brought his family to Canada. They settled on SE 12-55-11-W4th. He first worked the land with a pair of oxen.

Elia and Maria had 11 children: Metro, Ritchel, Jennie, Elsie, Rosie, Alex, Bill and Alexander. Three children died in infancy.

Bill was called to serve in the army on August 28, 1940. He served until his discharge in 1945.

Metro bought land from Metro Goroniuk in 1952. His son George farms the land today. Metro died July 3, 1972; his wife Mary is in the Two Hills Nursing Home.

Rosie, who married Nick Humen, is in a Nursing Home in Edmonton.

Jennie married August Winerich and lives at Westlock, Alberta.

Elia and Maria, 1947

Elsie, who passed away in 1967, was married to Alex Babych.

Ritchel was married to John P. Melnyk; she died September, 1976.

In 1957, the Alberta Government bought the land homesteaded by Elia for the "Rannach Community Pasture". Alexander later bought a quarter section of land from Metro Kormysyn which he farmed until 1965. After this land was sold, Elia moved to Edmonton where he worked with United Feeds for 12 years.

Elia passed away in 1966. Both Elia and Maria Shmilar and their son Alex are buried in the Morecambe Cemetery.

SHMILAR, Bill and Margie

by Margrette

Bill married Margie Atcheson of Victoria, B.C.

Upon Bill's discharge from the army, they bought a farm at Musidora, Alberta, which they farmed for four years. In 1946, daughter Diana Mae was born. The Shmilars then moved to Calahoo, Alberta, and in 1954 their second daughter, Donna Joyce, was born. After suffering three consecutive years of hail destruction, Bill

Margie and Bill Shmilar, 1944

and Margie moved to Edmonton in 1956.

Both daughters received their education in Edmonton. Diana became a secretary, and Donna a nurse.

Diana married Russ Terlesky. She and her husband reside in Red Deer with their two sons.

Donna married Stan Kwong. They have a daughter and a son and live in Edmonton.

SMILAR, Metro and Mary (nee Ewasiuk)

Metro Smilar was born in Mamaestie, Bukovina, Romania, on November 7, 1903. He was four years old when he came to Canada with his parents, Ilia and Mary. They boarded a ship named "Montrose" and arrived in Quebec, May 12, 1907, after which they travelled by train to Edmonton. This trip took one month.

An uncle met them in Edmonton and took them to his home at Norma, Alberta. Later they filed for a homestead in the Rannock area.

On December 17, 1922, Metro married Mary Ewasiuk who also lived at Rannock. Mary was born in the Bukovina area on March 6, 1906, and arrived in Canada with her parents. The Smilars were married at the Roman Catholic Church in Brosseau by Reverend Louis Tremblay.

In 1922, Metro bought a homestead at Rannock from his father-in-law, Mike Ewasiuk, for $300. This land consisted of 30 cultivated acres, and Metro worked hard breaking and ploughing the rest of the land. He had to haul grain with a team of horses to the nearest town of Vegreville or Innisfree. During the hard times of the thirties, he sold cream and eggs in town for grocery money. In 1933, Metro sold a 1200 pound cow for one dollar, and bought a teapot for $1.25. In 1934, he worked with a team of horses with a threshing crew for 30¢ an hour. In 1943, tragedy struck with the burning of the roof of their home.

After 22 years of struggling on this homestead, Metro decided to buy better land. He sold the Rannock land for $1700. in 1951. In 1952, Metro and Mary bought a half section of land eight miles from Two Hills in the Luzan district, N 1/2 16-55-11-W4th. Here he farmed until August of 1962. The Smilars then bought a house in Two Hills and moved there. Metro worked at Mike Chomik's Dairy and did odd jobs for people. In 1970, he retired and two years later on July 2, 1972, Metro died of cancer, leaving Mary, who now resides in the Eagleview Nursing Home in Two Hills.

Metro and Mary were blessed with seven children. The eldest, Olga, married Mike Wulchak and now lives in Vernon, B.C. They have two children in Edmonton, Johnny and Janet.

Nettie, their second child, died when she was six months old.

George, their third child, married Sophie Boyarchuk, and they live on Metro's farm near Two Hills. George and Sophie have one child, Richard, who is the manager of a Fields store in Edson.

Anne, their fourth child, married Frank Wass and lives in Edmonton. They have four children: Ed in Victoria,

Metro and Mary Smilar, 1958

Shirley and Rose in Calgary, and Judy in Saskatoon.

Sophie married Jim Glade and lives in Winnipeg. Their children are: George and Charlie in Winnipeg, Teddy in Vancouver, and Terry in Calgary.

Josie who married Mike Olynechuck lives in Edmonton. The Olynechucks have two daughters, Carol and Debbie, who also live in Edmonton.

Edward, the youngest child, is the manager of a Scotia Bank in Edmonton.

Metro and Mary have 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

SMILAR, George and Sophie (nee Boyarchuk)

George Smilar, son of Metro and Mary Smilar, was born February 18, 1927. He attended Rannock School, and helped with the work on the family farm. He farmed with his father for 20 years.

Sophie, the daughter of John and Annie Boyarchuk, was born in Smoky Lake, May 23, 1935. She attended the H.A. Kostash School there. After graduation, Sophie worked as a bank teller at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce at Smoky Lake for three years. She then transferred to the main branch in Edmonton in 1957, where she worked for four years. After remaining home for three years, she resumed her banking career for six years with the Bank of Montreal at Two Hills.

George and Sophie Smilar with their son Richard, 1980

On September 1, 1962, George bought his father's farm, NW 1/2 16-55-11-W4th, and is still farming.

Sophie and George have one son, Richard, who is the manager of Fields at Edson, Alberta.

SMILAR, Edward A.

Edward Smilar began his education at Rannock School, where he attended for three years. In May of 1952, the family relocated in the Luzan area, and for the next nine years, Edward attended elementary, junior and senior high school in Two Hills.

The high school years are remembered as some of the best years of his life. Long associations in one school developed friendships among the students, lasting to the present day, even though most of them have gone their separate ways.

Edward completed his Grade XII at Alberta College in Edmonton during the January to June, 1962 semester.

To begin his banking career, Edward joined Scotia Bank on April 22, 1963, at the Jasper Place Branch in Edmonton. Subsequently, over a span of six years he was transferred to Calgary, Red Deer, Yellowknife, Grande Prairie, Brooks, returning to Edmonton in October, 1972, where he was appointed assistant manager of the 105th St. and 82nd Avenue Branch.

In April, 1974, Edward received his first managerial appointment at the Branch on 75th Street and 82nd Avenue, where his tenure lasted until November, 1977. He then opened a new Branch for the Bank in the Abbotsfield Mall on 34th Street and 118th Avenue.

For the last five years Edward has managed the Jasper Place Branch on 151st Street and Stony Plain Road, where he originally commenced his banking career some 20 years ago.

Ed Smilar in his office at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Jasper Place Branch, Edmonton, 1980

Although Edward has spent most of his working years in the city, he claims the upbringing in the country has been one of the best things that could have happened to him. Memories of the past and the respect for the hardships of the pioneers of the Rannock community have remained with him, and have been an inspiration to his banking career.

SHUKALIAK, Petro and Anna

by Kaye Gordey and Roseanne Martyniuk

Petro Shukaliak was born on July 7, 1890, in the Village of Chornohooz, Bukovina (then Austria). His parents, Ivan and Grafena, were peasant farmers there.

The Austrian peasants heard stories of land available in Canada; land that one could purchase. Having little to look forward to in their homeland, many people began immigrating to Canada.

Conscription into the Austrian Army was mandatory; thus, to avoid the draft, young Petro Shukaliak left Austria and went to work in Germany. In 1911, he stowed away on a steamship bound for Canada. After arriving in Quebec City in April of that year, he began a working journey across Canada.

Petro slowly worked his way across Quebec and Ontario. While working in Sudbury, he heard jobs were plentiful in Fort William so he headed in that direction with Tom Morhal and Marko Kruzio. They walked the distance in four weeks, sleeping in straw-stacks and farmyards, begging for food in order to survive. After working in Fort William, Petro took the train to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. There he spent three years, taking odd jobs such as digging ditches. While in Saskatoon, he purchased land where the city centre is now located. Unable to pay property taxes, he lost the land.

In 1914, Petro arrived in the Hamlin area, where he lived with his first cousin, Nickolai Pawliuk. It was there that he met Anna Dennis.

Anna, daughter of Wasyl, and Katerena Dennis, was born on November 6, 1900, at Ispas, Bukovina, Austria. (see history of Wasyl Dennis)

Petro Shukaliak and Anna Dennis were married on June 7, 1917, and moved to the Ispas area, where they rented land for three years. In 1920, they purchased their own farm in the same area, land now farmed by their

Anna and Petro Shukaliak, 1954

grandson, Vernon Shukaliak.

Petro and Anna had 11 children: John, Metro, Bill, Katie, Alec, Mary, Nick, George, Stanley, Henry, and Lillian.

John was born on March 13, 1918, and married Mary Nahamko of Ispas. They have 13 children: Terry, Eustine, Elmer, Bernard, Elaine, Ivey, Walter, Christine, Hazel, Russel, Joseph, Gregory, and Colin. John and Mary farmed in the Shalka district. In 1966, John moved to Edmonton and worked for several years at the University Hostpital. Now retired, he resides in Edmonton.

Metro was born on October 5, 1919, and married Pearl Gordey of Shalka. They raised eight children: Jim, Diane, Ken, Wayne, Melvin, Bonnie and Rodney (twins), and Glen. During World War II, Metro spent two years in the Armed Forces. Following this, he worked for many years at the Macdonald Hotel. Later, with a few partners, he purchased his own hotel. Metro is now retired and resides in Vernon, British Columbia.

Bill was born on June 6, 1921, and married Nancy Kuzyk of Willingdon. Since he entered the labor force, he has worked on heavy equipment construction. Bill and Nancy have three children: Darlene, Betty, and Diane. They currently reside in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Katie (Kaye) was born on September 26, 1922, and is the only surviving daughter of Petro and Anna Shukaliak. For two summers, she worked at the Banff School of Fine Arts and one winter at the Olds School of Agriculture. Later she married Mike A. Gordey of Willingdon. They have been farming south of Willingdon, on the Gordey homestead, since their marriage. They have three children: Gerald, Roseanne, and Lawrence.

Alec was born on January 29, 1924. He worked for one summer in Ontario on a farm excursion program, then helped on his parents' farm until he married Mary Ewaniak of Desjarlias. They have three children: Sherri, Lori, and Brian. Alec lives and farms his own land north of Willingdon.

Mary was born in 1925, but died in infancy.

Nick (Pat Sherlock) was born on November 23, 1926, and completed his high school in Two Hills. In 1947, he joined the air force. Through the forces, he was able to travel across Canada several times. He was one of the "Honor Guards" representing Canada at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. In December, 1959, he was posted to Metz, France, for four years. While in the air force, he met his wife, Marjorie, a native of New Brunswick. They have four children: Patricia, Carol, Marianne, and David. Upon retiring from the Air Force in 1976, Pat (Nick) worked for the Canadian government in Whitehorse, Yukon. In 1980, the Sherlocks moved to Vernon, British Columbia. After a brief retirement, Pat accepted employment with the Canadian Government in Kuala Lampur, Malaysia.

George (Sherlock) was born on February 19, 1928. At the age of 16, George left home for Vernon, British Columbia, where he worked in an orchard and then at a sawmill. It was in Vernon that he met and married Mildred Hein. They have three children: Jane, Pamela, and Douglas. For some time George and Mildred lived in Vancouver, and later operated a hotel business in Kamloops, British Columbia. George currently resides in Ashcroft, British Columbia.

Shukaliak family, 1935. Front row, (L to R) - Stanley, George, Petro and Anna, Nick, Henry; back row - John, Metro, Katie, Bill and Alec.

Stanley was born on April 11, 1929, and farmed with his father and younger brother. When Stanley married Agnes Fedorak of Ispas, they moved to a farm south of Willingdon. There, they farmed successfully until his death on April 5, 1977. Stanley and Agnes had four children: Beverley, Trudy, Shelley, and Kevin.

Henry, the youngest son, was the first child to be born in a hospital at Vegreville on September 12, 1930. In 1956, Henry married Vera Pelipiuk of Willingdon and raised four children: Emily, Vernon, Barry, and Debbie. For many years, Henry farmed on the original Shukaliak homestead. From 1962-1970, he served on the Board of Directors for the Two Hills Hospital. In 1971, he went into the hotel business and moved to Wadena, Saskatchewan, where he lived for one year.Moving back to Alberta, he entered the hotel business in Vegreville for four years. He currently lives and works in Vegreville.

Lillian was born in 1936, but died in infancy.

For many years Petro and Anna lived on their homestead in the Ispas area. Petro Shukaliak passed away on March 27, 1956, in the Two Hills Hospital, after a lengthy illness. Anna lived on the homeplace with her son Henry, until 1966, when she moved to Willingdon. From 1975 to 1977, she lived at the Homestead Lodge in Vegreville. In April, 1977, Anna moved to the Eagle Hill Lodge in Willingdon, where she is currently residing in 1984.

SHWED FAMILY

Andro Szwed was born in the Village of Peregrymka, Jaslo, Poland, on November 8, 1904. He was the oldest of eight children. As there was no school at the time, he was educated for over a year by a priest. At the age of 24, he decided to go to Canada. At that time, only one single member of the family was allowed to leave the homeland.

Boarding the ship "Montcalm", he arrived at Montreal on May 6, 1928. He then travelled by CN train to Edmonton and on to Vegreville, where he was met by Metro Lakusta, his new employer, and taken to

Willingdon. He came to Alberta with less than $100. but even this was stolen not long after he arrived. Andro worked for Mr. Lakusta for two months but did not receive any pay. He then moved to the Vegreville district and started work as a farm hand for Harry Romaniuk where he received $75. for nine months' work.

In 1931, Andro purchased a piece of land and built a blacksmith shop at Inland, Alberta. After accumulating $300. he bought a farm in 1932 for $1800. The farm, however, was repossessed. He then built a feed mill and married Miss Mary Spasiuk of Glendon. In 1937, he expanded his operations and built a filling station. In the same year, a son, Larry, was born, with Lois arriving two years later. (Lois and her husband Ed Schneider are currently residing in Indonesia.) In 1939, Andro Szwed purchased a general store at Inland and operated this business until 1946.

In 1946, he sold his Inland business and moved his family to the Village of Two Hills, where he bought a coffee shop in partnership with Mike Kolodaychuk. He soon owned the coffee shop, which later became a Treasury Branch, a clothing store, and finally the Radio Shack.

After renting a house for two months, he bought a farm from Dick Fife (SE 31-54-12-W4) for $3300. and built a house on this property. This home still exists at 4507-54 St. In this four-room home, three more children were born: Leonard in 1946, Lester in 1949, and Lorraine in 1953. The Shwed family lived in this home until 1959, even though it had no basement, no running water and was heated with coal and wood.

Leonard is presently an auctioneer, and he and his wife reside in Ponoka. Lester is a computer technologist and is presently living in Lloydminster. Lorraine and her husband Richard Hamilton have three boys and live in New Mexico, U.S.A.

In 1957, Andro Szwed built the White Rose Service Station in Two Hills. He operated it for several years and then sold it to the Co-op. He also built two houses in 1960-61 and still lives in one of them. Much of the land where Andro lived has been annexed to the Town of Two Hills for such projects as the Centennial Hall, arena and curling rink.

Son Larry still lives in Two Hills where he received his education and graduated from Two Hills High School. Larry started his apprenticeship in 1959, working for Tony Volk who was the owner of Volk's Plumbing. After completing his apprenticeship as a qualified plumber and gas-fitter, in 1963, he started his own business, Larry's Plumbing and Gasfitting, and is still pursuing his career to the present day. In 1965, he bought house packages from Beaver Lumber Company and erected homes.

In 1967 he married Marie Ewaszkiw of Redwater who was a public health nurse in Two Hills from 1965-67. They have two children, Cheryl born in 1968 and David in 1971. Since 1972, Larry has been the local fire chief and in 1978 he was appointed Director of Disaster Services. In 1980, he purchased the Revelstoke store and is currently operating the premises as Two Hills Home Centre. He recalls this building as being the Alberta Lumber Company.

SHYBUNKA, Steve and Anne

Steve is the third son of a family of 11 children, two having predeceased him in the Ukraine and one in Canada. He was born on the 22nd day of February, 1928, to John and Katherine Shybunka (nee Kostyk) in the Village of Starawa, County of Mostiska, Province of Halychina, Western Ukraine.

Emigrating with his parents from the Ukraine in 1929, the family arrived at the Port of Halifax in Nova Scotia and from there travelled by railroad to Vegreville. In June, 1929, they arrived at the New Kiew farm of Nick Yakimetz, an uncle of Steve's father. A short while later Steve's partents continued on to Beauvallon to John and Katherine Kostyk's farm, a brother-in-law of Steve's father. Here they obtained work on a farm nearby and in the late 1930s enough money was acquired for a downpayment on land close to the Kostyk farm, which, today is farmed by Steve's youngest brother, Alex.

Steve attended Old Beauvallon School. As a young adult he continued his high school education through correspondence courses and enrolled in a number of University of Alberta Extension Courses at the Banff School of Fine Arts. Steve continued to farm with his father and helped expand the farm operations.

Steve began his own mixed farm operations with his father's help north-west of Beauvallon. Later on he got into the purebred Aberdeen Angus beef cattle business. In 1973, Steve sold this farm at Beauvallon and moved to Two Hills where he started another grain farm operation.

Steve was always involved in most community activities and was interested and involved in fastball, baseball and curling. In the Beauvallon-Myrnam area in the early 1950s he served as president of Old Beauvallon Community centre, and secretary-treasurer of the Old Beauvallon School district for a number of years. He was president of the Farmers' Union Local of Old Beauvallon, and served on other executive positions. Steve is still a member of Unifarm. Other involvements include secretary-treasurer of the Beauvallon Electrification Association, President of the small United Farmer's of Alberta Co-op Locals, delegate and director of the United Farmers' of Alberta. For a number of years, he served as president of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of Myrnam and holds membership in the Two Hills Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Vegreville Knights of Columbus.

Beginning his political career in the early 1950s, his first executive position was regional vice-president of the Vegreville Federal Progressive Conservative Association in 1957. He served on many executive positions in the Vegreville Federal P.C. Association of which he is still president. Steve also served on the Provincial Progressive Conservative executive for almost five years, with responsibilities at the provincial and national levels.

After moving into the Town of Two Hills, Steve continued his active political career, serving on the Two Hills Town Council for nine years. For four years he served as Mayor. He also served on the Board of Education for six years, Board member of the Eagle Hill Foundation, and Deputy Chairman for seven years (County Senior Citizens Lodge). Steve was also President

Shybunka family, 1985. (L to R) - Robert, Steve, Anne, and Patricia.

of the Two Hills Chamber of Commerce for a number of years.

Steve married Anne, daughter of Mike and Katherine (nee Formanace) Dembicki of Mundare, on July 14, 1951, at the Mundare Ukrainian Catholic Church. Anne was born at Elk Point and attended school in the Elk Point area. Her parents moved to Mundare where Anne continued her education and helped on the farm.

Anne was employed at the Myrnam Hospital and became interested in the dietary field. To further her education she completed a course in food supervision at the University of Guelph, Ontario, where she graduated as a food-service supervisor in 1971. She was hired as cook at the Two Hills General Hospital and Nursing Home in 1972, and is still employed there today.

Anne was also active in community activities in Myrnam and Two Hills. She is President of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League and has held other executive positions over the years.

Steve and Anne have two children, Patricia and Robert. Both graduated from the Two Hills High School. Patricia is employed by the City of Edmonton as a computer operator and Robert is employed by Zayak's Electric in Two Hills.

SHYPANSKI, John and Nastasia (nee Chornohus)

John was born in the Ispas district, July 1, 1913. He was the ninth child of Mike and Maria Shypanski (nee Holowaychuk). After his father passed away July 22, 1922, his mother Maria raised six living children: John, George, Steve, Nick, Pearl, and Jenny.

John attended Brinsley School but had to leave to provide for the family as well as look after the farm, since he was the oldest. He also took odd jobs to earn an income to support the other members of the family.

John and Nastasia (nee Chornohus) were married July 16, 1944, and resided on their farm in the Ispas district. Here, their daughter, Leona, was born July 13, 1948. On February 22, 1969, Leona married Harry Ewanchuk, son of William and Doris Ewanchuk. They have two children, Edwin and Mark and reside in Two Hills.

Mary Shypanski (seated), and Rosiland Severyn (neighbour's girl); back row, (L to R) - Steve, Jenny, John, and Nick Shypanski, 1936.

George and his wife Winnie (nee Woychuk) were married in July of 1945. They reside in Vancouver, British Columbia, and have two children: Donna and Clifford.

Pearl and her husband Myron Pilip were married in July of 1940. They reside in Victoria, British Columbia.

Nick and his wife Mary (nee Garneau) were married in June of 1944. They reside in Glendon, Alberta. They have four children: Cyril, Phyllis, Elaine, and Jean.

Steve and his wife Polly (nee Sudeyeko) were married in February of 1961. They reside in Edmonton, and have three children: Ian, Della, and Bruce. Steve passed away September 21, 1979.

Jenny never married, and lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

At Shandro Church, July, 1944. Front row, (L to R) - Tom Doschiwnek, Rose and John Holinski, John and Nastasia Shypanski, Mary Drapaka, Violet and Doris Luchak, Olga Pillip; back row - Metro Hawaleshka, Jim Hackman, Katie Hawaleshka and Zenovia Karbashewski.

SHYSHLAK, Damian and Katerina (nee Glubysh)

Delores Noga

Damian Shyshlak was born in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl, Province of Galicia, Western Ukraine, on August 30, 1893. He arrived in the New Kiew district in July, 1902, with his father Iwan, mother Katerina, (nee Rubakovich) and sisters Anna and Marysia. A third sister Pazhga, (Bessie) born in Canada in 1903, lives in Edmonton.

When the family left Buciw, May 27, 1902, the whole village turned out to bid them farewell.

After arriving by train at Hamburg, Germany, the Shyshlaks boarded the Mauritannia, for a 14-day ocean voyage to Canada. During the voyage, some passengers stricken with fever and dysentery died.

Upon arrival in Halifax, they continued their travels enroute to Edmonton, a trip remembered as being tedious and never-ending. At Edmonton, the Shyshlaks were greeted by acquaintances who came from the same part of the Ukraine. They spent their first week in the Immigration Hall in Edmonton. Then their friend, Wawshko Najdziak, drove them by a horse-drawn wagon to their homestead. Damian remembers that nets and smudges were used for protection from mosquitoes.

In the Ukraine, Damian's father, Iwan Shyshlak, owned a store where villagers purchased their supplies and socialized. He was a community-minded man and passed this attribute to his son.

In 1917, Damian was elected councillor for the Municipal district of Norma. In 1918, he served briefly in the Canadian Army. He helped organize the Wolia School District No. 2591, and became its secretary. Damian was also secretary-treasurer for the Kiew School District No. 1693. He acted as secretary and manager of the Warwick Consumers' Cooperative, and was secretary of the local United Farmers Association. Damian was a member of the New Kiew National Hall committee where he directed plays and organized concerts, thereby enhancing Ukrainian Canadian culture.

On July 29, 1919, Damian married Katerina, daughter of Iwan and Maryna (nee Zubick) Glubysh, at Leduc, Alberta. They had four children.

Annie, who is single resides in Vegreville.

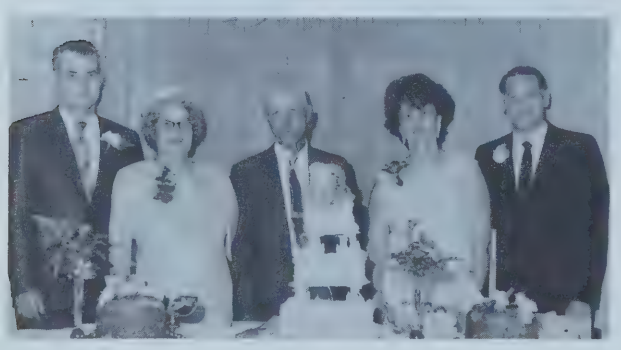
Mary married Joseph Noga in 1948, and has four children: Delores Marie, Diana Lynn, Robert Michael and Lloyd Douglas.

John passed away in 1976.

Myron (a.k.a. Marshall) married Stella Eliuk of Two Hills in 1955. They have two children: Dean Marshall and Kym-Marie. Myron and his family reside in Portland, Oregon.

Katerina died in 1975.

Damian, at age 93, is the oldest pioneer in the district, and continues to live on the original homestead. Damian's two great-grandchildren, Desiree Lynn, and Damian Joseph, are children of Robert Michael Noga.



Damian Shyshlak family, 1969. (L to R) - John, Katerina, Damian, Mary, and Marshall.

SIMPSON, Robert and Eva

submitted by Helen Littlechild

Dad Simpson was born in India and raised by his mother in Aberdeen, Scotland. He had one brother, Colonel Jack Simpson, and one sister, Marsie.

Arriving in Canada in 1903, he worked in a bank in Toronto before coming West. He passed through the Vegreville area just as New Vegreville was being built. Homesteading north of Two Hills, he met Eva Elsie Taylor whom he married on February 19, 1915. His friends and neighbors on the homestead were Mrs. Ed Chamberlain, Mr. John Chrapko, Mr. Bill Chrapko, and Mr. Sam Fuyarchuk. He sold his homestead to Mr. Charlie Monkman, an uncle of my mother's. Later my parents moved to Vegreville where dad worked at the CNR station and freight shed. In 1923, he was transferred to Camrose but did not remain there long.

Robert and Eva Simpson, 1954

Later, his brothers-in-law, Glenn Taylor, Howard Henderson, and Albert Nelson, moved us to Mr. Jim Brown's place owned by Mr. Watt in Wattsford. There were six children in the Simpson family at this time: Helen, Bill, Henry, Glen, Archie, and Elsie. Bert and Raymond were born in Wattsford. Those who were old enough went to the Wattsford School where Miss Margaret McPherson (later Mrs. Bob Watt) was teaching.

Both mother and dad worked for Mr. Fred Shoff and Mr. Watt. Dad and Mr. Ed Smith worked together.

Five generations, circa 1957. Seated, (L to R) - Mrs. Robert Taylor (nee Monkman), great-great-grandmother, and Mrs. Robert Simpson (nee Taylor) great-grandmother; standing - Corrine Bryks nee Venne (mother), Gwendlyn Bryks, and Helen Littlechild (nee Simpson) grandmother.

Times weren't very easy for most of the people, but everybody seemed to be healthy and happy.

Later dad received some money from relatives with which he bought a farm at Ben's Lake from Mr. Ike Reed. He farmed there with the help of his boys. In 1939, the boys left to help our country. Bill, Glen, and Bert were in the Air Force, and Henry was with the army. This left Archie at home with dad as Raymond was still in school.

In 1945, the Simpsons retired to Vegreville, where mom worked at the Hero Cafe as a dishwasher. On her days off, she did house-cleaning for Mrs. Sol Lucow and later for a Mrs. Waldon. Dad was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion in Vegreville, of the 39th Brigade.

In 1960, the Simpsons moved to Edmonton where Bert and Raymond were working. Dad passed away on May 5, 1964, leaving mom with six sons, two daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mom passed away on July 5, 1981.

SIRMAN, Nykola and Paraska (nee Boychuk)

March 25th, 1903, was a day to be remembered by Nykola and Paraska (Boychuk) Sirman and their two-year old daughter, Dora, for on this day they left their native Village Skoviatyn, in the County Borschiv, Province of Galicia, Western Ukraine. With them came Paraska's parents and sisters, and John and Annie Boychuk along with their daughter, Anastasia, who married Maxim Tomyn in 1904. Theodore and Maria (Boychuk) Hnydyk also accompanied them, and all of them eventually arrived in Edmonton.

For a few days they stayed in the Immigration Hall on 101 St. and 105 Avenue. From there, they were taken to Edna (now Wostok) by earlier settlers, such as the Balas, Tomyns and others. The women remained at Edna until the spring of 1904, while the men searched for suitable homesteads. The area, found to be most suitable, was known as the Vermilion Valley (pronounced by early settlers "Farmilia"). This included Plain Lake and New Kiew districts. Plain Lake district had plenty of lakes and heavy brush which was important to new settlers because, as in the old country, there was a shortage of firewood and building material.

In 1905, the Sirman family made their home on NW 28-53-12-W4th, which was then a Local Improvement District and later the Municipal District of Sobor No. 514. Maxim Tomyn was appointed, by the Department of Municipal Affairs, as the District's first secretary-treasurer, which office he held until his death on January 4, 1941. He was also the first postmaster in Plain Lake. Once when the Inspector from the Department of Municipal Affairs was visiting Maxim, he noticed a big lake and asked what kind of lake it was. Max replied, "Oh, it's just plain." That is how Plain Lake was named.

Because there were no roads, road allowances had to be cleared and built. The first road-building foreman was Nykola Sirman. Tools used were axes, mattocks and shovels. Later scrapers and walking plows were used. The foreman's main duty was to notify the farmers when and where they were to work. At this time their labor was applied towards payment of taxes.

Nykola and Paraska had eight children. Three died at a very young age. Dora Sidney died in 1925, in North Battleford, Saskatchewan; John in 1941, and Mary Kisilewich in 1974.

In 1942, Harry enlisted in the Canadian Army, followed by Dmetro in 1944. Both were discharged in 1946. Instead of going back to farming, Harry and Dmetro decided to make their living as carpenters. After getting their journeyman's carpenter certificates, they left the construction industry and joined the Federal

Paraska and Nykola Sirman, circa 1937

Government service from which both are now retired, making their home in Edmonton.

Nykola and Paraska belonged to the Catholic Church and were always active in all church functions. In 1931, Nykola Sirman and Hnat Boychuk organized a youth society and formed a drama society, with Walter F. Petasky as president. This society still exists, registered and incorporated as the Ukrainian Catholic National Hall.

Paraska passed away in 1940 and Nykola in 1957.

SKAKUN, Fred and Margaret (nee Kereliuk)

Fred, son of Andrei and Anna (nee Gorgichuk) Skakun, was born in Pozerville on April 3, 1910.

Margaret, daughter of Teofil and Elasaveta (nee Lutzak) Kereliuk, was born in Szypenitz on May 15, 1920.

Fred attended Wattsford, Two Hills and Boian Schools. Margaret attended Bojan, and Shalka Schools. At the age of five, Fred lost his father who was assailed by a couple of thugs and left for dead. Andrei lived a couple of days but was unable to reveal their identities. Anna was remarried to Nick Ursuliak who had several children of his own. According to Fred there was no problem getting along with the Ursuliak clan.

Fred, a good rider, loved horses. He always saw to it that his horses were well looked after. Living close to a recreation hall he participated in many drama productions and on social nights was a square dance caller.

Fred met and married Margaret on June 3, 1937. Margaret helped out with the farming operations, maintained a large garden and looked after the children. In 1970, she found employment at the Two Hills Auxiliary Hospital where she worked for 13 years.

Fred and Margaret Skakun, 1978

Fred and Margaret were blessed with six children:

Norman, born August 3, 1937, attended Szypenitz and Two Hills Schools. He is presently employed by the City of Edmonton. Married to Rose Severn of Ispas, the union was blessed with one son, Wesley.

Evelyn, the second child was born on September 1, 1939. After graduating from Two Hills High School, she enrolled in education at the University of Alberta. She has taught in various schools in Edmonton.

Allen was born November 1, 1943, and attended schools in Szypenitz and Two Hills. He was employed with the Redda Pumps Company as an electrician. Allen is married to Marion McGillis and they have four children: Karen, Mark, Dale and Tracy.

Ed, born July 20, 1951, attended Two Hills School. After leaving school he found employment in Edmonton with a distribution firm. Ed is married to Brenda McKecrin. They have one boy, Thomas Justin, and another, Clinton, from a previous marriage.

Betty was born on March 22, 1953. After graduating from Two Hills High School she found employment in Edmonton. She married Richard Belair and they are the proud parents of two children, Jason and Jasmine.

Alana, born October 28, 1955, graduated from the Two Hills High School. After graduation she enrolled for two years in law enforcement studies at N.A.I.T. Finding no employment in this field she found a job as a bus driver for Edmonton Transit.

SKAKUN, George and Kalyna (nee Salyha)

George Skakun was born in 1894, in Bukovina, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada with his brother in 1910. Temporarily he lived with relatives in the Szypenitz district. After working on the farm for several years, his desire was to go into business for himself. To earn extra money, he worked in the mines of southern British Columbia.

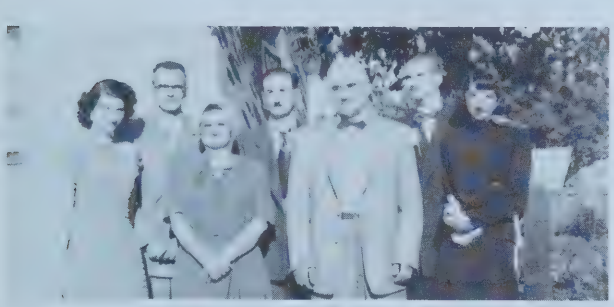
Upon his reutrn to the Szypenitz district in 1916, he married Kalyna Salyha who was born in 1898, in Bukovina, Ukraine. In 1912, she immigrated to Canada with her sister Elizabeth, and Peter, settling in the Szypenitz district. George and Kalyna had not known each other in the Ukraine, but met after coming to the same district in Canada.

George went into the general store business in Duvernay, then moved to Kaleland. He returned to Duvernay in the early 1920s and hauled his freight from Vegreville, by truck. In 1927, when the Canadian Pacific Railway passed through Two Hills, George decided to move his store and house to Two Hills. It was the second store in town, and was situated on Main Street where Anton's Jewellery is presently located. The store was given a complete face-lift in the early 1940s. A prosperous fur and hide trade was carried on in conjunction with the general store business.

Once established, George became active in civic affairs in the community. In 1929, when Two Hills became a village, George was the first councillor and Mayor. Later he served as a trustee on the school board, which saw the building of a new brick school.

George Skakun was a keen sportsman and played baseball in the Kaleland area during his earlier years. In the 1940s and 1950s, he was a supporter of the Two Hills baseball and hockey teams of which his three sons were active participants. It was not unusual to see George on the ice during an altercation, especially if one of his sons was involved. He was considered the "unofficial" mascot of the baseball team, never missing a game. He travelled with the team, by truck wherever they played, even if it meant closing the store early.

George and Kalyna had nine children. Four of them died in infancy. The remaining children completed their high school education in Two Hills.



George Skakun family, 1952. Front row, (L to R) - Anne, Kalyna, George, Mary; back row - John, George Jr., and Bill.

Anne enrolled in Alberta College after which she worked for the provincial government as a secretary. In 1943, she married Fred Thompson and now lives on Bowen Island, B.C.

George Jr. worked for the Hudson's Bay Company in the early 1940s. After serving in the armed forces, he went to work in the logging industry at Squamish, B.C.

John attended the University of Alberta. After serving in the armed forces he received his degree in education. He married Marie Deputat in 1948, and the union was blessed with two daughters, both married. Faye (Stark) is a nurse practitioner in the Northwest Territories, and Joan (Ward) worked as an administrative assistant to the President of Access. She has a son Jeffery. John is now retired, and he and Marie live at Fort Saskatchewan.

Bill graduated in pharmacy from the University of Alberta. He is married and has two sons: Gary is a medical doctor, and Wesley is in the field of music. Bill resides in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Mary completed a secretarial program at Alberta College and lives in Los Angeles, California.

George, and his wife, Kalyna, operated the store business in Two Hills until his death in January, 1964. Kalyna lives in Kamloops, B.C.

SKOROPAD FAMILY

The patriarch of the Skoropad (Skoropadyk) family, Peter, was born in 1873, in the Village of Strilkivci, County of Borshchiv, Western Ukraine. In 1897, he married Anna Wispinski from Pyshchytinci, a nearby village.

Because of land scarcity and near-feudal conditions, they left for Canada in 1901, with their infant son, Dick. They arrived in Edmonton, poor in material wealth, but rich in hope and faith for a new life in the new land. For a short while they lived with Anna's father, Danylo, in the Victoria (Sunland) district. Since homesteads were scarce in that area, they moved to the south shore of an unnamed lake, in 1902. Later the lake was named Plain Lake. They were one of the first settlers in that area.

At that time the area was still part of the Northwest Territories, and land surveys were not done in detail. Thus by mistake, their original home was built a few hundred yards to the west of their homestead. After a complete survey, they moved their house to occupy land in SW 22-53-12-W4th. Although better homesteads were still available elsewhere, their choice was strongly influenced by the abundance of woodland and fish.

Their hopes were well rewarded, as through a great deal of hardship and personal sacrifice, they raised a family of seven sons and three daughters. Peter passed away in 1935, shortly after suffering from pneumonia, while mother, Anna, passed away in 1970, at the age of 97 years.

Their life in the new land had not been uneventful. Father left home each summer in the early years to work on railways in order to acquire such essentials as oxen, horses and implements, while mother barely survived in isolation, existing on meagre supplies of flour, tea and wild game.

There were sad experiences resulting from difficulties in communicating in English.

They survived two major disasters; the heavy early frost of 1917, and the severe draught of 1918, followed by a flu epidemic.

There were good times too, co-operation among neighbors, enjoyment of the bountiful nature, various church holidays and related events, socializing, and above all seeing the fulfilment of their dreams.

The Skoropads were active in all aspects of community life, and were especially prominent in the building of two local churches and the first community hall. Travellers and local people alike were always welcome at their home. Hospitality was always extended to the Indians whose trails passed nearby.

Theirs was a large family:

Dick Skoropad arrived in Canada as a baby, and helped to establish the farm. He worked for several years

Skoropad family, 1920. Back row, (L to R) - Harry, Peter (Father), Dan, Anna (Mother), Pearl, Nancy; front row - John, Nick, and Bill.

Dick (1920), Mary (1920) and Mike Skoropad, (1940)

at ranches and mines in Southern Alberta and was a well-driller in that area. In 1924, he married Nettie Torchyniuk. They raised two sons and three daughters and are now retired in Two Hills.

Mary Skoropad was born in 1903, and worked in Vegreville and Edmonton as a stenographer. In 1931, she married John Basarab, first Ukrainian lawyer in Alberta, and they raised two daughters. She passed away in 1970.

Dan Skoropad was born in 1905. He worked in British Columbia lumber camps, and was prominent in community work. He passed away in 1934.

Harry Skoropad was born in 1907. He farmed the original homestead and worked on various farms in the Edmonton area. In 1938, he married Pearl Malowny and they raised one son and two daughters. He retired in Edmonton, Alberta.

Nancy Skoropad was born in 1910, married John Sudeyko in 1927, and raised two sons and two daughters. She passed away in 1962.

Pearl Skoropad was born in 1912, and married Raymond Matwe in 1936.

John Skoropad was born in 1914, and settled on the original Canadian Pacific Railway quarter section.

Nick Skoropad was born in 1916. He worked as a teacher from 1935 to 1977, obtaining his Bachelor of Education degree entirely through summer school. He was one of the first teachers of the Ukrainian language in high school. He married Pauline Dulaba in 1940, and they have two sons and one daughter. He retired in Smoky Lake, Alberta.

Bill Skoropad was born in 1918. He taught school from 1937 to 1941, and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1941 to 1945. He obtained his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees at the University of Alberta, and a Doctorate degree at Wisconsin in 1955. His positions included being Science Officer for the Canadian Government from 1952 to 1959, Professor at University of Alberta from 1959 to 1982, during which time he served as Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, and Chairman of the Department of Plant Sciences. He saw international service in Australia, U.S.S.R., India and Kenya. In 1945, he married Catherine Semeniuk and they raised three sons and one daughter. He is now Professor emeritus, and retired in Edmonton.

Mike Skoropad was born in 1921. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, and later worked as a grocery wholesale manager. In 1945, he married Betty Wadell and they raised two sons and two daughters. They are retired in British Columbia.

In this family there are now 30 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

SKOROPAD, John and Rose (nee Chrapko)

John Skoropad was born in the Plain Lake district in 1914. He attended school there and was very active in baseball. His wife, Rose (nee Chrapko), was born in the Lanuke district in 1922, and attended the Imperial School near Vegreville. Prior to their marriage, John farmed at Plain Lake; Rose lived in the Imperial district, ten miles south of Vegreville. They were married in 1940, and raised three children: Ken, Maurice and Beverly, who attended Two Hills and Vegreville Schools.

John and Rose Skoropad with their children, 1963

In 1942, John became the postmaster and mail carrier for Plain Lake. In addition, he was the registrar of births and deaths. He picked up mail by team, twice weekly from Two Hills. Besides carrying the mail, John was always willing to provide a ride to Two Hills, and ran many errands for people in Plain Lake.

In 1944, John became a road-construction foreman for Divisions 1, 2, and 3 of the Municipal District of Eagle where he worked for 14 years. Many of today's county roads were built under his supervision. While continuing to raise a family, Rose looked after the post office and the farm.

In 1958, they rented their land and moved to Vegreville, at which time John and Rose became managers of "The Dime and Dollar Store". Until his retirement in 1979, John worked as supervisor in the Recreation Centre during the winter, and for the Parks Department. One of his main hobbies was hockey. He was equipment manager of all minor hockey teams, and spent a lot of time driving his sons and other players to

games out of town.

Rose first worked at the nurses' residence. In 1966, she joined the Vegreville Veterinary Clinic as a receptionist and veterinarian assistant, and is still employed there. She was also a sports enthusiast, often driving to games with her children. John and Rose both continue to live in Vegreville.

SLEVINSKY, Ivan and Maria (nee Medak)

by Rose Bagan

Ivan Slevinsky was born in the Village of Yaseniv, County of Horodenka, in the Province of Halychina, Ukraine, in 1860. He married Maria Medak who was born in 1865.

This region of the Ukraine was a rich agricultural area, the climate of which supported the growing of most grains, especially wheat and corn as well as fruits such as plums, cherries, and pears.

Ivan loved to socialize, his favorite haunt being the local pub (Korshma) where the local swains gathered to fraternize and exchange yarns. Stories circulated about Canada, the land of promise and opportunity where one could acquire an unbelievable tract of land for the asking.

The pub proprietor who had all the necessary data from the Canadian government encouraged young men to take up the challenge. He warned that life in Canada would not be without its trials and tribulations and indeed, hardships - but stressed that for their children and future progeny there was no greater prospect of security and opportunity. While some peasants had their own small holdings, land in the Ukraine at that time was largely owned by big landlords who sublet to peasant farmers on a share-crop basis.

Ivan had inherited some five hectares from his father. He contemplated selling his land and immigrating to Canada, but not with Maria's blessings. She steadfastly refused to leave her home, fearing for the survival of their three sons and a daughter in a strange, distant, underdeveloped foreign country. Meanwhile, Ivan took his domestic dilemma to the pub, and day after day, commiserated with the patrons there, his only solace to be found in the cheap whiskey to which he had no aversions. When the proceeds from the sale of his holdings had dwindled away, and with barely enough money left for the fare to Canada, they had no alternative but to leave, in spite of Maria's apprehensions.

Almost penniless, they arrived in Edmonton, in October of 1897. The family spent the first winter in the Immigration Hall in return for their janitorial services. Ivan worked in the Grierson mine and helped in the construction of the cement piers upon which the Low Level bridge still stands. Evenings were spent slicing potatoes for a dried potato chip enterprise at fifty cents a barrel. These were prepared for the miners on their way through Edmonton to the Klondike gold fields. Ivan also split wood at twenty-five cents a day, and Maria did laundry for wealthier families. Finally when enough money was saved, they took up a homestead five miles south of Fort Saskatchewan. They cancelled it in 1900, and filed for another quarter two miles north of Mundare.

The Slevinsky family consisted of Alex, Dmytro, Michael, Anne, and Rose who was born in Canada. The boys worked as soon as they were barely old enough to find jobs, grooming horses, laboring in coal mines or brickyards or serving on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Eventually they married, taking up their own homesteads in the Two Hills-Wattsford districts.

Ivan and Maria moved to Alex's former homestead near Hairy Hill to be near their families: Alex married Martha E. Gorgichuk; Dmytro married Katherine Chomyc; Michael married Ann E. Gorgichuk; Anne was married to John Abramic, and Rose was married to Peter Kotelko. Maria died in 1938 and her husband Ivan in 1941. The local cemetery of St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church, established in 1917 by their son Alex and other parishioners, the first church of that denomination in Canada, (now a historical site), is their final resting place.

Today, as this family history is being chronicled, only Michael, 86, is still living in Edmonton; his last surviving brother, Alex, having passed away in 1983 at the age of 94. Was Ivan's friend and mentor, the Jewish pub-proprietor in Yaseniw, Ukraine, accurate in his

Maria Slevinsky (1865-1938) and Ivan Slevinsky (1860-1941)

Alex and Martha's 50th wedding anniversary celebration, February, 1963. (L to R) - Katherine and Dmytro, Alex and Martha, Michael and Anne Slevinsky.

prognostications about the New World, the land of opportunity for future generations? Yes indeed! Ivan and Maria's descendants of four generations exceed 200 in number. In the Canadian mosaic, the Slevinsky heritage and initiative flourishes. The descendants of this fortunate couple are enjoying the freedom and potential of this great country, making great strides themselves contributing to its growth and prosperity.

Rest in peace, Gido and Baba Slevinsky. May your spirit of sacrifice, industry, and courage prevail from generation to generation.

SLEVINSKI, Mike and Annie (nee Gorgichuk)

Mike Slevinski, son of John and Maria, was born October 18, 1896, in Galicia, then part of Austria. As a babe in arms, he arrived in Edmonton in 1897, where his family resided until they moved to Mundare in 1905. At the age of 15, Mike began working full-time. His first job was as a laborer on the railways in Morley and Calgary. He then worked in Rosedale, mining a record of ten tons of coal daily.

In 1919, he married Annie Gorgichuk, born to Eftemi and Anastasia on August 7, 1901, in the Bukovina area of Austria. The couple spent a brief time living in Rosedale, where Mike continued working in the coal mines. They moved to Kaleland, where both Mike and Annie's parents resided. It was here that five of the couple's six children were delivered by the local midwife, Annie's mother. The youngest, Olga, was born in the Vegreville hospital, where she died in 1936, of a ruptured appendix.

Winters on the farm in Kaleland were challenging. The work load did not ease when inclement weather made travel difficult. As soon as the roads were covered with snow, Mike would head for the Spedden area for tamarack poles which he used for fence posts and building purposes. On one of these trips, two bear cubs were added to his regular cargo. The cubs were tamed and proved to be a source of amusement for everyone.

Mike and Annie Slevinski's wedding, August 2, 1919

Mike and Annie Slevinski with their family at the Two Hills railway station before Mike left for overseas, 1939

In 1937, Mike and Annie moved to Two Hills. Two years later at the age of 43, Mike enlisted in the Edmonton Regiment. Annie and the children managed a general store and the farm until 1942, when Mike was discharged. In 1944, Mike and Annie moved to Edmonton and farmed in the Argyll-Hazeldean area until the land was sold for housing in 1953. They then acquired land in the Eaglesham area, where they farmed until Mike decided to retire at the age of 70. The retirement didn't suit either Mike or Annie. However, this was solved by purchasing a farm in the Beaumont area.

Mike continues to farm today and enjoys a bit of travelling, especially during the winter when he can escape to a warmer climate. He is still very involved with his family, which includes his daughters, Anne Elias, Helen Quelch, Dorthy Russnak, and Nancy Wilson, who reside near Mike in Edmonton. His son Andy continues to farm in the Eaglesham area. In addition, there are 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren for Mike to visit. Annie, who passed away on March 31, 1978, will always be remembered with respect by her family. Not only was she loved as a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, but also as a friend and neighbor.

Mike and Annie were members of the Kaleland St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church and also were active members of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Edmonton.

SLEVINSKI, Nick

by William J. Yaremko

Nick, born in 1882, was the son of Steve Slevinsky of Konushko, Ukraine. His sister, Mary Yaremko, with her husband Tymko, immigrated to New Kiew in 1902.

Although Nick had no schooling, he knew some mathematics, taught at home by his mother.

In his youth he tended herds of cattle and horses in the lowlands of Ukraine. In World War I, he served in the Polish Army and from 1920 to 1925, he was employed at the sawmill in Konushko. In his spare time, he used to sell his produce directly to consumers in an open-air market at Konushko.

Sponsored by his brother-in-law, Tymko Yaremko of New Kiew, Nick decided to come to Canada in 1926. Leaving his wife Annie, daughters Emily, Annie and Julia, and son Brian, in the Ukraine, he arrived at Yaremko's place in New Kiew in the fall of 1926. Most of the time he lived with Tymko, and John and William Yaremko's family. He worked for farmers in the New Kiew and Plain Lake districts and was always called "Vooyko" (uncle) by his friends.

In the spring, Nick planted gardens and picked roots on newly-broken land. During winter months his main job was splitting wood for $1. to $2. per cord. In his spare time, he wove rugs for the Yaremko family. By 1930, Nick had saved enough money to sponsor his youngest daughter, Julia, to come to Canada.

Nick Slevinski celebrates 25 years in Canada. Standing beside Nick is Nancy Kitt (nee Yaremko), 1951.

Julia lived at Tymko and Mary Yaremko's place, and worked part-time at Bricker's store in Lavoy. In 1934, she married Andrew Newchuk of Lavoy.

History repeated itself - this time William Yaremko, grandson of Tymko Yaremko, sponsored Nick's son, Brian, to come to Canada and in 1974, Brian's wife, Pauline, was reunited with her husband.

In 1977, William J. Yaremko and his wife, Elizabeth, sponsored Nick's grandson, Edward from Poland for a brief visit to New Kiew and Vegreville districts. The visit lasted six weeks during which time he visited most of his relatives, and took many photos of his grandfather's grave and of Tymko Yaremko's homestead.

In 1978, Nick's son, Brian, passed away and was laid to rest at the Riverside Cemetery in Vegreville.

Nick Slevinski was a member of the New Kiew Roman Catholic Church. In 1954, he retired and moved to Vegreville. He passed away in 1969, at the age of 85 and was buried in the Vegreville Cemetery.

The Slevinskis will always be remembered by their relatives and friends of New Kiew.

SLYWKA FAMILY

John Slywka was born in 1880, in the Village of Yaseniv, Horodenka, Province of Galicia (then Austria), now known as Ivano-Frankiwski, Ukraine.

After serving his term in the Austrian calvary, he met and soon married Helen Mateik. Their early years in Austria were similar to those of numerous others, working on the estates of landlords from sunrise to sunset for about ten cents a day. The only alternative was to find work in large industrialized cities in Germany or elsewhere.

The information they had gathered about Canada was very positive. It appeared to be an ideal place to raise a family as huge tracts of land could be had for ten dollars. There was real freedom and hope for the future.

Although the first baby was due to arrive in the spring of 1906, John was still convinced to make the trip to Canada. He managed to sell their small holdings to a member of the family, and leaving his wife behind, he sailed for Canada. He arrived in the port of St. John on the vessel "Tempel" on March 30, 1906.

John was fortunate to obtain work on the railroad, and in late 1907, he managed to save enough money to send for wife, Helen, and one-year-old son, Harry, whom he had not seen. Helen stayed with friends while John continued working on the railway. He worked for two years in Ontario, one year in Saskatchewan, and later at numerous places in Alberta.

The hardships were many, but with the help of friends and family, the Slywkas managed to survive. Their second child, daughter Mary, arrived in December, 1910. Their dreams were finally realized a year later when John was able to file for a homestead, the SE 6-55-10-W4th. With the help of friends they soon had a sod-covered, mud-plastered two-room log house, which was to last for many years. They continued to clear a few acres each year by hand, until in March, 1922, John obtained title to the land.

The family continued to grow, and so another room

John and Helen (nee Mateik) Slywka, circa 1923

was added to their house. Second daughter, Rose, arrived in 1913, followed by Metro in 1915, Elsie in 1918, and Nick in 1921. Bill was born in 1923, and Walter in 1927.

Throughout the years John and Helen attended the local Greek-Orthodox Church, where John was secretary-treasurer for a number of years.

In 1927, the family was saddened by the loss of daughter, Mary. While still in her teens she chose to leave home and later died in Edmonton.

With the arrival of the Depression came more hardships. The market was glutted with farm produce which became worthless. Once John managed to sell two calves to a local buyer for a total of five dollars. Eggs were used for barter at five cents a dozen.

In late July, of 1935, disaster struck in the form of a severe hailstorm. Stones the size of golf balls were piled four to six inches deep, and the entire crop and garden were destroyed. A very similar storm struck again the following year in early August.

At the age of eight years the children had to walk three and a half miles to attend the Rannock School, a large one-room schoolhouse.

In August of 1939, at the age of 59, John passed away in Myrnam hospital of a ruptured appendix. Fortunately, some of the older members were able to obtain work to help Helen carry on.

During World War II Helen was left alone with only 14-year-old Walter to look after the farm, as two of her sons entered the armed services. Nick joined early in 1942, and after basic training was sent overseas. He saw action with the First Canadian Tank Corps as a driver in Sicily and Italy and later with the Provost Corps in Holland. At the war's end, he met his future wife, Ria Vandersluis. Bill was with the Calgary Highlanders and saw action in Germany and Holland and upon his return lived in Edmonton.

After a lengthy illness, Helen died in November, 1968, at the age of 86. Harry's wife Mary died in 1946. They had two girls, Vicky and Linda. Harry presently is a resident of the Fanning Centre in Calgary.

Rose married Fritz Johanson and they had two children, Gloria and Glen. Rose is presently living in Edmonton.

Metro and Anne (nee Bateyko) are living on their farm near the homestead. They raised three children: Orest, Iris and Patsy. Metro is now retired but still works the farm.

Elsie married John Patterson and they are enjoying life at White Rock, British Columbia.

Nick and Ria's family consists of Dianne, Ron, Roy, Susan and Gloria. Both are looking forward to retirement.

Bill married Mary Luc of Plamondon and they raised three children: Joyce, Bryan and James. Presently they are Edmonton residents.

Walter, who never married, is presently living on the home place. This now consists of only a house and a small parcel of surrounding land, as the whole township was bought by the government for grazing land.

SMITH, Edmond and Marguerite (nee Ducharme)

by M. Isbister-English, as told by Allan Smith

Edmond Smith (Schmidt) was born in 1881, at Duck Lake, Saskatchewan. He became an orphan at an early age, so little is known of the family.

Edmond, a ward of Father Lacombe, came to the St. Albert Mission in 1889. He attended Lac La Biche Mission to the age of 15, then went to Saddle Lake Mission in 1897.

When Edmond was altar boy for Father Lacombe, he travelled with him by dogsled, on snowshoes, and on foot. He became a surveyor at St. Paul de Metis, and in 1900, came to Tom Watt's place. In 1903, Edmond returned to survey in Plain Lake, Sickman Lake, Southern Alberta, B.C., and Peace River areas.

In 1907, Edmond returned to Ben's Lake, bought Jim Todd's farm, and continued to survey. Later he went to Lesser Slave Lake and Fort St. John, where he served as a guide for touring groups. While at Ben's Lake he met Marguerite Ducharme, while she was visiting the Noe Theroux family at Christmas. Marguerite, who was born in 1883, was married to Edmond Smith in 1909.

Edmond learned Cree, at the Saddle Lake Mission, where he helped the nuns at the school. He learned surveying while working with Clem Duk and Bob Simpson, east of Two Hills. Edmond's good education came from reading many English and French books. Being an orphan, Edmond did not know the happiness of a home, until his marriage to Marguerite.

Edmond and Marguerite's children were Laura, Allan, Maggie, Caroline, Rose, Alice, George, Irene, and Mary. George married in B.C. Irene married Micky Hamer, and Mary married Mike Workun.

Allan Wilfred Smith was born August 20, 1911, and attended Wattsford and Hairy Hill Schools until 1926. He worked for Si Richards, Tom Watt, Bob Watt, Johnny Brosseau and at home. Hunting coyotes was a profitable undertaking then with skins worth between $2.50 and $11. Allan freighted long hauls with a team of horses for the Brosseau store, homestead inspector, Ambroise Grey, and for Mitch Theroux.

On November 24, 1953, Allan married Louise Cardinal of Lac La Biche. They had eight children: Margaret, Edmond, Marlene, Laura, Elliot, Lorna, Arlene, and Darrel. Marlene died on July 6, 1975, at the age of 19.

Laura married Victor Huppie. Maggie married Bob Poitras. Caroline married Edmond Huppie. Rose was wed to Anthony Bouvier, and Alice to Metro Eliuk.

Allan took over the old homestead, as Edmond and Marguerite Smith retired to Lac La Biche in 1955. Marguerite died on January 5, 1956, and Edmond died in April, 1967. Both are buried at Lac La Biche.

SMOLIAK, Mike and Elizabeth (nee Stefanetz)

Gregory Stefanetz's third youngest daughter, Elizabeth, was born on April 25, 1924. She attended Szypenitz School.

Wedding of Elizabeth and Mike Smoliak, 1943

Elizabeth married Mike Smoliak of Hairy Hill. After living in Hairy Hill the Smoliaks moved to Cloverdale (Vancouver), B.C. They had a family of four boys and two girls: Emily, Marlene, Gary, Eugene, Gerald, and Eddy.

In 1964, Elizabeth passed away, leaving her husband to care for their loving family of six children.

SOKALSKI, Anton and Terentia (nee Urban)

by Ed Sokalski

Anton Sokalski was born in 1853, in Chortkiw, Galicia, Western Ukraine. He married Terentia Urban, who was born in 1858.

In June 1899, they sailed from Hamburg, Germany to Canada on the ship "S.S. Bulgaria". Their destination was Winnipeg. From there they travelled to Strathcona, and later settled north of Mundare.

From Mundare they moved to the New Kiew district and settled on the SW 10-53-13-W4th. They exchanged this land for the SE 16-53-13-W4th because Anton wanted a lake on his farm. Their six children - Joseph, Frank, Margaret, Rose, Anne and Karol came with them. The others were born in Canada.

The reason that many left the old country was the promise of new, cheap land and freedom. Farming in those days was difficult, and grandfather had to clear his land and farm with oxen. I remember my father telling me how he worked with oxen when he was 12 years of age. On a hot day the oxen would head straight for the lake, (plow and all) to cool off. Grandfather drove often to Edmonton with oxen for supplies.

Religion was an important part of their lives and it wasn't long before churches were built. Anton helped in the building of the Roman Catholic Church, southwest of Two Hills. It has since been replaced by another church, and many descendants still worship there to this day. Many of the first settlers are also buried at the church cemetery.

Joseph married Mary Korluk and raised five children: Stanley, Tina Stogran, Rose Stogran, Genia Boyko, and Mary who died at age 14. After Joseph's first wife died, he married Ann Dobranski. They had four children: Paul, Peter, Theresa, and Mike who farmed half a mile east of his father's farm.

Frank married Pearl Wolaniuk and they had 11 children: John, Anton, Tom, Walter, Victor, Anne Fedun, Josie Diachuk, Lena Lemiski, Pauline Fleece, Angela Shupenia, and Mary Kowal. Frank farmed north of Innisfree where Bill Gnyra presently farms. Later, he sold out and moved to the NW 9-53-13-W4th.

Margaret died at age nine.

Rose married John Magdiak who farmed in the Myrnam area where they raised seven children: Stanley, Steve, Peter, Angela Hawerluk, Mary Kovitch, Ann Sawula, and Josie who was killed in a train accident.

Anne married Mike Pedruski who farmed in the Myrnam area and they had three children: Mary (Syvenky) Lychuk, Jenny Ferbey and Mike. After Mike passed away, Anne married Joe Soloway. To them were born nine children: Eva Stelmaschuk, Olga Sen, Rose Konieczny, Annest Jendruk, Violet Kapustany, Pauline Lindgren, Helen Marcinew, Bill and Eddie.

Karol married Mary Warawa and they had three children: Emil, Eddie, and Helen Cherniawsky.

Antonia (Teena), born in Canada, married Mike Killick and farmed north of the present Roman Catholic Church. They were blessed with four children: Tom, Emily Duk, Susan Grant, and Rose.

Polka (Polly), also born in Canada, married Tony Kowalski and farmed southeast of Vegreville. They had two children, Edna and Peter.

After Grandfather Sokalski's first wife, Terentia, died in 1924, he married a widow, Catherine Schaap and they lived on the farm until his death in 1935. His son, Karol, farmed some of the original homestead until he passed it on to his son Eddie.

SOKALSKI, Karol and Mary (nee Warawa)

by Ed Sokalski

Karol Sokalski was born in Chortkiw, Galicia, in November, 1896. Arriving in Canada in 1899, he married Mary, daughter of Teodor and Euphemia (nee Sweripa) Warawa, in 1925.

Karol and Mary farmed across the road from his father's place, NE 9-53-13-W4. They raised three children: Emil, Ed and Helen.

In 1952, Emil married Mary Antoniuk of Two Hills, and had three children: Dennis, Gail, and Wayne. He farmed in the Vegreville area until his untimely death in 1973. Dennis was also killed accidentally in 1980. Gail is married and living in Red Deer, while Wayne resides in Edmonton.

In 1953, Ed married Marsha Pehowich of Mundare and farmed his father's place as well as other land he purchased. They have seven children: James married Heidi Buck and they have two children: James and Meranda. Brian and Clarence are involved in trucking. Rick is a farmer. Vaune married Joe Gee, who is a carpenter, and they have one boy Darrin. Laura lives in Vegreville and Patricia is a student.

Ed attended Vermilion School of Agriculture, from 1948 to 1950, and was active in forming Minco Gas Co-op. He was director of Lavoy R.E.A. for 23 years, secretary of the Roman Catholic Church, active in the political association, farm organization, Red Cross, and the association for the handicapped in Vegreville.

Helen attended school in New Kiew. She married Walter in 1950, the son of Maria and Nickola Cherniawsky of Sich Kolomea. They lived in Vegreville for

seven years, then moved to Edmonton. They have four children: David, Donald, Peter (all living in Edmonton), and Caroline who married Michael Clark of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and is now residing in Sherwood Park, Alberta. They have two girls, Danica and Heather.

SOKALSKI, (Frank) Family

Frank, son of Anton and Terese Sokalski, was born in Chortkiv, Poland, in 1892. The family immigrated to Canada aboard the S.S. Bulgaria in June of 1899. Frank married Pearl Wolonik of Ross Creek and settled on a farm in the New Kiew area. They had 11 children:

John, a bachelor, is now retired.

Anton and his wife Mary (now retired on their farm south of Lavoy) have three children. David lives in Victoria and has three children. Ronnie lives in Burnaby, B.C. and has two children, and Susan lives near Sherwood Park and has two children.

Annie lives in Edmonton and has five daughters. Angie raised five children and lives in Calgary. Louise and her husband, Gordon, have three sons, and they are now living in Malaysia. Gerry is father of four children and lives in Edmonton. Rita has four children and now lives in Richmond, B.C. Lily, the youngest daughter, raised two children and has lived in Edmonton all her life.

Tom raised two children, Gloria and Bob, and had two grandchildren. All live in Edmonton.

Josie is mother to five children and lives in Vegreville. Her son, Ken, has two children and lives in B.C. Clarence also has two children and lives in Vegreville. Joyce, with three children, lives in Edmonton. Terry, the third son, is father of two children and works with Alberta Power in Vegreville. Jacki, the youngest, lives in Edmonton.

Lena of Vegreville had three daughters and one son. Florence lives in Calgary, Phyllis in Leduc, and Kenneth, the youngest, lives in Edmonton. Lena now has two grandsons and three grand-daughters.

Pauline and John Fleese of Edmonton have one son and one daughter, both of Edmonton, and one grandson and two grand-daughters.

Mary Kowal of Mundare is mother of two daughters and two sons, two grandsons and three grand-daughters.

Angela, (now deceased) had one son and one daughter, both of whom live in Edmonton.

Walter, (now deceased) continued operating the family farm at New Kiew when his father retired. Walter and his wife Kay (deceased) had no children.

Victor, along with his brother, Walter, operated the family farm for a number of years. Victor and Bridget have two children, Pearl and Mark. Pearl lives on a farm at Myrnam and teaches at Saddle Lake, while Mark works with the Survey department of Alberta Power.

SOKALSKI, Josef and Maria (nee Karoluk)

by Stanley Sokalski

On June 5, 1899, 16-year old Josef Sokalski, along with his parents and brothers and sisters: Antonia, Terese, Margarete, Rosalie, Karol and Anna, left their homeland and sailed on the "S.S. Bulgaria" from Hamburg to Halifax. Arriving in Canada, they settled in the Vegreville area.

After buying a homestead in the New Kiew district, in 1905, he married Maria Karoluk of Andrew, the oldest daughter of Nick and Malania (nee Danchuk) Karoluk. After attending night school to learn the English language, Josef was very active in the community as a councillor and trustee.

The Sokalskis had five children: Antonia, Rose, Stanley, Pearl, and Jennie.

After Maria passed away in 1918, Josef married Annie Dubransky of Holden.

Josef and Annie were blessed with five children: Mary, Paul, Pete, Terry and Mike.

Antonia, the oldest, married Steve Stogran in 1928. The Stograns are presently residing in Vancouver. They

Frank and Pearl Sokalski, circa 1945

Sokalski family, 1952. Back row, (L to R) - Stanley, Paul, Mike and Pete; seated - Doris (Mike's wife), Antoni, Nellie (Stanley's wife).

Stanley and Nellie Sokalski and family, 1983. Pictured above are Ernie, and Chris King, Stanley Sokalski, Louise King, Nellie, and Lawrence Sokalski, Dick Stogran, Antonia Stogran, Carol Zwarich, Steve Stogran, Bobby, Karen and Myron Zwarich.

have one daughter, Josephine and three grandchildren.

Rose was wed to Dick Stogran in 1934, and resided in Saskatoon until her passing in 1979. One son, Ken, and three grandchildrren are part of the family.

Stanley married Nellie Killick in 1938, and farmed in the New Kiew district until 1970, when he moved to Vegreville. They had three children: Carol, Lawrence, and Louise, and four grandchildren.

Pearl moved to Vancouver and married George Clark. She passed away in 1954.

Jennie was wed to Fred Boyko of Hilliard, and farmed there until she passed away.

Mary passed away at age 15.

Paul joined the Army during World War I, served overseas in England and Germany, and later moved to Vancouver.

Pete, who married Julie Tweeten now resides in Edmonton. They have four children: Valerie, Sandra, Peter, and Joseph, and three grandchildren.

Terry married Rusty Lewington and resides in Kelowna. The Lewingtons have two children, JoAnne and David, and one grandchild.

Mike married Doris Brandaw and resides in Vancouver. They have four children: Gail, Leeta, Mitchell, and Steven, and two grandchildren.

Josef Sokalski passed away in 1933, at the age of 49.

SOLDAN, Dmytro and Katherine (nee Buk)

by Taras (Terry) Soldan

Dmytro Soldan, son of John and Mary Soldan, was born on October 15, 1883, in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl, Western Ukraine. His post office was Medica and the nearest city was Peremyshl. After completing military service in the Austrian army, Dmytro's father, John, decided to immigrate to Canada. On June 3, 1902, the family consisting of John, his wife Mary and their seven children: Mary, Jennie, Jessie, Martha, Dmytro, Mike and Bill, Klem (John's father), Mike Kalawashka (Mary's brother), and his daughter, set sail on the ship "Armenia". Arriving in Canada, they

Dmytro Soldan's parents, 1914. Seated - Mary and John Soldan; standing - son Bill Soldan and Nick Snaychuk (neighbour).

lived for a year with friends in the Warwick area. Then they moved to a homestead four miles south of Two Hills, in the Lanuke district.

Grandfather Klem, a skilled building contractor at age 81, built most of the buildings on the homestead before passing away in 1910.

Dmytro's sisters soon left the homestead. Mary was married to Sam Geleta, Jennie to John Palylyk, Jessie to Metro Odynski, and Martha to Steve Nikiforuk.

On July 15, 1902, Dmytro purchased his own homestead, NW 18-54-12-W4th, north of his parents' place. He married Katherine Buk on February 17, 1907. Katherine, born on September 15, 1887, in the same village as Dmytro, came to Canada with her parents in 1903.

Like most pioneers, Dmytro and Katherine faced many hardships: breaking the land, pulling roots and picking an endless supply of rocks from the soil. The family often depended on nature for wild berries, rabbits, prairie chickens and bush partridges to supplement their diet. Katherine was a splendid cook, being able to prepare 15 different dishes from a few potatoes; make coffee out of roasted ground rye or wheat, flavored with molasses, and bake tantalizing loaves of bread to make your mouth water.

In the early beginnings, Dmytro worked on the railroad to supplement his income so that he could buy plows and oxen. He later purchased an additional two quarters of land. As much of the land was not suitable for grain growing, Dmytro raised a fair number of beef

The first Dmytro Soldan home, 1914. Back row, (L to R) - Nick Snaychuk, Dmytro Soldan, Sam and Mary Geleta, Mary Soldan and Louie Dutka; front row (seated) - Katherine Soldan, Mary Buk, and two of the children, Anne and Jessie.

cattle and hogs. A grinder powered by a horse was used to grind the grain into feed for the animals.

By 1910, Dmytro's keen enthusiasm and determination enabled him to learn the English language fluently, enabling him to help many settlers in interpreting their mail and writing their letters. In 1905, he acquired his naturalization papers. Dmytro also took an active part in community affairs when he was elected school trustee and chairman of the Lanuke School No. 1610, for a number of years. An item of interest appearing in the Lanuke 1907 school minutes, reads as follows: "To Dmytro Soldan for digging a well - $28.00". The family held high priority for education. Three of the children became teachers.

Social gatherings were prominent in those days. The family always found time to attend plays, concerts and dances at the Lanuke Hall. Dmytro and Katherine would often entertain their friends, relatives and neighbors. Being an ardent reader, Dmytro kept the settlers well-informed on local and world affairs. In 1934, he purchased his first radio. The family lived a dedicated life for the betterment of their children as well as their community.

In 1967, Dmytro and Katherine celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with many friends and relatives present. The Englishes were special guests as it was Mrs. S.R. English who had taught each of the children during their school days.

The Dmytro Soldan family, 1967. Back row, (L to R) - Alex, Taras, Andrew, Katherine and Dmytro Soldan, Paul, Peter, and Marshall; front row - Anne, Rose, Marie, Jessie, Nettie, Evangeline, Olga, Martha, and Phyllis.

Katherine and Dmytro had 15 children:

Anne of St. Paul married John Padlesky and they had three children.

Jessie (deceased in 1977) of Two Hills married Peter Tymchuk and raised one child.

Andrew (deceased on January 3, 1972) lived in Edmonton.

Rose of Calgary married Thomas Arkell.

Peter of Vancouver married Ethel McKibbos and they have three children.

Marie of Edmonton was wed to John Slevinsky.

Martha of Two Hills married William D. Hryciw and they had two children.

Phyllis of Kelowna married John Yanchyshyn.

Nettie of Kelowna married Joe Petaski and they had two sons.

Marshall of Two Hills married Katie Ferbey and they have four children.

Paul of Two Hills married Betty Cope and raised six children.

Taras of Vegreville married Anne Melnychuk and they have two children.

Alex (deceased on August 8, 1981) lived in Two Hills.

Olga of Edmonton married Nicholas Kostyniuk and they have two children.

Evangeline of Kelowna married Nicholas Kitz and they have one child.

Katherine passed away December 22, 1971 and Dmytro on July 10, 1975.

SOLDAN, Marshall and Katherine (nee Ferbey)

Marshall Soldan, born in 1918, was the tenth child and third son of Dmytro and Katherine Soldan. He moved to his Uncle Bill Buk's place in the winter of 1933-34. Bill always kept hired-help during the busy seasons, and Marshall became his hired man.

Marshall Soldan's family, 1985. Standing, (L to R) - Olivia, Lawrence Sapach, Linda, Bonnie, Norman, Roxanne; seated - Katherine, Kegan Sapach, Nathan Soldan, Beau Sapach, Marshall holding granddaughter Audrey Soldan.

Marshall bought the SW 23-54-12-W4th and in 1943, when his uncle accepted a job as elevator agent with Andersons' Grain Company, Marshall rented his land.

In 1946, Marshall married Katherine Ferbey and they raised four children:

Olivia, born in 1947, married Leslie Watson and is working for a shipping company in Vancouver.

Linda, born in 1950, married Lawrence Sapach from Manitoba, and they are farming at Hairy Hill. They have twin boys.

Norman, born in 1952, married Roxanne Smith of Calgary. They have a boy and girl. Norman is a train engineer with the C.N.R. and lives in Edmonton.

Bonnie, born in 1956, was the first New Year's baby born in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital. She is a typesetter and is working for a printing company in Edmonton.

In 1946, Marshall bought Bill Buk's farm assets and in 1965 he purchased the land. He remodelled the house and is now semi-retired on his grandparents' (Peter and Mary Buk) farm.

Katherine Soldan owns her parents' (Dan and Annie Ferbey) homestead.

SOLDAN, Paul and Betty (nee Cope)

by Paul Soldan

I, the son of Dmytro and Katherine Soldan, and the eleventh child in a family of fifteen, was born on May 10, 1919 on a farm three miles south of Two Hills.

Growing up during the Depression meant being without luxuries. Boys and girls in the family walked barefoot all summer, so we felt more comfortable in our bare feet. Each of us had only one pair of shoes which was worn only on special occasions.

One day in late spring when I was about three years old, and my brother Marshall was four, we were walking down a trail in the woods when something ran out of the bush. It was all puffed up and came right for us. It looked monstrous so when it was about 15 feet away we ran home. I'm sure we set a speed record. We didn't stop till we were in the house behind the stove, which was our sanctuary. We both agreed that such an experience was just too horrible to mention to anyone. In later years we found out it was only a ruffed grouse and she must have had her young with her.

In early spring when I was about five years old, my three older brothers and I went to a lake to play on the ice floes. We were on this fair sized chunk of ice, pushing hard with sticks braced against the ice when my stick slipped and I lost my balance and struck my head against some solid ice. I fell into the water, but I was very lucky not to have gone under the ice. My older brother Andrew, who was 14 years old, quickly grabbed my feet and pulled me out. After all the water was expelled, and I recognized my surroundings, I remember very clearly saying, "I want to go there," pointing towards shore.

During World War II, I served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and was stationed in England. Once when my close friend Dave Smith (who now resides in Calgary), and I were riding on our bicycles to a dance, a motor-bike travelling at about 45 miles per hour struck my bicycle. I flew forward and up, and when I came down I was still going forward, with the result being a very tattered uniform and skinned knees. When we found my bicycle, it was folded and both wheels were side by side. How a bicycle could be in that shape and my legs not smashed is quite a miracle. The motorcyclist was not hurt as he wore heavy leather garments.

Paul Soldan family, 1970. Front row, (L to R) - Paul, Brian and Betty; back row - Lorna, Ralph, Gordon, David and June.

One night when we were flying from Stuttgart, which was our target for that night, a German night fighter attacked our plane. In the very brief exchange (because our gunners were firing) he hit our port inner engine which caught on fire. If the fighter had aimed about eight feet to his right most of us would likely have been killed. We flew back to base with three engines operating. Our pilot F/L Norman Streight, received the decoration of a Distinguished Flying Cross and I as Flight Engineer, received the Distinguished Flying Medal. Our crew of seven completed a tour of 34 bombing flights with no one being hurt, although our plane received flak damage a number of times.

While in England I married Elizabeth (Betty) Cope. Our first child was born there.

After the war we bought my Uncle's (Dmetro Odynski) farm, NE 34-54-12-W4th, and lived on it. For the first few years we threshed the grain by machine. We hauled the bundles with horses and racks.

After trying mixed farming for a few years we finally ended up growing only grain and having a broiler hatching egg operation. In 1974, we sold the hatching egg business to G. Lofthaug and rented the land out. I then drove a school bus till 1984.

We have six children and nine grandchildren: June is married to Tim Greenlee, David to Vivian Hunka, Gordon to Carol Kushniruk, Ralph to Jeanette Lesiuk, and Lorna to Tim Griggs. Brian is single.

SOLDAN, Michael (Mike) and Anna (nee Nikiforuk)

Mike Soldan was born on August 22, 1885, in the Village of Buciw, County of Peremyshl. With his parents, John and Mary, and his grandfather, Clemco

Soldan, he left Europe from Hamburg and arrived in Halifax, Canada, in 1902.

Anna Soldan (nee Nikiforuk) was born on August 12, 1887, in the Village of Zawale, County of Sniatyn. She arrived in Canada with her parents, Metro and Helen Nikiforuk.

In Canada, Mike Soldan worked for Dick Fife, a rancher. Later he got on an elevator construction crew in Vegreville. While working there he also attended the School for Foreigners, where he learned to speak, read, and write English.

Anna Soldan stayed with her parents in Wostok for a short period, and in 1903, she started to work for Reverend and Mrs. Alwich for four months. After that, she worked for Mr. and Mrs. Bremner on a farm at Clover Bar. She worked there for three years, where she learned to speak and read English. The Bremners were understanding people, and Anna's stay with them was very pleasant and educational. After three years, she longed for her family who by then had moved away from Wostok and settled near Two Hills. She then left the Bremner place and got a job at Mrs. Shipley's hotel in Vegreville for five months.

In 1906, Mike Soldan filed on a homestead, NW 20-54-12-W4th.

On February 24, 1907, Mike Soldan married Anna Nikiforuk. They endured many hardships, but they also had courage and survived them. Their closest town at the time was Vegreville, which was 25 miles away.

Shortly after, a post office was established in the community, named after a farmer by the name of Lanuke. Mike Soldan became the Lanuke postmaster, a position he held for about 20 years.

When the Village of Two Hills was incorporated, Mike gave up the post office job and later moved into town.

Mike and Anna Soldan family, 1926. Front row, (L to R) - Anna Soldan, Harry, Helen, Kathy, Michael Soldan; back row - Nick, Mary, Steve, John and Thomas.

Mike and Anna Soldan raised a family of five sons and three daughters. John, the eldest, is retired at St. Albert at the Chateau Mission Court.

Steven and his wife, Selma (nee Lentz) are retired in Edmonton.

Mary and her husband, Waldemar Masciuch, are retired in Athabasca.

Tom and his wife, Margaret (nee Grekul), are on their parents' homestead and are still farming.

Nick married Kathleen Birdyoung in South Africa. Nick passed away in 1977.

Helen and her husband, Michael Krueger, are retired in Victoria, B.C.

Kathleen married Ken Melville and now is retired in Prince George, British Columbia.

Harry married Jean Carroll and lived in Edmonton. Harry passed away in 1983.

Anna Soldan passed away on August 9, 1959, and Michael Soldan on October 2, 1960.

SOLDAN, Thomas and Margaret (nee Grekul)

Thomas, son of Michael and Anna (nee Nikiforuk) Soldan, was born on October 19, 1912, at Lanuke.

He attended Lanuke School until Grade VIII, and had Mrs. English as his only teacher.

During his young days, he remembers making trips to Vegreville by horses and also taking part in the construction of the first bridge crossing the North Saskatchewan River between Duvernay and Brosseau.

He decided to help his father farm until July 18, 1943, when he married Margaret, daughter of Elia and Anne (nee Mazur) Grekul.

In December, 1944, the Soldans bought a half section of land (S 1/2 18-54-12-W4th) and started a mixed farming operation, raising hogs and cattle. Their field work was done by horses, until they could afford to buy a tractor.

In 1955, they bought his father's original homestead (NW 20-54-12-W4th), where they now reside.

Thomas and Margaret raised four sons.

Donnie, the oldest, started his first year of school when the school vans began to operate in Two Hills. After completing Grade XII, he attended university to train as a teacher. On July 5, 1969, Don married Phyllis Nichiporik. They have two sons, Thomas Alexander born on July 12, 1972, and Steven Perry born on September 18, 1973. Donnie and Phyllis are both teaching in Edmonton.

Allan completed Grade XII in Two Hills and spent four years at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in

Thomas and Margaret Soldan family, 1983. (L to R) - Allan, Don, Thomas, Margaret, Harvey and Jim.

Calgary. After working for a number of years, he decided to return to Two Hills where he purchased three quarters of land (N 1/2 18-54-12-W4th and NW 7-54-12-W4th), and is now farming.

Jimmy finished his Grade XII in Two Hills. During that time, he was very active in 4-H. He studied Agriculture at the university, and at present is the District Agriculturalist at Barrhead. He has one son, Nicholas, who was born on January 20, 1979.

Harvey completed Grade X and decided to help his father with farming. In 1980, he recieved a quarter of land (NW 29-54-12-W4th) from his father and purchased his Uncle John Soldan's farm (SW 29-54-12-W4th). On August 29, 1981, Harvey married Lorna, youngest daughter of William and Mary Hassay of Innisfree. Harvey is farming and Lorna works at the County Office in Two Hills.

SOLODZUK, Dmytro and Mary (nee Chambul)

In 1910, Dmytro, the second of three sons, immigrated to Canada from the Village of Chortowetz, District of Horodenka, Western Ukraine. His mother was widowed when Dmytro was only five years old, and by the age of seven he had a step-father. Dmytro did not recollect any fond memories of his boyhood. He was not permitted to go to school; instead he worked for a landlord until his nineteenth birthday.

His parents received some compensation for this work. Because of the hardships in the Old Country, Dmytro approached his mother for passage-money to Canada. As collateral he assumed a mortgage on a parcel of land that was left to him by his father. The advance was $40. (Canadian dollars) which bought him passage to St. John, New Brunswick.

After arriving in Winnipeg, on April 10, 1910, he was left with $2. of which $1. was paid at the employment office to get a job. He was employed at Pointe du Bois on the Winnipeg River, as a labourer on a hydro-electric project. Dmytro worked there for two years, receiving $2. for a ten-hour day. His boss was a Scotsman, by the name of Anderson, who befriended him, and they agreed that Dmytro would teach him Ukrainian in exchange for English lessons. After two years at Pointe du Bois, Dmytro worked at various jobs in the Winnipeg-Fort William region. He helped arrange to have his two brothers immigrate to Canada, Bill in 1914, and John in 1912. His brothers were employed with the Canadian Pacific Railway in Saskatchewan, and Dmytro started his career there as well.

On September 24, 1924, Mary Chambul left the Village of Denesiw, District of Ternopil, Western Ukraine. She was sponsored by her brother Nick Chambul, who farmed in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Her trip from her village to Canada started by train to Danzig, then by ship to Liverpool. After docking at Quebec City, she later arrived in Prince Albert.

Being tired of bachelorhood, Dmytro met Mary and they were married on January 13, 1927, making their first home in Hatfield, Saskatchewan. Subsequent moves in

Dmytro and Mary Solodzuk with their sons John, Bob, and Walter, 1952

Saskatchewan were to Tramping Lake and Daphne.

On May 10, 1929, Dmytro and Mary moved to Musidora, following the construction of the Lloydminster-Edmonton C.P.R. line. Dmytro was section foreman at Musidora, then moved to Morecambe in 1930. In 1941, Dmytro decided that he needed more than his railroad job to meet the needs of his family which now included three sons: John, born in Hatfield; Walter, in Musidora; and Robert in Morecambe. Dmytro purchased land south of Kaleland, and later the family moved to Two Hills.

John, the eldest son, following graduation from Two Hills High School and two years of enrollment in the Faculty of Engineering, University of Alberta, decided to manage the home farm. He married Mary Eliuk of Hairy Hill.

Upon completion of his Grade XII in Two Hills, Walter graduated in Civil Engineering from the University of Alberta, in 1952. He completed training as an engineering officer, Royal Canadian Air Force reserve. Walter married Rose Diachuk of Two Hills and they have three children: Robert, Barbara, and David. Walter worked at various engineering and management assignments with the Government of Alberta in the field of water resources management, and is currently the Deputy Minister of Alberta Environment. Walter and Rose are also grandparents of a grandson, Ryan.

Robert, following graduation from Two Hills High School, graduated in Civil Engineering, University of Alberta in 1957. His career has been with Canadian Industries Ltd. (C.I.L.) in Eastern Canada, currently in Hamilton. His duties have been related to plant operations ranging from explosives to fertilizers and

chemicals. He married Gwyn Skaines of St. John's, Newfoundland, and they have three children: Drew, Ann Marie and Derek.

Dmytro passed away April 10, 1980.

Mary is presently living in Two Hills.

SOLODZUK, John and Mary (nee Eliuk)

John Thomas Solodzuk's first association with the farm located on SE 32-54-13-W4th, was in 1941, when he helped Carl Woychuk to harvest the crop by operating the power binder.

John, the oldest son of Dmytro and Mary Solodzuk was born in Hatfield, Saskatchewan. The family moved and lived in several towns in Saskatchewan, before arriving in Alberta and taking a more permanent residence in Morecambe and later Two Hills. In 1943, John helped operate the farm until he completed high school in 1946. Seasonally, he helped operate the farm while enrolled at the University of Alberta Faculty of Engineering from 1949-51. Because of health problems, John had to forego his university studies and became a farmer.

On October 24, 1953, John and Mary Eliuk were married in the Kaleland Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Mary was raised on a farm which was pioneered by her grandfather, Keriak Eliuk. It was located a mile north of the Kaleland Church. Mary, the seventh child of John and Mary K. Eliuk attended school at Hairy Hill, took a stenographer's course in Edmonton, and was employed at Cooper's Wholesale Company in Edmonton.

Mary and John Solodzuk, July, 1969

In the 1950s, one-room schools were still in existence, roads were snowbound during the winter months and travel was restricted to the horse and sleigh. The C.P.R. provided daily passenger train service and Highway No. 45 was the only gravelled and all-weather road connecting the urban centres. Gravelled rural roads, were practically non-existent, electricity on farms was virtually unknown, as were telephones and natural gas. Into this setting, John decided to bring the amenities of urban living into the rural scene.

In 1952, John and a few neighbors, started the Szypenitz Rural Electrification Association and the area was electrified in 1956, with 13 members in the Association. In 1957, he helped organize the Two Hills West Mutual Telephones Company, which was in operation until the Alberta Government Telephones laid lines in 1971. Five years later, natural gas lines were installed to serve the rural population with county gas. John was an active organizer in this undertaking.

The winter of 1955-56 was the most memorable one as everyone was snowbound practically all winter. Trips to the post office at Kaleland and for needed supplies to Two Hills were made on skis or by horse and sleigh.

On Christmas Eve (January 6, 1956), John and Mary walked eight miles to Hairy Hill over drifts that were five feet high. The return trip took them eight hours.

The Solodzuk farm and area were highlighted by the following improvements: electrification, television, telephones, and good roads. These brought an end to the

John and Mary Solodzuk with nephew Mike Kowalchuk, 1984

isolation which was until then, the scourge of rural living.

In 1958, a nephew, Mike Kowalchuk, arrived to live with John and Mary and resides with them until this day.

John and Mary continue to live on the farm and are involved in community affairs.

SOLOVAN, Andrew and Rose (nee Eluik)

Andrew Solovan, son of Kosten and Paraska (Vaselyk) Solovan, was born on December 13, 1891, in Sniatyn

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Solovan and their family, 1956. Pictured above are - Dick, Mary, Nick, Bill and Metro.

Zaluche, Western Ukraine. Kosten and Paraska had eight children: six sons, and two daughters.

Yotzo and John died in World War I and Mike died in Vancouver on December 13, 1976. Andrew and Nick moved to Edmonton; Metro still lives in Sniatyn Zaluche, and daughters, Nastia and Ann have passed away.

Andrew Solovan immigrated to Canada in 1910, at the age of 18. Coming West he worked in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan for a month. Later he was employed by the C.P.R. in Saskatoon for one year, and in Calgary for eight years.

In 1921, Andrew married Rose Eluik, daughter of Myketa and Mary Eluik, of Hairy Hill, Alberta. They farmed in the Two Hills area from 1927 to 1952. In 1952, they moved to Field, B.C., where Andrew worked for the government.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Solovan on their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and in-laws, 1971

Andrew and Rose Solovan have five children: Dick (Sullivan), Mary (Stefanetz), Nick (Sullivan), Bill (Sullivan), and Metro (Mitch) (Sullivan).

In 1959, Andrew and Rose retired to Edmonton.

Andrew, 92, and Rose, 83 years old, still live in their own home.

SULLIVAN, Bill and Theresa (nee Lotosky)

Bill, son of Andrew and Rose (Solovan), was born in 1930 in the Two Hills district. After receiving his education in Two Hills he farmed south of town. During the winter months he operated the dray business in Two Hills. Later, he sold the business and went to work for Base Metal Mines in Field, B.C., where he met Theresa Lotosky of Golden, B.C.

Bill and Theresa were married in 1952 and settled in Edmonton where he worked with Alberta Industries Ltd. In 1955, their daughter Jo Ann arrived, and in 1956, their son Stanley. Both children completed their education and worked in different fields.

In 1963, Theresa and Bill ventured into the hotel business at Breton, Alberta. In 1966, they invested in the York Hotel in Edmonton, which they sold and later bought the Cromdale Hotel.

In 1975, Jo Ann married Brian Christiansen, and in 1978, Stanley married Sandra Beckwith, all of Edmonton. In 1980, Jo Ann and Brian blessed us with our first grandchild, a girl, named Bree.

In 1981, Theresa and Bill sold their hotel business. Bill is presently employed at the Heritage Mall.

SULLIVAN, Dick and Eleanor (nee Tischer)

Dick, eldest son of Rose and Andrew (Solovan), was born in 1922, at Szypenitz, Alberta. He married Eleanor Tischer in August of 1953.

For 15 years, Dick was a taxi driver working for various companies. Later he was employed with numerous firms: a carpenter for two years, moving company for three years, Miller Stationers for three years, Alberta Government for five years, and Village on the Green for the last three years.

In 1960, Eleanor began working for the Aberhart Hospital where she is presently employed. She took a leave of absence when the last two girls were born, returning in 1969. Dick and Eleanor have five children: Bill, Rosemarie, Sandra, Anita and Heather.

Dick and Eleanor Sullivan with their children, 1981

Bill, of Delta, B.C., has one daughter, Janis.

Rosemarie and husband Arnold Fortur of Edmonton have three children: Sharon, Barbara, and Vincent.

Sandra and husband Peter Cooper of Ardrossan have a daughter, Carrie, and a son, Robbie.

Anita and daughter Amanda live in Edmonton.

Heather and husband Kip Shepard of Edmonton have a daughter, Candace.

Dick and Eleanor also raised a foster son, Harlen Tisher, who resides in Edmonton. They also have eight grandchildren who are their pride and joy.

SULLIVAN, Mitch

Mitch (Metro), son of Andrew and Rose (Solovan), was born in 1937 and spent 15 years in Two Hills on the

family farm. In 1952, he moved with his family to Field, B.C. Three years later, he returned to Edmonton to live with his brother Bill and Theresa. There he held several positions before joining an oil service firm. Bill has continued in the oil and farming business.

Bill married Shirley McDonnel of Rocky Mountain House and in 1960 they moved to Red Deer. They have two children: Michael, who is part of the family business, and Michelle, who works at a doctor's clinic.

Their hobbies include curling, golfing, boating and fishing when the time permits.

SULLIVAN, (Solovan) Nick

Nick Sullivan, son of Rose and Andrew (Solovan), was born in 1926 in Calgary and raised in the Two Hills area where he attended Two Hills School. On completion of his schooling he went to Field, B.C., where he worked in a mine for about seven years.

In 1949, he returned home and married Agnes daughter of George and Dora Logozar of Duvernay. Nick and Agnes moved to a farm of their own located between Hairy Hill and Two Hills where they farmed for about five years. They have one son, Richard Roy, who was born in 1951.

In 1955, the Sullivans sold their farm and moved to Andrew where they operated a food and locker plant. After selling their business in 1957, they moved to Edmonton, where Nick worked as a butcher at Safeway stores for two years.

Nick and Agnes Sullivan on their wedding day, June 17, 1949

Nick, Agnes, and Roy Sullivan, 1982

In 1966, Nick ventured into the hotel business, first the York Hotel, then, in 1968, the Cromdale Hotel which Nick and Agnes managed for 13 years. In 1981, Nick and Agnes sold the hotel and retired.

Their son Roy is teaching school in Edmonton.

SOLOWAN, Nicholas and Mary (nee Kolisniak)

by Ernie Solowan

Nicholas Solowan was born on November 11, 1894, in Zaluche, Horishne, Western Ukraine. He immigrated to Canada, arriving in Vegreville in May, 1910. At first, he worked at different jobs: farming, coal mining in Lethbridge and Edmonton, working on the railway and cooking in a lumber camp at Field, British Columbia. Nicholas obtained his citizenship in 1924.

As a carpenter, he helped to build Plain Lake Church, the Two Hills School and other buildings. While working in the Lethbridge hotel he learned English by conversing with a telephone switchboard operator.

Nicholas and Mary Kolisniak were married on November 21, 1928. I, the eldest son, was born on December 19, 1929; my brother Ronald on August 24, 1946.

After marriage, Nicholas was employed as a carpenter, and Mary operated the family grocery and candy store. In one-half of the store building, a Mr. Fedorchuk had a drug store. In the 1940s the drug store business was sold to Dick Geleta and the additional space was used by Nicholas for a butcher shop. A slaughter house, one mile north of town, where beef, pork and veal were prepared was also built.

Mary and Nicholas also served lunches to local farmers. Garlic sausage was fried on top of a pot-bellied stove and served with bread, mustard, and other foods,

such as sardines, bologna, pickled herring and large rounds of cheese. Their living quarters were above the store; here they lived for six years.

At this time, 1929, Nicholas purchased for $100. a 14-room house in Entwistle when the coal mine shut down. He took this house carefully apart and hauled the salvaged lumber to Two Hills. From this material he built a home, across the alley, east of the store. The only new material purchased was hardwood floors and the completed home was constructed for $900.

For many years, Nicholas and Mary followed "Sports Days" in different towns, with a hot dog, ice cream and candy concession. The ice cream was brought in from Vegreville and the required ice cut into blocks was hauled from a local lake during the previous winter and stored in sawdust. A walk-in electric cooler purchased in 1939, was a great improvement.

In 1945, the store was sold to Walter and Nick Chicklowski and the Solowans moved to Edmonton.

My memories of the store are sleeping under the candy counter, handling the gold and furs that dad traded with trappers for groceries, and the collection of firearms from local people. I also remember riding on the rear window ledge of the Plymouth coupe, travelling with my parents' concession. The Solowans took in all the dances they could attend, played hard at night and then worked even harder during the day!

Warm and happy memories of my youth in Two Hills include being surrounded by good people, and being rich in family, friends and activities.

SOROCHAN, John and Maria (nee Laschowski)

by William Sorochan

John Sorochan, one of three children, was born in 1860 in the Village of Nazirna in the Ukraine. He and his first wife, Pearl, had three children: Bill, Metro and Nellie, born in the Ukraine. Pearl died shortly after the birth of the last child. John then married Maria Laschowski and the union was blessed with four children: Peter, Michael, Anna and Alec, also born in the Ukraine.

Meanwhile John's sister, Helen, had married John Mandrusiak, and the Mandrusiaks immigrated to Canada in 1902. Now comfortably settled in Canada, they were lonely for their relatives and sent glowing reports of this new land. In 1904, the Sorochans sold their land and most of the chattels. Passports were obtained and necessary arrangements made for departure.

In May, 1905, they boarded the train with their seven children to Hamburg, Germany. A week later they sailed from Hamburg to England, and on to Halifax in a cargo ship. From here they took a CPR passenger train to Edmonton. While his family stayed at John Rudyk's place in Wostok, Alberta, John looked for a homestead. After searching on foot, he found a suitable place in the Musidora area, a quarter section of land on NW 6-54-11-W4th. John returned to Wostok to tell his family the good news. He described the beautiful location on a hillside with a pond below and an abundance of trees. Little did they know of the hardship that awaited them. The next day, John journeyed to Edmonton on foot to

John and Maria Sorochan, 1943

file application for the homestead.

When all was settled, John and his family were transported to Fred Nakoneczny's place by John Rudyk. Here the family lived until their own residence was constructed. John purchased an old stove, two oxen, two cows, a few chickens, a new shiny red wagon with a green box that included a spring seat, a new steel walking-plow and three harrows. He carved a wooden yoke and pole so that the young oxen could be hitched to the wagon, enabling him to transport home the livestock and machinery.

As other essentials were purchased, John realized the funds were running low, and the first crop would not be ready until fall. He worked in Edmonton for one week digging ditches. He also helped the neighboring farmers with harvest earning a two-bushel bag of wheat for one day's labour. That season he earned about ten bags of grain which was used for seed and flour.

As the family prospered, they built a barn and granary and purchased a team of horses. In 1910, a nice new two-room home with a thatched roof, was constructed.

At this time, most of the shopping and business transactions were carried out in Vegreville, a two-day journey by horses and wagon.

The family was blessed with more children in the ensuing years. Fred, Steve, Nick and George were born, bringing the total number of children to eleven.

A little white schoolhouse was built in the area and named Russia School. Later it was re-named Franko School after the famous Ukrainian poet and freedom fighter, Ivan Franko. A school board was formed with John serving as a trustee for a number of years.

John's sons helped to organize and build a community hall on land donated by Mike Sorochan and Helen Mandrusiak on adjoining property. The new log building was named Franko Hall. They also helped to form Franko North Star Ball Team which played on a ball diamond nearby. Many tournaments were held on Sundays and holidays that provided entertainment and

enjoyment.

George, the youngest son, and his family remained on the family farm and looked after John and Maria. John passed away in 1951, Maria passed away in 1961. Daughter Nellie died in 1962, Peter in 1966, William and Metro later.

John has left four generations of descendants numbering more than two hundred.

SOROCHAN, Fred and Ann (nee Golinowski)

Fred, the fifth child of John and Maria Sorochan, was born on the family homestead in 1907. He attended the Franko School three miles away. Due to the severe winter conditions and shortage of teachers, Grade I and II were taught for only three months during the summer. Grade III was taught for six months, and the older students attended school for ten months.

Fred remained on the homestead and farmed with his father and brothers. In 1927, he and his brother, Alec, purchased a quarter section of land three miles east of the homestead. In 1929, they bought a tractor and plow, plowed some land for themselves, and did custom work for neighbours at $6. an acre. In 1930, they built a house on their land. In 1932, Fred married Ann Golinowski.

Ann Golinowski was born in 1916, in the Plain Lake area. She attended Bushland School four miles from home, where her first teacher was Mr. Mike Poohkay. Ann had three brothers, Steve, John and Joe, and one sister, Irene. She was only two years old when her father died in a flu epidemic. Her mother died in 1953.

In 1933, with his brother, Alec, Fred and his wife moved to their new home. As time went by, they acquired six additional quarter sections of land. As the two families grew, they agreed to split the land in 1951 and Fred moved to NE 8-54-11-W4th. Here the family lived from 1951 to 1968, and farmed their land. In 1972, they sold their house in Musidora and purchased their present home in Two Hills. Their seven quarter sections were sold in 1975, when they retired.

Fred and Ann had seven children. The first two infants, Nancy and Paul, died during an epidemic. The eldest son, John, married Diane Hlus of Buczacz, Alberta. They have two children, Monica and Jason, and are presently living in Edmonton.

Ann and Fred Sorochan's 25th wedding anniversary, 1957

The second son, Mike, married Sylvia Harasym of Hairy Hill. They raised two children, Claudia and Brad, and are presently living in St. Albert.

Their daughter, Irene, married Art Lutz. They have three children, Tully, Todd and Tammy, and are presently living in Edmonton.

Emil, the third son, married Elaine Yacey of Myrnam, Alberta, and were blessed with three children, Curtis, Christie, and Lance. Presently they live in Two Hills.

The youngest son, Alfred, married Karen Hovelkamp of Elk Point. They have two children, Nathan and Nicole, and are presently living in Edmonton.

Fred and Ann Sorochan with their children and grandchildren, on their 50th wedding anniversary, 1982

Fred and Ann Sorochan were active in the community. Fred was chairman of the Franko School for 14 years. As a member of the Musidora Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church, he was president for two years and treasurer for eight years. They are also members of the Two Hills Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church. Fred is also an active member of the Two Hills Senior Citizens' Centre.

SOROCHAN, Emil and Elaine (nee Yacey)

Emil Sorochan, the third son of Fred and Ann, was born in July, 1945, in Edmonton, Alberta. He attended Franko School until the third grade. After centralization of smaller schools, he attended the Two Hills Elementary and High School.

Emil farmed with his dad and he worked at the Duvernay chemical plant. With the help of his dad, he acquired some land. In 1968, he married Elaine Yacey from Myrnam, Alberta.

Emil and Elaine lived in Myrnam for two years. Emil worked at the Chemical Plant and farmed at the same time. Elaine taught at the Derwent School. In 1970, they purchased their present home in Two Hills. Emil is presently engaged in farming, and Elaine is teaching at the Two Hills Elementary and High School.

Emil has been on the executive of the Morecambe Mustangs and played softball for them. He also enjoys playing hockey with the Two Hills Darts. Emil coaches minor hockey and minor baseball and encourages his son, Curtis, to participate in these sports.

Emil and Elaine Sorochan with their three children - Christie, Lance and Curtis, 1984

Emil and Elaine have three children: Curtis, born in 1973; Christie, in 1976; and Lance, in 1983.

SPEERS, Charles and Stella (nee English)

Charles Wesley Speers was born on February 3, 1880, in Owen Sound, Ontario. In 1903, he came West and homesteaded in the Lanuke district. He married Stella May English, born on June 11, 1884 in Brandon, Manitoba. In 1916, the Speers sold the homestead to Stella's father, Sam English, and bought Hans Peterson's farm bordering Ben's Lake. Their post office was Warwick at the time.

After World War II, the Speers family sold their farm to Stella's brother, George English. They then retired to an acreage at Coquitlam, B.C. and took with them many happy memories of Lanuke and Ben's Lake.

Stella and Wesley Speers, 1957

Evelyn Allore on her 57th birthday, July 31, 1962, and Frank Allore shovelling snow, 1965

Daughter Evelyn lives in Edmonton. Her husband, Frank Allore, passed away on March 19, 1982. The Allore family consists of four children: Lorraine married Stanley Headrick, and lives in Vancouver; Raymond Allore is a high school teacher in Edmonton; Stella married William Hart and lives in Calgary; and Jennie married Douglas Cowan and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Charles Wesley Speers passed away June 19, 1959, and Stella on August 6, 1971.

STEBLYK, Peter and Mary (nee Iskiw)

Peter Steblyk was born in 1887, in the Village of Bilavci, District of Brody, Ukraine. He arrived in Halifax, Canada, in 1912, after a two-month sea journey on a Western Pacific steamer. From Halifax, he travelled to Mundare, and worked for a Siracky family for a number of years. Later he worked for J. Laniuk, on his farm south of Two Hills. Mary was born in Bodury, District of Brody, in 1903. She came to Canada in 1906, with her mother, Pearl, and lived with their uncle Peter Iskiw of Mundare.

Enroute to Canada, Mary found a little hole in the ship and exclaimed, "The ship is leaking." She splashed in this water and showed the leak to the ship's captain. Mary remembers the captain showering her with many gifts for this discovery.

Mary and her mother remained in Mundare for about a year. Later her mother worked as a housekeeper for Alex Prymak of Two Hills.

Mary attended Pobeda School, but only on rainy summer days, as her help was expected on the farm and Alex was not enthusiastic about schooling. In winter, while helping to cut wood, Mary froze her feet, and for this she suffered a long time.

Mary remembers the arrival of Indians every spring to hunt muskrats. She became interested in their work and learned to skin muskrats herself. For helping Indian women, she was rewarded with a pair of beaded moccasins and a jacket.

In 1918, she married Peter Steblyk. They lived with her

Peter and Mary Steblyk's 35 wedding anniversary, 1953. Front row - Mary and Peter Steblyk with David Steblyk and Morris Dulaba; back row, (L to R) - John, Mary, William holding Oresia, Anne Steblyk, Mike and Anne Dulaba.

family until Peter bought the farm (SE 16-54-12-W4th) from Alex. They raised a family of two sons and one daughter: John was born on January 15, 1919; Bill on March 20, 1921; and Ann on April 27, 1923.

Son John married Mary Zatorski on May 29, 1947, and they have three children: David, Lester, and Lillian.

Bill married Anne Humeniuk on September 23, 1950, and the union was blessed with four children: Oresia, Roseanne, Vicky, and Randy.

Anne married Mike Dulaba on January 4, 1943, and they have two sons, Morris and Jack.

There are now 11 great-grandchildren in the family, some living in Camrose, Sherwood Park, Edmonton, Redwater, and Kelowna, British Columbia. God bless them all.

Peter and Mary lived on the farm until their retirement to Two Hills in 1952. Peter passed away September 6, 1954. Mary worked in the Two Hills Hospital for a while. She passed away on April 4, 1971.

STEBLYK, William and Anne (nee Humeniuk)

William and Anne were born in the Two Hills area. Their growing-up years were similar to everyone else's: walking nearly three miles to school (William to Pobeda, and Anne to Hamburg) and helping with the chores. Walking five to eight miles to the Saturday night dances and the Sunday picnics was not unusual. William remembers stooking for 75¢ a day and working at Mundare for $35. a month.

On a lovely fall day, September 23, 1950, William and Anne were married in the Plain Lake Church. They lived on the family farm, SE 16-54-12-W4th, with William's parents for two years. When his parents moved to town, William took over the family farm.

William and Anne continued farming, gradually changing from horse drawn machinery to tractor drawn equipment complete with swather, combine and baler. In 1956, the Steblyks acquired an adjacent quarter of land.

William and Anne raised three daughters and a son and enjoy their six grandchildren. All four children attended and graduated from Two Hills School. A local teacher,

William and Anne Steblyk and family, 1984

John Buk, taught William and then many years later taught his son Randy. The children are all married with families of their own.

Oresia and Conrad Rosichuk and their two children, Pamela and Shawn live in Redwater.

Roseanne and Barry Hlewka and their two children, Keith and Kerry, reside in Edmonton.

Vicky and Robert Brownlee and son Zane are in Sherwood Park.

Randy and Anna (nee Skubleny) and son Ryan reside in Mundare.

William and Anne semi-retired to Two Hills in 1980. William still farms his land and Anne is a part-time employee at the Senior Citizens' Lodge.

STEFANETZ, Kiriak and Domnica

In the early 1900s, Kiriak and Domnica Stefanetz and their three children: Gregory, Anitza, and Mary heard of the great farming future in Canada. Arriving in Canada, they settled on a quarter section in Boian, the present site of Boian Church. Later they lived five and a half miles north of Two Hills.

Due to ill health, Kiriak and Domnica retired and encouraged their young son, Gregory, born in 1886, to start a life of his own. Anitza married N. Dronyk and settled in the district. Mary married Mr. Romanko of Boian.

Kiriak passed away on May 27, 1908, and Domnica on March 2, 1936. They were laid to rest at the Szypenitz Cemetery.

STEFANETZ, Gregory and Veronica (nee Holowaty)

Gregory Stefanetz married Veronica Holowaty in 1914.

They had the following children: Floyd, born on March 20, 1915, married Mary Solowan; Helen, born July 27, 1916, married John Dubitz (deceased); Katie, born May 30, 1918, was wed to Bill Toma (deceased); Mary, born December 4, 1919, married Bill Lakusta; Dora, born October 21, 1921, married Dan Lakusta; Victoria, born August 7, 1923, (deceased) wed Steve Yarmichuk; Elizabeth, born April 25, 1924, (deceased)

Gregory and Veronica Stefanetz, 1934

married Mike Smoliuk; Ann, born June 7, 1925, married Bill Dwernichuk (deceased); Medoria, born March 18, 1929, married Andrew Eluik; Rose born February 5, 1932, married Steve Kozicki; George, born November 27, 1934, married Mary Tkachuk and Nick passed away at birth.

As the children grew up, they all helped to make the farming operation a success. The land was all cleared by hand and oxen. Many a trip was made to deliver grain to Vegreville and at times groceries were brought home. Cattle were also driven to Vegreville. Even though the family was large there was still room for hired help.

Veronica, after a short illness, passed away on November 10, 1935, at age 43. Gregory continued to be a devoted father, and along with the older children, carried on.

George, the youngest one, stayed with his dad on the home place and took over the farming operation in 1952. A year later, he married Mary Tkachuk and continued farming.

Gregory died at the Two Hills Hospital on August 26, 1957, at the age of 68. He was laid to rest beside his wife, Veronica, and son Nick who passed away at birth.

Pictured above are Father Gregory with daughters Mary, Dora, Elizabeth, Medoria and Rosie, 1938

George and Mary Stefanetz family, 1977. (L to R) - George, Dale, Ricky, Debbie, Mary and Bryant.

George and his wife continued to live on the homestead until 1959, when they moved north of Hairy Hill, in the Shalka area, where they are living at the present time.

George and Mary are proud parents of one daughter, Debbie and three sons: Ricky, Dale, and Bryant, who will proudly carry on the Stefanetz name.

STEFANETZ, Floyd and Mary (nee Solovan)

Floyd was born on March 20, 1915, in the Duvernay area, and was raised on a farm five miles north of Two Hills. This home has been relocated to the Ukrainian Village near Elk Island Park. Floyd received his education in Duvernay and worked on his father's farm. Mary was born in Calgary on September 21, 1924. Later her parents moved to a farm two and a half miles northeast of Two Hills (NW 10-55-12-W4th).

After completing her Grade VIII in Two Hills, Mary was employed in her Uncle Nick Solowan's grocery store and butcher shop.

In 1940, Floyd and Mary were married at Szypenitz Church. Floyd acquired his first farm, SW 31-55-12-W4th, by 1936. Mary and Floyd moved to the farm of Floyd's father for the first year. They experienced hardships as Floyd's mother had passed away. Floyd did

Floyd and Mary Stefanetz, 1942

not serve in the war as there was a large family to care for: nine sisters and one brother.

In 1941, Floyd and Mary moved to the quarter section which Floyd had purchased five years earlier. Their home was a small, 500 square foot, one-room building with mud walls. The next six years brought little improvements to the farm.

In September, 1945, their daughter Judy Anne was born. By 1952, additional land was purchased, NW 30-55-12-W4th, but this did not improve their lifestyle as the land was not productive. In 1957, Floyd and Mary moved to Field, B.C., where they were employed at various jobs.

Their second daughter, Shirley Sharon, was born in 1961.

Later the family moved to Edmonton where Floyd found employment with the Government of Alberta and Mary with the Beverly Crest Hotel, where she presently works.

In 1969, Judy married Dennis Rench and they reside in South Edmonton.

Shirley married Billie Barys of Chipman in 1982. They reside in Fort Saskatchewan.

Floyd and Mary Stefanetz family, 1983. Back row, (L to R) - Dennis and his wife Judy Anne (daughter), Mary, and Floyd; front row - Billie and his wife Shirley and Sharon (daughter).

STEFIUK, Fred and Katherine (nee Nikiforuk) (Fedorovich)

Fred Stefiuk, who was born February 28, 1899, in the Village of Rusiv, Ukraine, immigrated to Canada July 13, 1928. Arriving in Edmonton, he then went to work in the Drumheller coal mines until 1931.

Katherine Nikiforuk who was born February 15, 1900, in the District of Sniatyn, Ukraine, married Joseph Fedorovich in 1918, and raised two girls: Bernice (Bronislava) born in 1922, and Phyllis (Teofila) born in 1924. The family immigrated to Canada in 1926, and settled two and one-half miles southeast of Two Hills where Joseph worked as a blacksmith. Joseph was killed in a horseback riding accident in 1930.

Joseph and Katherine family, 1926. (L to R) - Katherine, Bernice, Phyllis, and Joseph.

Fred Stefiuk moved to Two Hills in 1932, where he met Katherine Fedorovich. After they were married they farmed two miles east of Two Hills where a family of three boys was raised: Ernie, 1933; Walter, 1935; and Emile, 1937. When Katherine became ill in 1937, and was confined to hospital, Fred continued to farm and look after the children.

Katherine returned to the farm in 1948. Eighteen years later, Fred and Katherine retired to Two Hills where they bought a home.

Fred and Katherine are in good health at ages 85 and 84; both belong to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. They have nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Bernice, who is unmarried, lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she is a registered nurse.

Phyllis, also unmarried, lived in Edmonton for many years and was a hairdresser. She now lives in Two Hills.

Ernie, born June 21, 1933, attended Two Hills Public

Fred and Katherine Stefiuk family, 1976. Standing, (L to R) - Ernie and Phyllis; seated - Walter, Fred, Bernice, Emile, and Katherina.

and High Schools and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1952, at St. Jean, Quebec. At London, Ontario he took an officer's training course. After brief stays in Moose Jaw, Trenton, and at the Cold Lake Air Base, he transferred to Vancouver in 1960.

Ernie married Bernice (nee Hodge) of Grenfel, Saskatchewan, and had four children: Randy, Sherill, Darla, and Barbara. All of them are married. Ernie and Bernice who are now semi-retired, and live in Vancouver, have eight grandchildren.

Walter, born on April 18, 1935, attended Two Hills Public and High Schools. After completing his schooling and brief stays in Yellowknife, he travelled to Australia for two years. Returning to Canada in 1959, he settled in Toronto and completed his Airline Transport Pilot's license. He flew professionally as an executive pilot, and later as an airline pilot. Walter is married to Ann (nee Schmidt) of Chatham, Ontario, and they have two children: Alison Katherine and Brent Fredrick.

Emile, born on April 14, 1937, attended school in Two Hills. In 1954, while on construction for WC Wells, he met Stella (nee Morowski) of Innisfree, Alberta. Stella and Emile were married in 1955, and farmed with Emile's dad a year later. They then moved to Edson, where they both worked in a lumber camp. In the fall of 1956, they returned to Two Hills. Emile then found work in Uranium City while Stella remained on the farm. Returning in the spring of 1958, Emile worked for M & B Construction and the County of Two Hills. In 1966, he took over his father's farm. Stella and Emile had four children: Allen, Terry, Dale, and Deborah. They lost Dale in a boating accident in 1970.

Emile and Stella Stefiuk's family at Allen's wedding, 1978. (L to R) - Terry, Deborah, Allen, Gloria, Stella and Emile.

After attending welding school, Emile and his son, Terry, operated their own construction business. Stella works in the Eagle View Nursing Home. They have three grandchildren.

Allen married Gloria (nee Charuk) of Vegreville and they raised one daughter, Nadine.

Terry married Jennelle (nee Duperron) of Willingdon; they have a girl and a boy, Amanda and Jordan.

Deborah married Jerry Laschowski, and they live in Two Hills.

STEINHAUER, Ralph and Isabel (nee Davidson)

Ralph Steinhauer's reminiscences of the early Two Hills area include the following recollections:

"My first memories of the Two Hills area go back to about 1910, when I used to travel between Saddle Lake and Vegreville. Vegreville was the nearest railway station that would take us to school at Red Deer. Two Hills was the overnight camping site on the meadow flats near the two hills. Most noticeable at this time was the ranching carried on by such old-timers as Fife, Forbes, and English. Another was seeing the new immigrants improving their land, sometimes teaming a horse and a cow hitched to a walking plow. Indian people used to wonder how the "new people" would manage as they watched men, wormen, and children working together in the fields.

On our return from school in 1914, we noticed a difference. More fences and road allowances were built, and fences appeared everywhere. I didn't see much of Two Hills after that, perhaps once a year on the way to Edmonton while helping my dad to haul produce. There were always more improvements every time I passed through the district. I have recollections of the railroad grade being built, the train arriving in 1927, and Two Hills becoming a village. Since 1929, I have hauled grain to Two Hills and after the bridge was built, Two Hills became our trading centre. I was a member of the Elks, the Chamber of Commerce, and helped organize the United Church congregation in the early 1960s.

Ralph Steinhauer was born June 8, 1905, at Morley, Northwest Territories; three months before Alberta became a province. When Rahph was three years old, the family moved to their home reserve at Saddle Lake. Ralph attended the Indian Residential School at Red Deer for several years. Later, he attended schools at Doucet, Roseneath, Villette and Stry. In 1920, he and his older sister went to Brandon, where they enrolled at the Indian Residential School for three years.

After returning from Brandon in 1923, Ralph helped his dad on the farm in summer, and worked in a general store and post office in Vilna during the winter. This store was the hub of business activity in the town. The

post office and the central telephone were located here, and farmers came to cash their grain tickets.

Ralph learned to speak Ukrainian while attending school at Stry, and this was a great help in his work in Vilna. He was often asked by the early settlers to explain their business letters and to draft replies.

Ralph and his team helped with the harvest for several seasons in the Duvernay and Two Hills district, as well as in Southern Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Steinhauer, the former Isabel Davidson, was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1905. In May, 1921, she arrived in Edmonton, with her mother. After finishing high school, she took a business course and found employment in a bank in Provost. From 1926 to 1927, she attended Camrose Normal School. After graduation she taught primary grades in Vilna.

In the fall of 1927, Ralph met Isabel and they were married in November, 1928. During the first winter, they lived with his parents on the farm at Cache Lake. Ralph worked for two months in a lumber camp north of Goodfish Lake Reserve, sawing lumber to build a house. In the spring of 1929, the Steinhauers moved onto their own farm on the south side of the Saddle Lake reserve. That summer they lived in a tent and granary near the fields which Ralph broke in 1927 and 1928. When their first daughter, Muriel, was born during the summer, Ralph's dad and uncle helped him start the construction of a two-room house.

Because of drought that summer, the wheat yield was only seven bushels per acre. Market prices dropped and the Steinhauers had their first taste of depression. Since the new house was not ready for occupancy, another winter was spent with the parents at Cache Lake. Ralph worked part of the winter in a logging camp, sawing lumber and selling it to obtain money for living expenses. Next spring, the family moved to their two-room house which was home for many years. Water had to be hauled from the neighbors until a well was dug.

In May, 1931, the second daughter, Doreen, was born, and the following year, Kathleen arrived. That fall the house was moved near the new well site and the days of hauling water by team were over. At this time Ralph was elected to the Saddle Lake Band Council and this commenced his many years of involvement with Band affairs.

In the years that followed, people experienced hardships during the Depression. However, there was the bright side of life as well. People gathered at picnics and weddings during the summer, and visited one another during the winter.

In 1937, the fourth daughter, June, was born. That same year, the older girls left to attend the Edmonton Indian Residential School. When the three Steinhauer girls returned home from school in 1940, their mother taught them for two years. They then attended the Ducols School at Bonnyville.

The 1940s saw the Steinhauer farm expand to include a large acreage broken by John Chrapko. While brother Herbert was in the air force, Ralph operated his farm as well.

Son Kenneth, who was born in 1945, attended Champlain School for two years and then was transferred to the school in Two Hills.

When the farmers of the Champlain district formed a local of the Alberta Farmers Union, Ralph became an active member. After amalgamation in 1949 with the United Farmers of Alberta, to form the Farmers Union of Alberta, Ralph served as president for two years. In 1950, Ralph helped to organize the Champlain Rural Electrification Association and in 1954, electric power was installed on the farms of the Champlain and Brosseau areas. Ralph assisted in the organization of the Brosseau Mutual Telephone Association in 1960, and in 1963, the telephones were installed.

Ralph was persuaded to run as a Liberal candidate in one election when only a Conservative had a chance of winning. The election was a disaster politically, but gave Ralph much experience in public life. He was a member of the Centennial Conference from 1964 to 1967, and travelled to different parts of Canada, in that capacity. In 1967, he was appointed to the Order of Canada, and in 1972, he became an officer of the Order.

From 1966 to 1969, Ralph was chief of Saddle Lake Band. At the end of his term, he retired from Saddle Lake politics. He joined the Indian Association staff, set up Alberta Indian Development System (A.I.D.S.) and worked for them for four years, retiring in 1973. In the fall of that year, he was appointed to the Northern Alberta Development Council, but was obliged to resign in 1974, since he was appointed Alberta's tenth Lieutenant Governor. In honor of that appointment, the community of Two Hills held a testimonial dinner for him and his family.

The Steinhauer family's Golden Wedding Anniversary was celebrated in the Two Hills Centennial Hall in 1978. The years of friendship with the people of Two Hills has left the Steinhauer family with many fond memories.

STEPUSHYN, Alexander and Barbara

Alexander Stepushyn was born in 1874, in the Village of Panikovitsia, County of Brody, Western Ukraine (Halychina). He married Barbara Chyl who was born in the same village in 1876.

Because of economic oppression, the family immigrated to Canada in the early 1900s. After crossing the

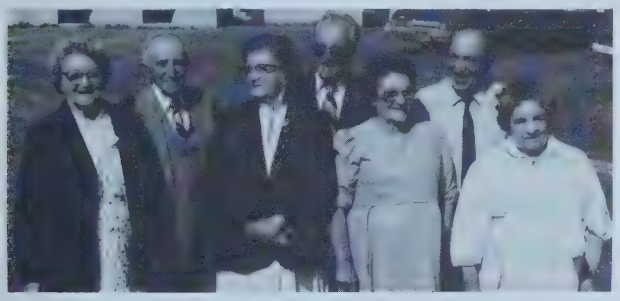
Alexander and Barbara Stepushyn with daughter Pauline going to church in a homemade sleigh, circa 1910

Atlantic in 16 days, they landed in Halifax. Following immigration inspection, they boarded the train to Strathcona (Edmonton). For some time Alexander, Barbara, and their three young children: Michael, Mary and John lived in Beaver Lake area with some family friends. Alexander found employment around Edmonton and after earning some money he staked out a homestead (NW 14-53-12-W4th) to be close to his friends, the Kariam and Skoropadyk families of Plain Lake.

The Stepushyn family, like all the pioneers, had to survive the ordeal of breaking the land with oxen, living in a sod hovel and depending on nature to survive. Berries, nuts, partridges, rabbits and fish were plentiful in those days. Later the family acquired horses, a cow and other domestic animals. A larger log cabin was built and the farming operations expanded.

Alexander would often travel to Edmonton to obtain the essential food necessities such as salt and sugar.

In order to satisfy their spiritual needs, Alexander and his neighbors took part in construction of the Plain Lake Ukrainian Catholic Church and served in it for many years.



Family reunion, August, 1983. Front row, (L to R) - Mrs. T. Bilyk, Mrs. Anne Spak, Mrs. P. Batiuk and Miss Patricia Stepushyn; back row - John, Peter and Anton Stepushyn.

Alexander and Barbara had ten children who held a family reunion in Plain Lake in 1983.

Michael and Mary passed away; John, of Plain Lake married Nancy Stepushyn; Annie, of Vegreville married Eli Spak and raised six children; Margie (deceased), of Lavoy married Mike Wicentowich and they had two children; Tillie, of Lavoy married Paul Bilyk and they raised three children; Peter, of Inwood, Manitoba, married Mary Kostyniuk and they were blessed with three children. Anton lives in Plain Lake. Pauline and Patricia were twins: Pauline, of Hilliard married Matt Batiuk and they have three children; and Patricia is living in the Mundare Senior Citizens' Lodge.

Barbara Stepushyn died in 1935 and Alexander in 1940. They are interred in the Plain Lake Catholic Cemetery.

STEPUSHYN, John and Nancy (nee Wispinski)

John Stepushyn, born on January 3, 1902, came to Canada from Western Ukraine (Galicia), with his parents, Alexander and Barbara Stepushyn. He farmed on the homestead until just a few years ago, when he retired.

In 1925, John constructed a log house on a cement foundation. As a result of a few renovations, the house is still being used today.

John was a skilled blacksmith. People from far and near brought their plowshares to be sharpened by him. He also served the local parish priest as a sexton.

Nancy (nee Wispinski) and John Stepushyn, circa 1930

John married Nancy Wispinski, daughter of Dmytro and Ahaphia Wispinski, in Mundare, on October 27, 1936. He would often say jokingly, "It was my lucky day. For five dollars I got a dishwasher, washing machine and a record player." Nancy was actively involved in community affairs such as the Ukrainian Catholic Ladies' League and often served as master of ceremonies at weddings and other banquets.

At the present time John lives with his younger brother Anton. Nancy passed away on May 24, 1974, at the age of 58.

STOSKI, Dmytro and Olena (nee Kullik)

In 1906, Dmytro and Olena immigrated to Canada from Berlin, District of Brody, Central Ukraine.

Fascinated by stories of the wonderful, rich, open country with plenty of firewood, Dmytro and Olena and their infant daughter, Mary, decided to leave their friends and relatives and board a ship to face the unknown. While boarding, the officials did not permit them to take their possessions on the same ship. As a result, they waited for their luggage in Halifax for two days; however, the second ship never arrived. That first experience was very painful and the loss was great, for they lost the little they had. Dmytro's greatest loss was his bugle (he was a bugler in the army) and violin.

Arriving at the Alberta home of brother Tom Kullik and his wife Malanka, they learned of more sad news - brother Tom was accidentally killed and buried two days before their arrival. Fortunately, they knew some kind friends, Frank and Katyryna Petasky, with whom they stayed until they were able to get shelter of their own.

Dmytro Stoski soon found work on the construction of

Dmytro and Olena Stoski family, 1924. Back row, (L to R) - Peter, Nick, Dmytro, Olena, Pearl, and Annie; front row - Hope and Lena.

the High Level Bridge in Edmonton. A year later, he was able to buy a homestead in the Plain Lake area, SW 28-53-12-W4th, for $10. A one-room log house with a prairie soil furrow for a roof, was soon built. A cow was also purchased.

Dmytro came home every two weeks from his construction job. After two years in construction, he found work on the railway at Ranfurly, only 19 miles from home.

In 1914, the Stoskis obtained a Canadian Pacific Railway quarter of land with a down payment of $600. future payments of $200. a year. They built a two-room house, in which they lived until their passing.

Dmytro and Olena were blessed with eight children. Their great desire was to give their children the opportunities that they had been denied. All the children took their schooling at Krasne School. However, due to hard times the older children received only limited education. The older sons, John and Nick, aged 12 and 14, had to go to work, helping neighbors with threshing and brush cutting.

John Stoski, circa 1930

In 1929, Dmytro passed away, leaving Olena with seven children.

Olena had a heart of gold and shared her valuable time helping others. She was known as a great midwife in the community, delivering more than 50 infants. As a result she experienced many sleepless nights. She also was a head cook in community activities such as weddings.

Olena died in 1942. She was survived by three sons and four daughters.

STOSKI, Nick and Pearl (nee Mandrusiak)

by Nick Stoski

Nick Stoski was born in 1912, in the Plain Lake district. He took his schooling at Krasne, which was two and a half miles west of his home. From 1920 to 1929, the school had six different teachers. In 1929, his father passed away and his mother was left with seven children. Nick had to quit school and help his brother on the farm. He also took odd jobs, such as drilling water wells for five cents a foot, if he struck water. If the well was dry, he didn't get anything. Working on a threshing crew with a team of horses and hayrack, would earn him $1.50 a day.

In 1937, Nick left home and opened a poolroom in Musidora. This is where he met Pearl Mandrusiak, whom he married in 1939. In the spring of 1940, they sold the poolroom and moved to Morecambe, where a chop mill was operated.

Being a music lover, and having played different instruments since the age of 12, Nick decided to form an orchestra. The only way to travel at this time was with a team of horses. There were times when it was 25 degrees below zero, as they went to play at dances where they were paid 75¢ to a dollar for the evening. After all these years, Nick is still playing with the same orchestra.

In 1942, the chop mill was sold and the Stoskis moved to Two Hills. Here, Nick rented a garage and operated it for a year. He then got a job with the Crown Lumber Co. for $60. a month.

In 1947, Nick was transferred to Lac La Biche to work for the same company. The Stoskis missed their family and friends, and in 1950 moved back to Two Hills. Nick took a job as a bus driver for the Two Hills School Division. In 1952, he got a job with the British American Oil Co. which he held until his retirement in 1978.

In his spare time, Nick built and sold homes in order to pay for his own home. Pearl kept boarders and painted homes so that they could send their children to university. Later she got a job as a janitor at the County office. After eight years, she took a job with the Treasury Branch, and kept it until her retirement. She has been a member of the Ukrainian Ladies Club for 40 years, and a

Nick and Pearl Stoski family, 1985

member of the Canadian Legion for 33 years.

The Stoskis were blessed with three children: Judy, Johnnie and Kenneth. All took their schooling in Two Hills. Both Judy and Kenneth graduated from the University of Alberta with degrees in education.

Judy married Bill Kotylak. They have two sons, Trevor and Lindsey, and the family resides in Edmonton.

Johnnie took a business course at N.A.I.T. He married Sharon Aabak. They have a daughter Corrie and a son Jason. The Stoskis live in Morinville, Alberta.

Kenneth married Lorette Bautin, and they have two sons, Ian and Robert. The family resides in Westlock, Alberta.

SYMBORSKI, Joseph and Pearl (nee Predyk)

by Shirley Chrapko (granddaughter)

Joseph Symborski was born on August 17, 1902. Pearl (nee Predyk) was born on February 26, 1912, at Plain Lake. Joseph and Pearl were married in Mundare on August 17, 1929. They had 12 children:

Mildred, who married William Chrapko, resides on a farm near Vegreville. They had four children: John, Lillian (deceased), Shirley, and Lorne, as well as two grand-daughters.

Bill married Ann Senko and resides in Calgary. They have three sons: Barry, Brian, and David.

Mike and his wife Mary (Skolski) reside in Mannville. They have four children: Donna, Marjorie, Allan and Rose-Ann; and three grandchildren.

Zinnia and her husband, Alex Bateman, live in Olds, Alberta. They have four children: Lorraine, Ken, Jackie, and Patrick; and one grand-daughter.

Jeanette married Eugene Woywitka and resides in Edmonton. They have five children: Lynn, Robert, Kimberly, Jeffery, and Tommy Joe; and one grandson.

Phyllis, who married Bill Repchuk, resides in Edmonton. The Symborski family has three children: Christy-Lee, Shawn, and Pamela.

Edward was killed in a car accident in 1962.

Leon married Shirley Kotowich and resides in Edmonton. The Symborski family has three children: Christy-Lee, Shawn, and Pamela.

Angela married Eugene Procinsky and the family lives in Edmonton. They have one daughter, Janice.

Joseph and Pearl Symborski family, 1977. Standing, (L to R) - Phyllis, Mike, Zinnia, Leon, Darlene, Terry, Angela, Wayne, and Jeannette; seated - Mildred, Joseph, Pearl, and Bill.

Joseph and Pearl Symborski's 50th wedding anniversary, 1979. Pictured above are four generations. Seated, (L to R) - Joseph and Pearl (holding great-granddaughter Jennifer Chrapko); standing - Mildred (daughter), John Chrapko (grandson) holding great-granddaughter Maria.

Terry married Valerie Wolinski and resides in Ardrossan. They have one son, Kelly.

Darlene married Jim Lutyck and lives in Two Hills. The Lutycks have one daughter, Jolene.

Wayne married Sylvia Timoshenko and resides in Edmonton. They have one daughter, Carmen.

Joseph Symborski passed away on November 3, 1981, and is buried in the Plain Lake Cemetery. Pearl Symborski resides at the Parkview Manor in Vegreville.

TARKOWSKI, Gregory and Alexsandra

by William J. Yaremko and Bill Tarkowski

Gregory and Alexsandra Tarkowski (nee Ostapchuk) of Sokol, Ukraine, immigrated to Canada in 1912, with their family, Nick and Julia Rurka (nee Tarkowski), and Kost and Mary Opalinski (nee Tarkowski). The family journeyed on a steamer from the Ukraine to Halifax and then by train to Calgary and on to Strathcona (South Edmonton).

At the Land Titles Office in Edmonton, Gregory was informed that land was still available in the Bushland (Musidora) district where he purchased SE 30-53-11-W4th for $10.. Gregory then hired a horse-drawn wagon driver, for $4., to take the family and their possessions, which consisted of two tents, food and tools. The 90-mile trip on trails and across fields was rough and tiresome.

During the first year, the Tarkowskis and their sons-in-law erected a three-room (14 x 40 feet) log house, plastered with clay. The roof was thatched with bundles of long hay, and the floor was made of a smooth clay and sand mixture. There was a 4 by 8 foot fireplace in the kitchen which was part of the chimney. It was constructed of three inch up-right willows and plastered with a clay, chaff and water mixture.

Gregory was a skilled blacksmith which proved to be beneficial on the homestead. In the spring of 1913, he erected a log blacksmith shop on his farm yard where he sharpened plowshares, at 15 cents a share. At that time he

Justine Tarkowski standing with daughter Emily, and son Walter; seated - Grandma Alexandra, 1942.

was the only blacksmith between Vegreville and Vermilion.

In the fall of 1914, he bought two oxen and a breaking walking plow. On the two acres of land that were broken that year, oats and wheat were seeded by hand and threshed with the help of friends. Within six years, Gregory owned four horses and a fine line of machinery: a John Deere breaking plow, 10 foot shoe drill, 6 foot John Deere right hand binder, 3 John Deere harrows, 6 foot single disc, high gear wagon and box, sulky plow and a bobsleigh. In 1920, a modern three-room home was built.

The Depression years were difficult for the Tarkowskis. They lived on food such as wild ducks, geese and fish that were plentiful in the Plain Lake area. Their main source of income was from blacksmithing and mixed farming.

Gregory and Alexsandra raised five children: Frank, John, Julia, Mary and Kathy. Frank married Kate Kachmar; John married Justine Romaniuk; Julia was wed to Nick Rurka; Mary to Kost Opalinski and Kathy to John Yaremko.

The Tarkowskis lived a happy life. They were good citizens of their community and members of the Catholic Church at Plain Lake.

Gregory, who was born in 1859, passed away 1943, at the age of 84. Alexsandra, (Ostapchuk) born in 1864, passed away in 1941, at the age of 77. Both are buried at Plain Lake Ukrainian Catholic Church Cemetery.

In 1943, the homestead was taken over by their son, John Tarkowski.

TARKOWSKI, John and Justine (nee Romaniuk)

by Bill Tarkowski

John, the youngest son of Gregory and Alexsandra Tarkowski, was born at home in Plain Lake on September 15, 1913. He started school in Mundare where his father worked. When his dad quit working in Mundare, John went to school at Plain Lake. He would walk two and a half miles everyday.

In 1935, John married Justine Romaniuk, twin sister to Olga Kachmar and daughter of John and Anne Romaniuk of Myrnam. The Tarkowskis continued to farm the homestead and look after John's parents. Justine, a very dedicated wife and daughter-in-law, looked after her in-laws as if they were her own parents. Gregory and Alexsandra died in her arms.

Justine and John Tarkowski, 1935

To supplement his farm income, John started bee-keeping in 1937. He extracted honey and sold it in neighboring towns and villages. Beekeeping came very naturally to him as he was one of those who could work without a mask and without any protection. Few bees stung him. At present, John assists his grandson, Richard, in bee-keeping.

John was well-known throughout the district for his trapping skills for over 30 years. When people had problems with beavers, they would call on John to trap them. Game wardens knew about his skills; hence they would authorize him, year-round, to trap animals that damaged farmers' lands.

When his sons were old enough to look after the bee operation, with minimum supervision, John went to work on road construction. He worked on Highway 36, when it was under construction and for many years he was a flagman.

John and Justine are retired and living on his parents' homestead.

John and Justine were blessed with seven children:

John and Justine Tarkowski family, 1984. Back row, (L to R) - Bill, Orest, Marshall, Walter and Johnny; middle row - Emily, Anne; front row - Justine and John.

Emily was born August 16, 1937. In 1956, she married Emil Kitt, son of Carl and Francis Kitt of Myrnam. They have three sons and one daughter: Ernie, Errol, Eric, and Elaine. Ernie and Errol are both married. Errol has a son, Lee. Emily is presently working for the provincial government in Edmonton, where the entire family resides.

Eldest son, Walter, was born February 28, 1940. In 1960, he married Shirley Franko, daughter of Peter and Anne Franko of Beauvallon and to this union were born five sons: Michael, David, Richard, Glen, and Clarence. Walter and his family reside on a farm, two miles from John and Justine's home, and he is presently farming with his third eldest son, Richard.

Johnny, who was born on January 8, 1942, married Elsie Poliakiwsky, daughter of Peter and May Poliakiwsky of Mannville, in 1966. They have two sons, and one daughter: Darren, Dalene, and Dion. Johnny is self-employed and owns a cabinet making company called Pride Oak Kitchens of Edmonton. The family resides in St. Albert.

Orest was born February 19, 1944. In 1965, he married Elizabeth Wirsta, daughter of Nick and Anastasia Wirsta of St. Paul. They have two sons, and one daughter: Michelle, Kevin, and Ryan. Orest is an electrician, employed as a foreman by Edmonton Power. The family resides in Edmonton.

Anne was born on March 16, 1946, and in 1972, she married Tony Signorini, son of Renato and Malda Signorini of Yellowknife. They have one son and one daughter, Kent and Lisa. Anne, a registered nurse, is Director of Nursing at Grimshaw where the family resides.

William (Bill) was born March 17, 1951. In 1973, he married Roberta Weir, daughter of Barney and Giselle Weir of Duvernay. They have three daughters: Gayle, Heather, and Frances. Bill is employed by Westmin Resources as a senior operator. In 1983, Bill was elected to the Two Hills Town Council. The family resides in Two Hills.

Marshall was born on July 16, 1957. He is single. Marshall, an electrician, is a foreman for Highline Electrical Contractors. He is presently in charge of the electrical work on the expansion of Vermilion College.

TASCHUK, Peter and Maria (nee Kereliuk)

by John Taschuk

Peter Taschuk was born in 1877, in Bukovina, Ukraine, then part of the Austrian Empire.

At the age of 24, he left his village of Shypynci, to seek his fortune in Canada. In 1901, he homesteaded on SW 34-55-13-W4th (now owned by Harry Verenka). In 1903, he married Maria Kereliuk, the oldest daughter of Peter Kereliuk, a neighbor.

Because the many settlers who came from Shypynci, Bukovina, settled in one area, the district was named Szypenitz.

The first supplies of flour, salt, sugar, and other necessities were available only in Edmonton, a distance of about 100 miles from Szypenitz. The rest of the food was produced in the garden.

In 1905, the Canadian National Railway town of Vegreville became the family's shopping location. A return trip to Vegreville took two days at that time.

Six children were born into the family, four girls and two boys. The girls died during the flu epidemic in 1911, and Maria died after a lengthy stay in the hospital. The boys, Elias and John, became school teachers. Elias taught school, mostly in the St. Paul district and retired in 1967.

John also taught school but joined the army in 1942, and served as a Sergeant-Major (C.S.M.-W02) until his discharge in 1946. He then joined the staff at Gainers Ltd. In 1932, John married Hazel Preston and raised two daughters, Nova, and Iris. Nova married Dominique Chomel, but after being divorced, she lives in Toronto.

Iris married Emilo Gioia and they live in New York. They have three children: Niccolo, Susanna, and Sabina.

Retired in 1972, John resides in Edmonton.

TAYLOR, Robert and Christibel (nee Monkman)

by Helen Littlechild

Robert Taylor was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on May 23, 1873.

Christibel Taylor (Monkman) was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, on January 14, 1874.

Robert and Christibel were married at Clover Bar, Alberta, on July 19, 1893. They lived at Prince Albert until 1899, coming west by ox-cart with their family and belongings, to the Whitford community. Grandfather filed for a homestead at Whitford. He built a log shack with a sod roof and used moss to fill the open beams. Finding out that Mr. A.M. Bouthillier had filed for the same land in Winnipeg, Robert and his family then moved east of Tom Watt's in the Ben's Lake district, where they homesteaded. When the land was cleared they grew grain, planted a garden, raised cattle, hogs and chickens. All the settlers in those days worked hard and helped each other during haying and harvesting seasons.

Robert and Christibel raised a family of ten children, but two passed away at an early age. Grandmother operated the post office at Wattsford for 20 years. When the railroad went through Two Hills in 1927, my aunt, Edith Taylor, carried the mail on horseback to the

66th wedding anniversary of Christibel and Robert Taylor, 1959. Christibel is Monkman's daughter and Helen Littlechild's grandmother.

residents of Kaleland. In 1929, the post office was moved to the hamlet of Kaleland; Basil Theroux, George Bourget and a Mr. Redelle, were carriers who brought the mail from Vegreville to all service centres north of St. Paul, by stagecoach, later by truck.

In the early 30s the Greyhound bus travelled from Vegreville to St. Paul. The Taylor's door was opened to all; their hospitality was unbounded and those that stopped there, never forgot these friendly people. I recall hearing tales of a Corporal Harvey Brooks, North West Mounted Police, who stayed there for days, while attending to his duties in the district. Others made welcome, were the new immigrants, who got off the train in Vegreville or Lavoy and walked north looking for work.

The pioneers were very enterprising in their habits and they were good providers. Grandmother would sell one can of cream, and the next one would be made into butter for the winter. It was put away in earthenware crocks. The eggs were put in brine and stored for future use. The men would hunt for geese, partridges and rabbits. They would butcher a hog or a steer for their winter's supply of meat. The pioneers would exchange wheat for flour, bran and cream of wheat at the Vegreville Flour Mill. Wild berries were picked in the summer and preserved as jam or fruit for the winter. This work was all done before the cold weather set in.

In July, 1943, Robert and Christibel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on their old homestead. In 1945, they retired from their homestead with many happy memories to cherish of their golden years. Their 60th anniversary was celebrated at the home of their grandchildren, Clifford and Helen Littlechild of Whitford. Rev. Hooper of Vegreville presented them with diamond rings as a memento in a lifetime of fulfillment. Mr. and Mrs. John Decore attended and presented them a scroll from the Premier. Their 68th anniversary was celebrated at the home of their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rainbow of Edmonton. This happened to be Old-Timers' day at the exhibition and Mrs. Kay McKenzie of Vegreville took them to the fair where they appeared on television, and were honoured with a pass from Mayor Roper of Edmonton. The 72nd, was their last celebrated anniversary attended by their family and friends.

They passed away on April 5, 1966, within an hour of each other, in a citizens' home in south Edmonton. They were laid to rest at the Soda Lake Cemetery, with Father Alcock officiating. They left to mourn their loss: two sons - Glen and Tommie, five daughters - Mrs. Eva Simpson (my mother), Mrs. Mary Nelson, Mrs. Nettie Hellerud, Mrs. Pearl Bourget and Mrs. Edith Morgeson, - also 47 grandchildren, 150 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren - many nieces, nephews and friends.

TERESIO, Mike and Katerina (nee Woynarowich)

by Edward and Mary Teresio

Mike Teresio was born a twin in the Shehini village near Peremyshl, Ukraine. He had three sisters whose married names were Novokowsky, Chuzowsky, and Kushzowsky. Mike married a girl whose surname was Waynarowich but she died young, leaving him with three small children: Peter (six), Andrew (three), and Francesca (ten months). He then married his wife's sister, Katerina, and they raised three more children: Anna (John) Hollick, Mary (Nick) Kuzio, and Bill (born in Canada in 1906).

Mike and Katerina Teresio, circa 1910-1914

As related by Mike and Katerina, to the younger generations, they worked very hard for the wealthy landowners, in their homeland. For this they received a mere pittance, and much abuse. Being fed up with their miserable life, they sold what property they owned and in 1903, sailed for Canada, arriving in Halifax. Then they boarded a train to Winnipeg and after staying at the Immigration Hall for a while, came to Strathcona (now Edmonton), and then to the Lanuke district, south of the present town of Two Hills. Their friends, John and Mary Soldan, made their stay welcome till they purchased their own homestead, SE 20-54-12-W4th.

Mike and Katerina endured their first summer in a teepee-type lean-to, covered with layers of branches. Hordes of mosquitoes made it very miserable for all.

Mike Teresio, 1920

Smoke screens made it very miserable, too, but the screens made from green foliage, gave temporary relief to humans and animals. Their hardships and struggles for existence were familiar to all homesteaders.

Michael and Katerina Teresio with grandsons Nazar, Oscar and Oliver, 1929

In the winter of 1919, following the drought, Mike froze his feet while travelling long distance for livestock feed. When gangrene set in, he lost one leg and hobbled on crutches for a year, before losing the other leg. The following 17 years of his life until his passing, were spent in a wheelchair and in bed. His wife Katerina, predeceased him by two years.

TERESIO, Peter and Maria (nee Draganiuk)

by Edward and Mary Teresio

Peter Teresio was born on July 15, 1886, in the Village of Medyka in the Ukraine, where he attended school. In 1903, at the age of 16, he came to Canada with his parents, Mike and Katerina Teresio. He helped his parents with the back-breaking work of clearing land for planting grain and garden. Later, he left home to earn extra money at various jobs such as mining, constructing railways, road building, and ranching.

On February 14, 1914, he married Maria Draganiuk of Slawa district. Maria, daughter of Harry and Kalyna Draganiuk was born in the Village of Wolkhiwtsi, County of Sniatyn, Western Ukraine, on March 15, 1897. Maria's father came to Canada by himself and eventually, was able to send enough money to his family for their passports.

Peter and Maria settled on their own homestead, NE 20-54-12-W4th, where they were blessed with 4 children: Andrew, Olga (Medard) Brunelle, Zinnia (Charles) Tymchuk, and Edward. In 1934, they suffered a terrible blow; Andrew, in his 19th year, lost his life in an accidental tragedy while performing in a play, "Taras

Peter and Maria Teresio (nee Draganiuk) wedding at Mike and Katerina Teresio's home, February 14, 1914

Peter and Maria Teresio with children Andrew, Edward, Zinnia, and Olga, circa 1928

Bulba'', in the Plain Lake Hall.

They were both very active in the farmers' progressive struggles, and their lives revolved around the cultural and social activities in their local Lanuke Hall.

In 1946, they moved to the Town of Two Hills where they both worked at the Two Hills Municipal Hospital; Maria in the laundry room, and Peter as a janitor, gardener, and boiler man, all rolled into one. They were both avid gardeners; Maria excelled in her flowers, also in her numerous handicrafts, none too difficult for her busy hands.

Peter passed away in 1979, and Maria, who had moved to the Hillside Senior Citizens' Lodge, passed away in 1982. They were fortunate enough to have had the privilege of celebrating 65 years of married life.

TERESIO, Edward and Mary (nee Tomyn)

by Edward and Mary Teresio

Edward Teresio, son of Peter and Maria Teresio, was born on August 24, 1921. He attended Lanuke and Two Hills Schools. Some of his teachers were Mrs. English, Miss Sherstianko, Miss Powell, Mr. Semenchuk and Mr. Nick Myskiw. As a young man, Edward worked on his father's farm, and at Swifts Packing Plant in Edmonton.

On June 23, 1945, he married Mary, daughter of Harry and Annie Tomyn of Plain Lake. Mary had attended Plain Lake School completing her Grade XI. Her teachers were William Tomyn, Pearl Podealuk and William Kindrachuk. Mary enrolled in a nurse training course at St. Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville, after which she engaged in some private home-nursing in Edmonton and at Lloyd Moore's place, south of Lavoy. During the war, she travelled to Ontario, where she did some more private home-nursing. She also worked at a resort hotel in the Muskoka Lakes area before returning to Alberta.

Edward and Mary Teresio on their honeymoon, June 26, 1945

In 1946, Peter and Maria Teresio moved to Two Hills and Edward and Mary took over farming operations. They owned a Model T car which had no heater.

Edward worked the land with horses until 1947, when he bought his first tractor, an International 10-20. A pull-type Case combine was purchased in 1952. Ed bought a gravel truck in 1967, and worked for M and B Contractors for the first 7 years. Later he worked for Twin Lakes of Vegreville. Moving to Two Hills in 1974, he retired from farming and now relies solely on trucking for a livelihood.

While farming, Edward was active in the local farm organizations. First he was involved in the F.U.A. (Farmers' Union of Alberta) and later, the N.F.U. (National Farmers' Union) and attended some of their conventions. The Two Hills Farmers' Union of Alberta local was very active in the 1960s often holding card parties, picnics, and platform dances. Edward was also active in the A.U.U.C. and in the Co-op movement, being a director of the local Co-op Board, later known as the Vegreville and District Co-op.

Iris, Edward, Mary, Helene, and Betty Teresio — January — 1957

Edward and Mary raised a family of three daughters: Iris, Helene and Betty.

Iris and George Dame of Edmonton have three children: Maria, Joanne and George. Iris is a stenographer, having attended McTavish Business College. George is a school teacher. His first school was in Wembley in the Grande Prairie area. For the last 16 years George taught in Edmonton.

Helene and Harry Meyers have two children, Jason and Kelly. They both went to NAIT (Edmonton). Helene took food processing and Harry studied instrumentation. They own a market garden in Cochin, Saskatchewan, and have joint ownership in the Barrich Potato Growers Farms in Outlook, Saskatchewan.

Betty and Bob Blad bought the original Peter Teresio homestead, (NE 20-54-12-W4th). Betty took up Horticulture at Olds College and Bob is a carpenter by trade.

Through their company, "The Bamiyan Enterprises", they contract to build bins, feeders, and sheds, for the United Farmers of Alberta in Two Hills and various outlying points. They both enjoy hunting and fishing and are active in the local Fish and Game Association.

Additional highlights in the lives of Edward and Mary were: two auction sales, moving to St. Paul and then back to the farm, the hooking-up of power to the farm and the welcome sight of the bulb lights, installation of a deep-well water to the house, their move to Two Hills, their first new home, and now the enjoyment of their grandchildren.

TERESIO, William and Rosie (nee Levitski)

by Edward and Mary Teresio

William Teresio, youngest son of Mike and Katherina Teresio, was born in 1906, on the homestead, SE 20-54-12-W4th, south of Two Hills. His birth was assisted by a midwife.

William attended the original Lanuke School, where through the efforts of teacher Mrs. English he completed grade school. He took his high school in Vermilion and his Normal School in Camrose. After graduating as a teacher, he taught in several rural schools, including Hillock and Myrnam.

William married Rosie Levitski and they had two children, Edward and Anita.

Bill Teresio's family - Edward, Anita, Rosie and Bill, circa 1953

He was active in such Ukrainian organizations, as the AUUC, the former ULFTA. In 1947, he was elected national president of this organization, and moved to Toronto to work in the head office.

William passed away suddenly on January 6, 1954, at the age of 47.

Edward and Yvonne have two children: Billy and Karen.

Anita and Stu Shoemaker have two girls: Laurel and Sarah. They all reside in Toronto. Edward's work involves T.V. commercials and promotions. Anita is a registered nurse.

TERLESKY, Dmytro and Mary (nee Hyduk)

by Bessie Uniat (daughter)

Dmytro Terlesky born in 1877, in Kalnykiv, Mostiska, Galicia, was the first child of a family of five, born to Sam Terlesky. In 1898, he enlisted in the Austrian Army for four years. Arriving in the New Kiew district in 1906, he worked as a laborer for Jacob Yuskiw.

In 1907, he married Mary Hyduk and the couple moved to the Buchach district, about 15 miles north-west of Innisfree.

For two years they lived in Mike Lukasevich's dwelling, before purchasing a homestead, SW 56-28-12-W4th. Dmytro received his Canadian citizenship in 1908, and farmed all his life.

Dmytro and Mary Terlesky with Steve Tarapaski, circa 1927-1932

The Terleskys were fortunate to have four children: Steve, Bill, John, and Bessie. My brother, Steve, farmed with our parents. After marriage in 1930, he has lived in Edmonton. Steve has one son who is married and lives in Ontario. His wife, Anna, passed away in 1973, at the age

Dmytro Terlesky's homeplace, 1975

of 62.

Brother Bill farmed all his life on Dad's homestead. In 1970, he passed away suddenly at the age of 58.

My brother, John passed away as an infant.

I, Bessie, worked hard with my parents and was educated in the Buczacz School. I married Steve Uniat in 1941. We have one son, Gary, who at the present time (June 11, 1983) is married and lives in Edmonton.

Dad was never hospitalized in his life, except for six months before his death in 1942, when he passed away at the age of 65.

Mother, at 74, passed away suddenly in the local hospital.

THEROUX, Noe and Clemence (nee Laboucane) THEROUX, Joe and Martha and Laurette

by Andy Gorgichuk

Noe Theroux came to Wetaskiwin in 1900, from Edwidge, Quebec. In 1903, he married Clemence Laboucane, and settled on a homestead (SW 24-54-14-W4th) in the Warwick district.

Their first children, a set of twins, died in 1904. Alphonse, Joe and Rose followed. The Therouxs, who were Roman Catholics, were faithful to their church.

Noe, being a self-taught carpenter, broke the land and erected his own buildings. He broke horses and raised cattle. Hay on the Vermilion flats was plentiful, and claims in those days were determined by the first pass of the mower.

Noe's place, called Halfway House, offered rest for weary travellers. Here, the mail-carriage horses, on their way to Duvernay, Lafond and finally to St. Paul, were changed.

Noe's son, Joe, was born in 1908, in the Warwick district. He was delivered by a midwife. He attended old Hairy Hill School until the age of 15. Then he worked for neighbours, mainly for Bob Watt, operating the threshing machine in the fall. Noe became a self-educated mechanic and carpenter.

On October 14, 1936, Joe married Martha Volk in the Vegreville Catholic Church. They settled on the SW 18-54-13-W4th, raised hogs and operated a small dairy.

They had two daughters: Eva born in 1938, and Marie in 1945. Both attended school in Two Hills. Choosing nursing for their vocation they trained in the Vegreville General Hospital and General Hospital in Edmonton.

Joe and Martha retired in 1973 and moved to Vegreville. In 1979, Martha died in a truck accident on Highway 36. She will always be remembered for her artful collection of 1400 pairs of salt and pepper shakers. These are tabulated and stored in a glass cabinet, made by Joe. Martha also had a collection of buttons and napkins. She was an artist in modelling and displaying small artifacts.

On February 20, 1982, Joe married widow Laurette Killaly. Both are enjoying their retirement by visiting old and new acquired friends.

THEROUX, Roland and Irene (nee Bradshaw)

Roland Theroux, the youngest child of Emery and Louisa Theroux, was born on a farm in the Ben's Lake area in September, 1924. He went to school there for a few years, then later continued his education in Vegreville.

There he met Irene Bradshaw, who attended the same school. They were married in November, 1946, and lived on a farm in the Ben's Lake area. Their daughter, Ilene, was born in February, 1950.

In September, 1950, the Therouxs bought their first school bus and moved to Two Hills. Their son Eric was born in March, 1952. In September, 1952, Irene started driving their second school bus. Besides driving the buses, they shared hauling the mail to St. Paul, selling propane, and hauling gravel. In May, 1973, they purchased another truck and started hauling drilling mud to oil rigs. As time went on, they bought more trucks and trailers and to this time do a variety of things relating to trucking and selling propane.

After Roland had driven the bus for 23 years and Irene for 25 years, son Eric took over the bus business. A couple of years later, the buses were sold and Eric started trucking with his parents. Eric married Dianne Yettaw in May, 1971, and they have two children: Nadine and Tyson.

Ilene graduated from Two Hills High School, then went to a business college in Edmonton. After that she worked in a bank.

Ilene married Nick Chrapko in August, 1969, and lived and worked in the city for a while, before moving back to Two Hills. She worked in the Two Hills Treasury Branch until Nicole arrived. Then Shawn arrived and finally Rick followed. Nick has his own truck and works for C.I.L.

TKACHUK, Meron

by Nick Tkachuk

Meron Tkachuk immigrated to Canada from Luzan, Bukovina, Ukraine, in the early 1900s. Five brothers, a sister and their mother were finally reunited in Canada.

Two brothers, Olexa and Ilia homesteaded in the Soda Lake district, just west of the present site of Hairy Hill. That locality was known as "Eagleki", the name derived from the Eagle Municipality 545. Later it was known as the Pruth district. This name was selected because most of the homesteaders came from a part of Bukovina which bordered on the Pruth River.

Ilia Tkachuk opened a small general store in the Pruth district, and when the C.P.R. came through he relocated his business to Willingdon. He managed the business with success until his death. Six boys and three girls were born into the Tkachuk family. Dr. Manoly Lupul, of the University of Alberta, is the son of the eldest Tkachuk daughter. There were five boys in the Olexa Tkachuk family. Nick and John were known for their work in Municipality. John was a councillor in the Eagle Municipality and later a councillor and reeve in the Two Hills municipality. His younger brother, William, was the assessor in the same Municipality. Metro and Meron

Tkachuk homesteaded in what is now known as the Kaleland district. In the early days it was known as "Farmilia".

Metro Tkachuk's family consisted of five boys and two girls. One of the boys, John, managed the Massey Harris agency in Two Hills for many years.

His younger brother, Meron, was known and respected for his pugilistic prowess in his prime years. Later he served on the school board of the Kaleland School district. He was also on the executive of the Kaleland Community Hall, and is best known for ably and very successfully managing the Kaleland baseball team. The team chalked many victories from Two Hills to Myrnam. They were also victorious at Saddle Lake and St. Paul De Metis as it was once called. The team also won many games at Hairy Hill, Willingdon, Whitford, Andrew, Vegreville, Vermilion, and Clandonald. The Anthony Hlynka M.P. cup was lost and won many times.

One of the Tkachuk brothers, Michael, did not like the harsh Canadian winters. Having earned some money he returned to his native land in 1908. Some of his descendants are living there now.

The only sister in the Tkachuk family was married to Harry Berezka, who lived in the Moose Lake district. The Berezkas had a family of two boys and three girls. One of the boys, Bill, was a railroad foreman and worked out of Hillard. Another daughter married Wasyl Zadimirski of the same locality. Their daughter married James Cousens, the school teacher in the local Moose School. He became the Dean of Lethbridge University.

Meron Tkachuk, the youngest of the five brothers homesteaded on the SW 4-55-13-W4th adjacent to that of his brother, Metro. Meron married Marafta Choban in 1907 and raised five boys and three girls.

Two of the boys, Nick and Sylvester taught at Kaleland, Hairy Hill, Desjarlais, Shandro, Ispas and Pruth. Sylvester and his wife, Mary (Pawliuk) of Ispas, had three boys. See history (Nikolia and Elena Pawliuk).

Nick moved to Ontario in 1948. He and his wife, Rose (Mazar) of Kaleland, managed a grocery store for seven years. Having sold their business, Nick went back into education, first as Head Master at the Guelph Reformatory, then a grade teacher at the Bill Cairn Memorial School. Later he was appointed head of science department, then the mathematics department in the Bennetto Senior Public School in Hamilton. He has retired from teaching and now lives in Burlington, Ontario.

One of their children, Norman, is in the oil business in Calgary as president of the Atlantic Energy Corporation of Calgary. He and his wife Pat, and their two girls, Kim and Shelley, live in Calgary, Alberta. Norman's sister, Elaine, lives in Stoney Creek, Ontario, with her husband, Willis, who works for Dofasco. They have two children: Murray and Tricia.

One of the daughters, Stephania (Mrs. Harry Eliuk), won the Governor General's Proficiency Medal for high marks in Grade VIII in the Wattsford School. Her teacher was Margaret McPherson (Mrs. Bob Watt).

Another daughter, Jennie, and her husband, Orest Arechuk, managed a general store in Hairy Hill for 43 years and now are retired in Vegreville.

Meron Tkachuk worked for Tom Watt, a prominent rancher in the district. He learned much from Mr. Watt about farming, management, and life in general. In time, he had enough cultivated land and stock to work on his land and ended up with four and a half quarters.

Meron and Marafta Tkachuk, 1937

Meron was instrumental in the erection of the St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, later known as the stone church. The project was very difficult. Field stones which were very plentiful, had to be hauled in by team and wagon. Squaring of logs, and woodwork such as framing and shingling was done by members without pay. A stone mason had to be hired, however, to cut the stones and construct the walls. A Vegreville blacksmith named Osaski, constructed the domes and the iron crosses which had to be hauled in from Vegreville by sleigh. Everyone was a willing worker in the church building project. Meron was on the church executive for many years. It was his duty to report to the Department of Vital Statistics records of interments in the cemetery. He was one of the last very few to take his place in the cemetery besides that of his sons and his mother.

In 1926, Meron was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Wattsford School District 1609, succeeding Robert Watt, the son of Tom Watt for whom he worked many years ago. In those days the secretary-treasurer was responsible for setting a tax rate, collecting taxes, advertising for teachers and looking after the financial end of the school operation.

With the coming of the C.P.R. a new community was being established. The ratepayers asked for a larger school and one that was closer to the growing town of Kaleland. A site was chosen, a mile and a half south of Kaleland. Meron then became very involved with the construction of the two-room school. This required many meetings with the trustees, namely William Choban and Stefan Eluik. The school was later named Kaleland S.D. 1609. The old school was demolished and the lumber was used to build a two-room teacherage.

About this time there was a renaissance of Ukrainian nationalism and culture in the community. There was a strong request for bilingual teachers who were hired to teach Ukrainian reading, writing, singing and dancing. The growth of Kaleland continued rapidly. At its height there were five elevators, a stockyard, two general stores, one garage, one barber shop, a blacksmith shop, a post office, and an implement shop. When the community required a meeting place, Meron spearheaded a movement to build a community hall. The original members contributed much of their time and money to the cultural life of the community. So it was with the church, the school and the community hall, where many concerts, debates and plays were staged.

Today it is sad to note that now there is only one person living in the only house in Kaleland.

Meron Tkachuk was also a road foreman for many years, organizing the farmers for their annual road work, or working for pay on government grants.

He built a house in Hairy Hill and there he and his wife retired. He died in 1965 and was buried in the Cemetery of the St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church, Kaleland, Alberta.

TKACHUK, Marafta (John Choban Family)

by Nick Tkachuk

Meron Tkachuk's wife was Marafta Choban, who lived about five miles west of the present town of Two Hills. As a young girl she lived with her parents, three sisters and one brother in a "burdei", a large dugout, parts of which were constructed of logs and covered with prairie sod. It was cool in summer and quite cozy in winter. The family slept, cooked and ate here. The sod dugout accommodated a table and a "shparhut" (a stove top worked in with clay) on which the family cooked their meals.

Marafta used to help her father, John Choban, a carpenter by trade, to build log houses for the homesteaders in the vicinity. The log building on Oksanty Gorgichuk's homestead was built by John Choban and his daughter Marafta for the goodly sum of $22. Constructed about 1906, it is still standing there.

Typical burdei.

Oksanty's brother, Stefan, occupied the farm across the road from the Kaleland School. It was later farmed by the Towpich family, and now is operated by John and Rose Grekul, Marafta's grand-daughter. On this farm one may find a log chicken coop. This was originally Stefan's $22. house, constructed by John Choban and his daughter Marafta.

The original Choban homestead is owned by George Choban's widow. Two of George's brothers, Mike and Orest live in Two Hills.

Included in this article is a photograph of the house where Marafta was born in Shypynci, Bukovina, in the Ukraine, in 1891. It was situated close to the Prut River. The sunset is the western sky taken from Marafta's house in Hairy Hill. A professional artist combined the two with her picture in the background. Marafta lives in the Vegreville Auxiliary Hospital. Three daughters call on her quite often. Her son lives in Ontario. Marafta has 22 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A painting of Marafta (nee Choban) Tkachuk overlooking her childhood home in Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine, with an Alberta sunset in the background.

Marafta often recalls some of the highlights of her long life on the two continents. She remembers the last meal that her mother prepared for the family. She also remembers the neighbors and friends who came to bid them farewell, and wish them a safe voyage to Canada. There were many embraces, kisses and tears, as the entire family - father, mother, four girls and a boy - said their last farewells to their friends and their home in Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine. They knew that it was unlikely that they would ever return. Marafta and her family were transported to the Nepolokiwtsi train station by wagon then by train to the port of Hamburg in June, 1902.

The voyage out of Southampton, England, on the S.S. Hamburg of the Cunard Lines was long, monotonous and frightening. It seemed as if the huge waves would engulf the ship at any time. After a week at sea, huge

icebergs were sighted and increased the danger to the tiny craft. Most of the people were sick and the ship reeked with the stench of sea sickness. After 11 days, land was sighted and everyone felt very much relieved.

From Halifax there followed a long train ride through the rocky, forested regions of Quebec and Ontario. There was a short stop in Winnipeg where many immigrants disembarked. The final stop was Strathcona, South Edmonton.

Marafta relates that her father supervised the construction of a scow in which to float down the Saskatchewan River with all their belongings and hopefully locate a homestead. Living near the Prut River, he was well versed in the construction of water transportation. He had often seen "Hutsuls" floating down the Prut River on logs, and peddling homemade articles to sell along the river.

Other settlers wanted to join the Chobans. Among them were the Sherstankas, Rosychuks, Taschuks, Pashniaks, Leontys and others. All loaded the trunks and other belongings on a scow and floated down the Saskatchewan River.

Finally they arrived at Pakan, their destination, on July 12, 1902, which was the St. Peter and Paul holiday. Marafta recalls that they were greeted by clouds of blood thirsty mosquitoes and that it rained for three days. Everything was wet as there was no roof over their heads.

Word was soon sent by a foot messenger that the contingent had arrived. Soon their acquaintances came, loaded the Chobans in wagons and took them to the homestead of Paraftey Choban's son located near the present site of Szypenitz Church. Paraftey arrived a year earlier after completing his service in the Austrian army.

Mr. Choban built a "burdei" on his son's land and here the family lived for the next two years, while the father searched for a homestead. Marafta recalls somewhat bitterly that the established homesteaders asked the Choban girls to help in digging up the virgin prairie soil, in which to plant potatoes and telling them that they need the potatoes for the winter. Yet when the potatoes were harvested, the Chobans did not receive a single potato for their help.

Finally, John Choban bought a homestead just west of the present site of Two Hills. At once he started excavating and building another "burdei" for his family.

Marafta spent another two years in the new "burdei" until she married Meron Tkachuk in 1907. Meron had a homestead of his own and a two-room house on it. Only one room was habitable, however, while the other room sheltered their only cow.

Marafta recalls how difficult it was to mow hay for Mr. Pozer, a rancher and postmaster of the Pozerville area.

While working for Mr. Pozer, she was asked to mow some hay. In doing so one of the mares hitched to the mower backed into the machine and cut her leg very badly. Marafta felt very sorry for the mare and her orphaned colt, when Mr. Pozer brought out his Winchester and shot the animal.

Marafta relates how food was sometimes obtained by the early homesteaders. Once when her husband was away at work, she placed a sheaf of oats on the snow and set a steel, leg-held trap under it. Sharp-tailed grouse (prairie chicken) were quite plentiful, at that time, and Marafta would have a plump grouse for soup and meat. Ruffed grouse (partridge) were also easy to obtain. A dog would flush them up a tree or sapling and a long stick with a twine snare on the end brought them down. If the sapling was thin and no snare was at hand, one simply moved around the tree while dogs barked. The bird would get dizzy and down it would come.

Berries, like strawberries, raspberries, cranberries, chokecherries, pincherries, and especially the saskatoons were a popular form of food. Mushrooms such as the early morrels or the late "pidpenki" were relished when in season.

Immigrants were advised to bring their shotguns, powder and shells when coming to Canada as ducks, geese, prairie chickens, partridges, snowbirds and snowshoe rabbits were very plentiful. When they ran out of lead shot, small pebbles were used in shotgun shells. Rabbits and snowbirds were snared and occasionally, deer were shot. Marafta recalls how her younger brother, Wasyl Choban, was loading shells while smoking and accidentally caused an explosion. Windows in his home were blown out and his face and hands burned. As a result of his injuries he was taken by horse-drawn wagon to the Vegreville Hospital. However his burns were not so severe as suspected and he pulled through nicely.

Marafta often wondered what happened to some of her or her husband's kinfolk who used to spend the winter with them. When there was no work to be found and no place to live, they would locate a relative, friends, or acquaintance with whom they would spend the winter. Some winters they would have as many as four visitors crowded into a two-room house. They were willing workers, however, and helped around the house, or hunted game birds and animals.

Pioneer homes which were built of logs required mud plaster. Clay had to be brought in by wagon, or if the homesteader was lucky, he might find suitable clay on his own land. The clay was mixed with straw in a pit to the depth of a spade blade. Then water and more straw were added and the pioneers mixed the three ingredients with their bare feet.

Marafta also recalls the hillsides being yellow from all the buffalo beans, which she picked to make the yellow dye for coloring "pysanke" (Easter Eggs).

Dwellings on homesteads were usually located near a creek, lake, river, or a slough. Wells, four feet square, were dug by hand. At first these were lined with stone or with peeled poplar rails; later board cribbing was used.

Each pioneer community was fortunate if there was a midwife in their midst. The midwife's fee was usually a whole dollar for bringing the young one into the world, as well as for caring for the rest of the family for a few days.

Marafta remembers running to a store managed by Mr. Shoff. This store was near the present site of the Two Hills Airport.

Fear of prairie fires which could destroy all straw-roofed dwellings on the homestead, were also a concern. Furrows were plowed around dwellings as a necessary precaution.

In winter, heavy snows and 60 degrees below zero temperatures made life very difficult, but everyone persevered and survived in the harsh land.

TKACHUK, Bill and Bessie

by Rose Grekul

Bill Tkachuk, born on December 28, 1908, was the first son of Meron and Martha Tkachuk (nee Choban).

Bill married Bessie Lakusta on August 3, 1933. The Tkachuks resided about two miles south of Kaleland Church.

Bill and Bessie Tkachuk, married August 3, 1933

Four children were born to the Tkachuk family:

Mary who was born on October 25, 1934, married George Stefanitz of Two Hills. They are now in the Hairy Hill area.

Bill and Bessie Tkachuk with three of their children - Mike, Mary and Rose, 1949

Rose was born July 21, 1937, and married John Grekul of Two Hills.

Mike was born November 9, 1942, and married Stella Grabas of Vegreville. They are now residing in Calgary.

Gloria, who was born November 16, 1949, married Robert Anderson of Rimbey, Alberta. They now live in Calgary.

Some of Bill's favorite pastimes were hunting, fishing and family gatherings. He also was in charge of a threshing crew for neighbors in the area.

Bessie passed away in 1955.

Bill passed away September 17, 1966.

TKACHUK, Steve and Helen (nee Myroniuk)

by Helen Tkachuk

Steve and Helen (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Myroniuk), were married on September 9, 1943, in the Szypenitz Church. Steve was still in the forces then, serving in Canada for six years. In 1945, after the war, they lived on Steve's father's homestead (Meron and Marafta Tkachuk) on SW 4-55-13-W4th.

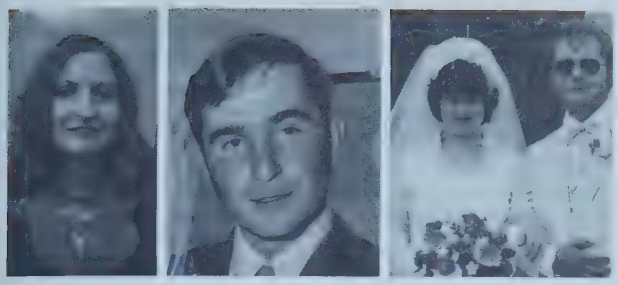
Steve and Helen Tkachuk on their wedding day, September 9, 1943

Their start, which was meager, consisted of two horses and a walking plough to clear the land for their first garden. They lived in a two-room house which was shared with Steve's brother, Peter and his wife Elizabeth (nee Mereshka). Later they bought their own land south of Vegreville.

For a few years, transportation was with horse-drawn vehicles until an old car was purchased. Like everyone else, they raised hogs, chickens and milking cows. Another quarter of land was purchased across the road (SE 5-55-13-W4th) in 1950.

In 1954, the Tkachuks bought a new tractor and cultivator, and in 1956, a new car was purchased. In 1959, they started building a new home, mostly through their own labor. In 1961, they moved into their new home, even though it was not completely finished.

Three children: one girl and two boys were born into this family.



Diane Tkachuk, David Tkachuk, June (nee Kully) and Dwayne Tkachuk, 1982

Diane was born on June 2, 1944. She graduated from Two Hills High School in 1962. After attending University for two years, and teaching for two years, she worked in the correspondence school. After two more years of University art studies, Diane taught art at the Edmonton Roslyn Jr. High School. Since then, she has been in business for herself for 12 years, in photography, restoration and framing work.

David was born on June 2, 1946. He went to Kaleland School, then to Two Hills. David left school in Grade XI in 1964. His father's death made it too difficult for David to farm and go to school. As a result, he decided to farm and help his mother. David worked in winter and farmed in summer. At present, he is taking a chef's course in Vermilion, and does some farming on the weekends.

Dwayne, who was born on April 1, 1958, graduated from Two Hills High School in 1979. He then apprenticed as a mechanic at Dehid Motors in Two Hills. On July 1, 1982, he married June Kully and made his home in Vegreville. June worked at Central Wholesale, and Dwaine is taking his fourth year mechanics course in Vermilion.

Steve died on May 3, 1963, at the age of 43. Since then, Helen and her children tried hard to make a living and keep up the farm.

TOMA, William J. and Katie (nee Stefanetz)

Gregory Stefanetz's daughter, Katie, who was born on May 30, 1918, attended Szypenitz School. Katie married William J. Toma, on August 11, 1935, at the Boian Church with Reverend Vasile Cohan officiating.

The Tomas farmed in the Boian area for two years, before moving to Montreal. Their other moves were to Edmonton for 17 years, and to Toronto for 15 years.

William and Katie have seven children:

Irene married George Kerychuk and they live in Edmonton.

Nicholas married Claudia Baran and they reside in Slocan, B.C.

John married Margaret Sherbourn and they live in St. Albert, Alberta.

Margaret and her husband, Gary Ralph, live in Toronto, Ontario.

Terry and his spouse, Donna (Ivany) live in St. Albert.

Shirley married Frank Power and they live in Edmonton.

Ronald married Dona Philps and they also live in Edmonton.

Bill and Katie - 1935, and in later years - 1961

There are 21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren in the Toma family.

William passed away in 1974. Katie retired in 1983, and lives in St. Albert, Alberta.

TOMYN, Maxim and Anastasia (nee Boychuk)

by Michael H. Tomyn

Maxim Tomyn was born March 12, 1881, in the Village of Skowiatyn, County of Borschiw, Western Ukraine. He likely attended the elementary school, acquiring a minimal education.

In 1899, his parents immigrated to Canada, and settled in the Edna (Star) district. The Edna Colony was the first Ukrainian settlement founded in Canada by Iwan Pylypiw and Wasyl Eleniak in 1891.

On May 30, 1899, Maxim Tomyn married Anastasia Boychuk of Edna. After the wedding the young couple travelled to their future home in the Plain Lake district, claiming the SW 34-53-12-W4th, as their homestead. Here they continued to live until Maxim's death.

Maxim's and Anastasia's lifestyles on the homestead were similar to other settlers. Maxim's ambition was to become successful in Canada. In order to accomplish this, he realized that a person must have a good knowledge of the English language. Buying a Ukrainian-English dictionary and an English grammar book, he was able to read and write after a few weeks of concentrated study.

By 1905, the district had become fully settled and in 1908, Maxim became the first postmaster of the Plain Lake Post Office.

In 1909, the Local Improvement District was established, and the taxpayers were enfranchised to elect a councillor. Maxim was thus the first councillor to be elected. When the structure of the Local Improvement District was altered in 1911, he was appointed its secretary-treasurer.

Anastasia and Maxim Tomyn, 1940

Besides farming, Maxim organized and became secretary-treasurer of the following school districts; Chornick, Krasne, Hamburg, Nizir, Plain Lake, Pobeda, Russia (Franko), Two Hills and Wolia. Maxim liked to reminisce about some of his experiences as a school secretary-treasurer. At times he was called upon to assist teachers in filling out various records.

Maxim was the co-founder of the Plain Lake community and was a respected and prominent leader of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Parish. He initiated the building of the Plain Lake Church, some 50 years ago.

In 1933, and 1934, Maxim was auditor for the Village of Two Hills and its secretary-treasurer from 1935 to 1938.

Besides being a farmer, Maxim was also a municipal policy-maker, a councillor and an interpreter of official documents. Acting as a legal advisor, he helped hundreds of ratepayers with their citizenship papers, land title documents and old age pension forms. There was a common saying among settlers: "If you have a problem, see Maxim Tomyn." Maxim was well-known not only in his neighbourhood but far beyond the boundaries of his home territory.

In 1911, the Local Improvement District was re-organized into the Municipal District of Sobor No. 514, and Maxim was again its secretary-treasurer. As far back as the year 1917, Miss Chisholm, a Vegreville teacher, in speaking to her class paid tribute to Maxim for his many valuable contributions. In 1938, the Municipal District of Sobor, found itself in financial difficulties, resulting in the Minister's appointment of an administrator to direct the affairs of the municipality. Maxim continued to hold his office until his death on January 4, 1941.

To Maxim and Anastasia were born four children: William, Annie, John and Nick. The eldest son, William (1905 to 1972), was a school teacher for 19 years, and a Social Credit M.L.A. in Alberta for 29 years. William and Katherine (nee Richel) had one son, Ronald.

Annie married Steve Buk and lived on a farm south of Two Hills for many years, then moved to Edmonton where the couple is now retired. The Buks have one daughter, Rose.

John (1914 to 1980) was a farmer, Secretary-Treasurer of M.D. of Sobor, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of M.D. of Eagle No. 81, and for a short time Secretary-Treasurer of the County of Minburn. He was also in partnership in the hotel business. John and Pearl (nee Babych) had two daughters, Sylvia and Audrey.

Nick, who served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II, operated a service station in Edmonton for 24 years. For eight years he was a car salesman with Don Wheaton. He retired in 1982. Nick and Marea (nee Skakun) have five children: Nicholin Rachel, Myron Maxim, Elaine Natalie, Maryann, and Denise Adele.

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TOMYN, Harry and Annie

by Michael H. Tomyn

Harry Tomyn was born on January 14, 1889, in the Village of Skowiatyn, County of Borschiw, Western Ukraine. He was the son of Daniel and Hafia (nee Muzyka) Tomyn who had four children: Anna (Mrs. Jacob Haluschak), Maxim, Harry and Paraska (Mrs. Mike Lysakowski). After his first wife passed away, Daniel married Tetiana Torchyniuk. From this union were born two sons, Peter and Fred, born in the Ukraine, and four daughters born in Canada: Magda (Mrs. Louis

Daniel and Tetiana Tomyn, parents of Harry Tomyn Sr., 1930

Petasky), Elena (Mrs. Peter Weleschuk), Bessie (Mrs. John Hancheruk), and Mary (Mrs. Nick Marianych).

The Tomyn family immigrated to Canada in 1899, and settled in the Wostok district, close to the first Ukrainian settlement at Edna (later Star), Alberta. Daniel passed away on May 7, 1934, at the age of 90.

Pioneer life was difficult and it was necessary for some family members to work out to earn money for necessities. When Harry grew up, he worked on a railway extra gang and at other construction jobs, but his heart was set on farming. On March 1, 1906, at the age of 17, he purchased a homestead (NE 34-53-12-W4th), in the Plain Lake district, in the same section where his brother Maxim owned one. To prove up on the homestead, he was obliged, by statute, to live on the land six months every year for three years, show signs of improvement such as building a house, fencing, digging a well, and plowing about five acres a year. He lived with his brother Maxim during the developing stages.

In 1914, Harry married Annie Petasky who was born in 1899. She was the daughter of Marcin and Antonia (nee Ezinitski) Petasky of Plain Lake.

In the 1910s and 1920s, farmers made long trips to Lavoy or Vegreville, a distance of 20 to 25 miles, to haul their produce to market and to buy groceries and clothing. Mail was picked up in Warwick, and later at the Plain Lake post office. The country was dotted with small rural stores where some essentials could be bought or traded. Wheat was ground into flour at Vegreville or Mundare. In 1928, when the C.P. Railway went through Two Hills, the trips to town were shorter, more frequent, and less arduous.

In 1924, Harry and Annie felt that the possibility of prospering on one quarter-section of rocky land was remote, so they sold their livestock and machinery and moved to Vegreville to operate a livery barn. Farmers who came from as far north as the North Saskatchewan River had to stable their horses. After a short time of operation, the barn burned down, but within a few months a new one was ready for business. The two older children, Michael and Katie, attended Vegreville Public School where James McCrea was principal. Harry and Annie had their hands full, keeping track of their growing children, some of whom could even be found on top of an elevator annex. In late 1925, Harry heard, via the grapevine that a railway was to be built through Willingdon, Two Hills, and Myrnam, and realized that his livery stable business would be affected; so he sold his property and returned to the farm. Harry had saved some money, and added another one and a half quarter-sections to his farm holdings. The children then attended the Plain Lake School. In 1929, a two-room school was built, and handled Grades I to Grade X, and sometime Grade XI. Three teachers who taught the longest were William Tomyn, and Bill and Mary Kindrachuk. Harry Tomyn was on the Plain Lake School Board, and was Chairman of the Board when the two-room school was built. All their children completed Grade XI.

In the 1920s, Harry became a well-driller who drilled many wells in the Two Hills area. A horse "Bob" was the motive power for the machine.

In 1932, Harry was appointed assessor for the M.D. of

Harry and Annie Tomyn family, 1923. (L to R) - Katie, Michael, Annie (mother), Mary, Harry (father), Steve and Peter

Sobor, when his brother Maxim was secretary-treasurer. Being an assessor was a delicate job, due to the economic recession. People had very little or no money, and taxes accumulated. The assessor walked a precarious rope, as he appeased the farmer on one hand, and provided enough money for the coffers of the municipality on the other. However, Harry found his job rewarding in terms of so many understanding people he had met. Harry explained (with tongue in cheek) that one could not escape two things in life - death and taxes. His transportation medium was his horse "Skeena".

The Tomyn family belonged to the Plain Lake Ukrainian Catholic parish, and assisted it as best they could. Harry was always keenly interested in politics. He also valued education greatly and sacrificed a lot to put some of his children through the higher institutions.

Harry was self-taught, and could read English and Ukrainian quite fluently. He subscribed to more newspapers and magazines than most people, and this reading "bit", no doubt, rubbed off on his children.

Annie, Harry's wife, kept busy with what most pioneer farm women did: raising children, washing, preparing meals, sewing and mending, doctoring and nursing, gardening, milking cows, tending livestock and poultry, helping with fieldwork, plastering buildings, and looking after countless other everyday chores. Perhaps she often wondered about who invented pioneer motherhood.

Harry and Annie raised a progeny of six children: Michael, Katie (Hnydyk), Steve, (see war years), Mary (Teresio), Peter and Alec. (See individual histories.)

Peter, who served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II, married Mary Bohaychuk. He is an industrial firm supervisor. The couple lives in Edmonton and they have two children, Dale and Rosalie. Dale is an automotive partsman in Edmonton. Rosalie married Stuart Litwinowich; they reside in Edmonton. Stuart is an electrician and Rosalie a hospital unit clerk. Rosalie and Stuart have two sons, Joshua and Jesse.

In the late 1940s, due to ill health, Harry retired from farming and he and his wife moved to Two Hills. Harry passed away in February, 1953, at the age of 64. Annie sold her home and built a new one where she lived until the early 1970s. From 1972, she had resided at the Vegreville Homestead Lodge, a Senior Citizens' Home. There she enjoyed fair health, and appreciated the visits of her five surviving children, her 14 grandchildren and

Harry and Annie Tomyn, 1930

her 15 great-grandchildren. She did miss her Two Hills friends and passed away in February, 1982, at the age of 82.

Today the former Tomyn land is all Plain Lake Hutterite holding. The Hutterite farmstead is across the road from Harry Tomyn's original farmyard of which there is no trace today.

When a Tomyn member travels by that place now, his reminiscences give way to nostalgia and resignation.

TOMYN, Alex and Love

Alex, the youngest of six children, was born to Harry and Anna (Petaski) Tomyn in Vegreville, in 1925. After his father's livery stable burned down, the family moved to a homestead, one mile north of Plain Lake. Here, Alex grew up and attended Plain Lake School, completing Grade X. He furthered his education by correspondence courses but was unable to complete his schooling because help was required on the farm.

It was not unusual for Alex to walk four miles to a ball practice or six miles to a Saturday night dance. It was at these dances that he began courting Love Ann Myroniuk. In 1946, they were married and began farming on his father's homestead. The first year was disastrous as they suffered 100% hail damage.

The next year, they bought a used car and travelled on a delayed honeymoon to Banff, which was one of the nicest holidays ever. After several crop failures, the Tomyns gave up farming and in 1952, moved to Vancouver. The summer of 1952 was plagued with strikes in many industries, and jobs were very difficult to find. Six months later, they moved to Edmonton, where Alex found employment as office clerk for C.P. Express, a position he presently holds. Love was employed by Swift's Poultry Plant, Sears, Acme Novelty and presently by Birks.

Love and Alex have two children: Randy and Rita.

Alex and Love Tomyn family, 1979. (L to R) - Richard Jacobs, Rita Jacobs (nee Tomyn), Randall Tomyn, Anne (Love) Tomyn (nee Myroniuk), Alex Tomyn.

Randy was born in Two Hills in 1950. After graduating from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Commerce degree, he has worked as a chartered accountant and holds an executive position of Comptroller. Randy resides in Edmonton.

Rita was born in 1953 in Edmonton. After graduating from High school she took a business course at NAIT majoring in banking. She has held positions as a teller, ledger keeper and Administration Officer at the Toronto Dominion Bank in Edmonton. In 1976, Rita married Richard (Dick) Jacobs who is employed with the provincial government. They reside in Sherwood Park with their two sons.

TOMYN, Michael and Georgina

by M. Tomyn

Michael H. Tomyn, teacher and principal, was born at Plain Lake, south of the Two Hills settlement, on April 17, 1915. He is the son of Harry (1889-1953) and Annie (nee Petasky) Tomyn (1899-1982). Michael is the grandson of Daniel Tomyn, an early Ukrainian pioneer who settled in the Wostok district, close to Edna (later Star), Alberta, in 1899. The family emigrated from the Village of Skowiatyn, County of Borschiw in the Western Ukraine.

Michael, as well as his five brothers and sisters, attended Plain Lake School which was a one-room school (Grades I to VIII till 1929) and a two-room school (Grades I to XI after 1929). Teachers such as P.M. Shavchook, John Nagle, William Tomyn, Pearl Podealuk, and William and Mary Kindrachuk stand out most prominently in Michael's mind.

To complete his high school, Michael attended the Two Hills School where he completed his Grade XII. His teacher and principal was Mr. Jack Laughlin. Some of the business places operating in Two Hills in 1934 were:

Dowhaniuk and Kolisniak General Store, Olinyk General Store, Skakun General Store, Harasym Garage and Hall, Fedorchuk Drug Store, Crown Hardware and Lumber, Bank of Montreal, Moloffy's Butcher Shop, C.P.R. Station, Two Hills Hotel, Post Office, several livery barns, a market place, a few garages and an impressive line of grain elevators.

Michael took his Calgary Normal School (teacher training) in 1935-36. In 1937 he married Georgina Melnyk and the couple was blessed with five children. Michael Jr., the oldest child is a Provincial Court Judge, residing in Edmonton. Anna is a school teacher at Mission, B.C. Harry is a lawyer practising in Vancouver. Lillian is a librarian at the University of Alberta. Ted is an electronics technician in Red Deer.

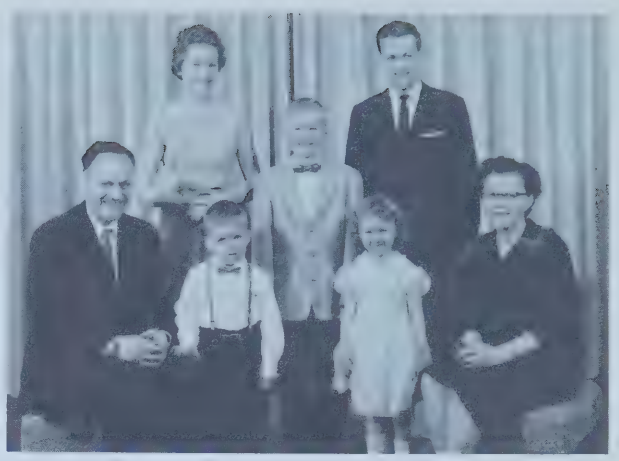
Michael and Georgina (nee Melnyk) wedding, October 30, 1937. Front row, (L to R) - Wiliam Hnydyk, Michael and Georgina, Katie Tomyn; back row - Mike Petasky, Jean Melnyk, Steve Tomyn.

Michael's first teaching position was at Myroslawna School, northeast of Innisfree. For ten years, 1938-48, he taught at Kolomea School, just north of Royal Park, and he was principal of the school for eight years. At Mundare, Michael was quite busy - teacher - mayor for two terms, Air Cadet adjutant, Exalted Ruler of the Elks, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Vice-President of the National Hall, Chairman of the Citizens' Forum Listening Group, President of the Lamont School Division Teachers' Local, and weed inspector for the municipality. The weed insprector job has kept him busy for 14 summers.

Michael spent many summers marking and chairing the marking of the Grade IX Departmental examinations. By attending summer school and taking evening courses he obtained his Bachelor of Education degree in 1961.

From Mundare, Michael and his family moved to Vegreville in 1951. From here he travelled to teach at Lavoy where he was principal for nine years. Since then he has been principal at A.L. Horton Junior High School, and for 14 years he was principal of St. Mary's School - Grades I to VI. He served for a total of forty-four years, thirty-four of which was spent in administration. In 1980 Michael retired.

In politics, Michael's interests lay with the C.C.F. (now N.D.P.). He was a candidate in the Vegreville



Michael and Georgina Tomyn family. Back row, (L to R) - Anna, Harry, Michael G; front row - Michael (father), Ted, Lillian, Georgina (mother), 1960.

federal riding in 1945, and campaign manager (agent) in the provincial elections in 1944, 1948, and 1955. Because he is a fluent speaker in English and Ukrainian, his services as toastmaster and master of ceremonies are often called upon.

Presently Michael is busy working on local history books. Being retired, he hopes to do some of the things he had no time to do while he was busy teaching. At the moment he is Vice-President of St. Anne's Manor, accountant at one of the garages, and Vice-President of the Vegreville Historical Society whose latest challenge was the publication and sale of the "History of Vegreville and District."

Georgina, Michael's wife, has led a very busy life. To raise five children is no small chore. Her hobby is painting and she has won several top prizes for her exhibits in art competitions in this part of the province. Having taken extension courses in art, she has been of great assistance to the teachers of St. Mary's School where her husband was principal. At the school she is a stenographer, librarian and teacher-aide. She also likes sewing and as a seamstress she turns out a masterful product.

The M. Tomyn family has lived in Vegreville since 1951.

Looking back, Michael and Georgina feel they can truly count their blessings.

TOMSZA, Maciej and Mary (nee Shchurek)

by Bartholomew Tomsza

In 1901, Maciej and Mary Tomsza, and their two sons Maciej and Mike, immigrated to Canada from Austria. Accompanying them were Mary's mother, Mary Shchurek, and her children, Mary, Anton and John, as well as John's wife, Anna.

They travelled by train from Pszemisl to Doncik, then to Hamburg, Germany, and Liverpool, England. After a long sea journey of some 18 days, they arrived in Halifax and boarded a train to Edmonton. There they hired a

man who owned a wagon and a team of horses to take them northeast of Vegreville where they later purchased a homestead, SW 1/4 32-53-13-W4th.

Bartholomew, their third son, was born in 1908, and his sister Mary in 1911.

Brother Maciej passed away in 1938, and Mike in 1972.

Bartholomew is still farming the old homestead in the New Kiew district. He is married and has one son, Dennis, living in Edmonton.

TOWPICH, Ewan and Anna

In 1900, Ewan and Anna Towpich and their sons, Danylo (Dan), Arihyon (Harry), and Semeon (Sam), immigrated to Canada from Oshechlib in the Ukraine. They first settled in the Wostock district where son John was born in 1901. Shortly after, they moved to the Whitford district and farmed there. Another son, Trifon, was born, but died at an early age.

About 1906 or 1907, Ewan Towpich traded his farm for SE 4-55-13-W4th, owned by Stefan Gorgichuk of Kaleland. In 1910, daughter Annie was born.

Before the railway came through in 1927, the family received their mail and purchased supplies at McGowan's Store on the west side of Watt's Lake. To get to the store, they travelled about three miles to the lake, rowed across it, and then walked the rest of the way.

Ewan and Anna Towpich lived at Kaleland until 1930 and then moved once more to a farm, four and a half miles north of Musidora.

Ewan Towpich died in 1931, and Anna in 1934.

TOWPICH, Dick and Helen (nee Nikiforuk)

Dick's parents, Daniel and Mary Towpich, came to Canada from the Ukraine. They settled on the farm in the Szypenitz district where Dick was born. Dick and his four brothers and three sisters, attended the two-room Szypenitz School and helped their parents with the farming. Dick did not pursue his education because he was too valuable on the farm.

Helen's parents, Mike and Washuta (Belle) (nee Ilkiw) immigrated to Canada in 1904. Her father was born in the Village of Kobilitz, County of Kolomea, Province of Halychina, Ukraine, in the year 1870. Her mother, was born in the Village of Nazirna, County of Kolomea, Province of Halychina in 1876. The Nikiforuks established themselves on a homestead, SE 6-55-11-W4th, in the Musidora district. They were blessed with eight children: Metro, Annie, Bill, Kate, Dora, George, Rosie, and Helen.

Mike Nikiforuk with his eight children, circa 1926

Grandpa and Grandma Nikiforuk, Mom (age 1 1/2 years), and Mrs. Harasavich, circa 1925

In the spring of 1924, the young Nikiforuk family's mother died of pneumonia. Helen was one and a half years old at that time and was brought up by her father, brothers and sisters. On April 18, 1930, Helen's father passed away. The family, having lost both their parents, kept on farming.

Helen attended Nizir School which was only one mile west of the Nikiforuk home. She had no opportunity to continue her education as her help was needed on the farm.

After Dick and Helen were married on November 21, 1942, the Towpiches farmed in the Szypenitz district where they were blessed with their first child, Orest. Later Dick and Helen acquired land in the Luzan district where they farmed for the next three years. Here their second child, Sylvia, was born.

Dick and Helen were active members of the Luzan Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church and Community Hall.

Dick and Helen Towpich's anniversary, 1982

The Towpiches' next move was to a farm in the Kaleland district where their third child, Adeline, was born.

In 1953, the family came back to the Two Hills district and farmed until 1961, when they moved to Edmonton where they reside today. Dick enjoyed working for the Edmonton Power Department until his retirement in 1982.

Dick and Helen have three children:

Orest, the only son, married Lois Lehman on November 4, 1967, and resides in Edmonton. Orest and Lois have two sons, Duanne and Darrell. Orest is employed by Barber-Ellis Stationery of Edmonton, for the past 23 years.

Sylvia, their oldest daughter, married Andy Babich on April 30, 1966. Andy and Sylvia have two daughters, Lloyann and Jo-Ann. Andy enjoys his challenging job with Suncor, a Calgary oil company. The family resides in Calgary.

Adeline, their youngest child, married Bill Andronyk on September 22, 1973. They are blessed with two children, Michelle and Clayton. Bill is an auto-body mechanic and his family resides in St. Albert.

Dick and Helen Towpich love to visit their children and grandchildren. Since Dick retired, the Towpiches have more leisure time for camping and travelling which they both enjoy.

TOWPICH, William and Helen (nee Drebit)

William, the eldest of seven children and the son of Danylo and Maria Towpich, married Helen, widow of Nick Diachuk, in July, 1937. Helen, also one of seven children, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teodore Drebit of Andrew, Alberta. Helen was left with two children, Bill and Rose.

As a young man, William accepted an offer to farm, on a crop-share basis, the land of his maternal grandmother, Dora Diachuk. He also farmed Nick Diachuk's land.

The children, Bill and Rose, received their elementary education at Szypenitz. Bill also attended Kaleland School for two years. They continued their education at the Two Hills High School where Bill was president of the

Wiliam and Helen Towpich with their children. Standing, (L to R) - Rose, Bill, and Joyce, 1969.

students' union for two years. He was also active in baseball and soccer, and was captain of both teams.

Bill (Diachuk) married Olga eldest daughter of Paul and Katie Cymbaluk of the New Kiew district. They were blessed with six children: Glenn, Kenneth, Douglas (who passed away on April 20, 1980), Teresa, and twins Brenda and Lynda. Bill and Ollie (Olga) have two grandchildren, Corinne and Danny.

Bill and Ollie reside in Edmonton where they are involved in community and church affairs. In October, 1961, Bill was elected to the Edmonton Catholic School Board, and served as trustee until 1971. On August 30, 1971, he was elected to the Alberta Legislature, as a Progressive Conservative member for the constituency of Edmonton-Beverly. In 1979, Premier Lougheed appointed Bill to the Cabinet as the Minister for Workers' Health and Safety and Compensation.

Rose completed her high school and attended college, where she completed a secretarial program. She married Walter Solodzuk, son of Dmytro and Mary Solodzuk of Kaleland. Walter received his Civil Engineering degree from the University of Alberta and worked as an engineer with the Government of Alberta until his appointment as Deputy Minister of Environment. Rose and Walter are the parents of a daughter, Barbara, and sons, Robert and David. They have one grandson, Ryan.

Bill and Helen were blessed with a daughter, Joyce, who received her education in Two Hills and then proceeded to college where she completed a legal secretarial program. While working in Edmonton, she met and married Bill Soltys, son of Mike and Frances Soltys of Vegreville who was working for the C.N.R. Several years later, they returned to operate the family farm. They were blessed with two daughters, Jennifer and Callee.

William Towpich was active in farm organizations and was an active member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Szypenitz. During his term as president of the church, power and propane heating were installed. The cemetery was also surveyed and a plan drawn up during his tenure.

Helen passed away on January 7, 1983, and Bill continues to live in Two Hills.

TOWPICH, John and Mary (nee Eliuk)

John Towpich and Mary Eliuk were married in 1925 and made their home at Kaleland on the family farm, SE 4-55-13-W4th. Their family consisted of three children, Metro, Sennie and Rose. In the early 1940s they operated a small grocery store in Kaleland in conjunction with the farm.

The children received most of their education at the two-room Kaleland School, where the teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Dmytro Podealuk.

In 1951, John was employed as janitor at the Two Hills School. In 1952, the Towpiches built a house in town, and lived there for a few years. In 1956, they moved to Edmonton where they still reside.

After graduating from high school, the three children went their separate ways. Metro now resides near Sylvan Lake; Veronica (Sennie) in Fort McMurray; and Rose in Coquitlam, B.C.

TRISKA, Nick and Helen (nee Yurchuk)

by Helen Triska

Nick Triska was born in 1904, in Buciw, Halychina, Ukraine (Austria). As a young man, he went to college in Lviv, Ukraine, where he mastered in cabinet-making. After finishing school, he decided to join his relatives in Canada.

In July, 1925, he bid farewell to his father and sister and ventured out to a country unknown to him. Arriving in Vegreville in late August, he was met by his uncle, Peter Triska, who had been in Canada since 1902, and who was already settled on his farms, (NW and SE 30-53-13-W4th). Being a city boy, he was awed by the vast Canadian emptiness consisting of bush and land. Nick lived with his uncle's family in a small log house and was pleased when his uncle showed him a small church built on his land, not too far from his home. Recently this church was moved to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, 22 miles east of Edmonton.

During the first winter, Nick worked for farmers, clearing brush at five dollars a month. The winter was bitterly cold. Nick contracted scarlet fever and was ill for two months.

In 1927, Nick and his brother Mike, found employment for a short time in a B.C. lumber camp. In 1929, they travelled to Thorold, Ontario, where they worked in a paper mill for three years.

Nick Triska by the log house built in 1933

In 1932, Nick and Mike returned to Vegreville, in dirty freight box cars. They were cold and hungry. Once again Nick went to live with his uncle. He continued to work at odd jobs, until he built himself a little log house on a parcel of land across from the Fairwood School. Being a cabinet maker, he made most of his furniture. He worked building schools, halls, homes for farmers and helped to build the Two Hills Hospital.

In 1940, he married me, Helen Yurchuk, of Hairy Hill. I was born at Soda Lake, Alberta, in 1920. In 1925, my parents, Mike and Violet Yurchuk, bought a farm four miles south of Hairy Hill. That is where I attended school, and lived until I married.

We lived in the log house that Nick built in 1933. Our son, Terrace, was born in 1941. In 1943, we purchased our first farm (SW 7-54-13-W4th) from Eugene Theroux, for $1500. At this time we had two cows but no farm machinery. With the help of our good neighbors, we seeded our first crop. In 1943, Nick was conscripted to the Army, but being a farmer he was exempted. In 1945, we purchased the adjoining quarter of land (SE 7-54-13-W4th) from the Theroux family. That year, daughter Olive was born. During the first few years we worked hard to pay our debts. We cherish the memories of our difficult years.

Nick Triska family, 1960. (L to R) - Walter, Terrace (standing), Nick, Helen and Olive Triska.

In 1947, our son, Terrace started to attend Ben's Lake School, a long four miles away. In November of that year, we moved to Edmonton, where it was more convenient for the children to get their education. In 1952, Walter was born.

We worked in the city until our retirement. The children are married now and have achieved goals of their preference. I help Nick with his hobbies, growing fruit trees and refinishing antique furniture. During the

summer we spend our time at the farm. We enjoy the peace and quietness of nature's beautiful surroundings and we reminisce "Down Memory Trails".

TUPECHKA, Albert and Lorraine (nee Ahlstrom)

Albert was born on August 2, 1932, at Norma, Alberta, and attended Norma and Vegreville Schools.

In 1955, Albert and his father, Andrew Tupechka, bought the Roland Theroux farm, paying $6,000. for the half section. Albert helped his father to farm, but his pride and joy was carpentering.

On New Year's Day, 1956, Albert met Lorraine Ahlstrom at an open-house dinner at the home of Joe and Rose Volk.

On October 27, 1957, Albert and Lorraine were married in the Vegreville United Church, with Reverend Thomas performing the ceremony. A reception was held at the Hairy Hill Community Hall.

Albert and Lorraine lived on the farm for two years. In 1959, they moved to the house of Lorraine's grandfather and lived there for a year. Albert continued carpentering with Alex Boyko in Vegreville, at $1.50 an hour.

They then returned to the farm and lived with Albert's parents. In 1964, Albert bought the Misik quarter of land and moved to a little, two-room house on the farm. There was no power and water was hauled in everyday.

A year later, Albert decided to build his own house, on his father's farm. With the help of his dad and Lorraine's family, they tore down an old house in Vegreville and salvaged as much lumber as possible, from which they built their house. In 1968, they milked 22 cows by hand. When Lorraine went into the hospital to have their fifth child, Albert bought two Westfalia milking machines.

Albert and Lorraine Tupechka's six children, 1971

When a severe hailstorm wiped out their crop in 1971, they decided to move to Calgary for a year. While there, Albert worked for McCready Home Products, installing aluminum siding on houses. A year later the Tupechkas returned to the farm and resumed farming.

Albert and Lorraine have six children, five boys and one girl:

Darrell, born May 30, 1959, married Anita Ergezinger. He works for Tri-City Drilling.

Darcy, born January 30, 1961, attended high school in Two Hills and is presently employed as a driller for Tri-City Drilling.

Miles, who was born November 29, 1962, graduated from the Two Hills High School in 1980 and is presently employed as a derrick hand with Tri-City Drilling. Miles' daughter, Natasha Lorraine, was born November 29, 1980.

Grant, born March 27, 1965, attended Two Hills High School. He, too is employed with Tri-City Drilling as a derrick hand.

Murray, born April 9, 1968, attended school in Two Hills and is employed as a roughneck with Tri-City Drilling.

Deborah, born August 2, 1969, is presently in Grade X in Two Hills High School.

Albert and Lorraine have one grandchild.

Albert is employed by the County of Two Hills, and Lorraine has a flower shop in town.

Albert and Lorraine are actively involved with the Two Hills Agricultural Society and the United Church. Lorraine is on the Further Education Board.

TYMCHUK, Paul and Anna (nee Pohranychny)

by Catherine Petaske

The marriage of Anna Pohranychny and Paul Tymchuk was arranged in the Village of Shnerev, Brody, Galicia, Ukraine, which was then under Austrian rule. Just when plans were finalized to immigrate to Canada, Paul was conscripted into the Austrian Army. Anna, therefore, immigrated to Canada with the Tymchuk family, including the mother and four sons, one of whom (Marko) was married. They sailed from the port of Hamburg to Halifax, and then proceeded to Edmonton in freight cars. The journey was long and they suffered many privations: sea sickness and poor food on the ocean, loss of one son at sea, and cold and discomfort in the freight cars. Upon arrival in Edmonton, they immediately set out to locate and register their homestead, which was west of Vegreville.

Anna lived with the Tymchuk family until Paul was released from the Austrian Army and arrived in Canada at the turn of the century. Paul and Anna were married and they homesteaded south of Two Hills (NE 34-53-13-W4th).

They started with literally nothing. Needless to say, all their energy was directed toward the necessities of life—shelter, food and clothing. With hard work and per-

Paul and Anna Tymchuk, 1921

severance, life improved yearly. By 1914, the family moved from a two-room, thatched roof, mud floor house into a large home of seven rooms, which still stands on the original homestead, presently the home of Victor and his family.

Paul and Anna were blessed with eleven children, all except the last two (James and Victor) were delivered at home by a neighboring midwife.

In 1958, Paul passed away at the age of 81, and Anna passed away in 1968 at the age of 87. They were predeceased by Justine, Harry and Matt. Two children, Mary and Peter, passed away after the death of their parents.

Six of the eleven children are still living today - Xenia Chanasyk of Myrnam, Nancy Killick, Catherine Petaske, James and his wife, Anne (Duke) of Edmonton, Charles and his wife, Zinnia (Teresio) of Vernon, B.C., and Victor and his wife, Anne (Makarowski) on the original homestead.

Paul and Anna left in progeny not only eleven children but also 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

During his lifetime, Paul was keenly interested in an education for his family. He served as a trustee at different times on the local school board. Two of his children, Catherine and Charles, were teachers in different locations of Alberta until their retirement. James was an accountant with the Attorney General's Department until his retirement. Peter was a self-educated man and for many years served as an administrator at the County Hospital in Two Hills.

Seven grandchildren are university graduates. Mary, Xenia and Nancy were homemakers. Charles and James were in the services during World War II, (Charles in the Air Force and James in the Army).

Life on the farm for the family was never easy; hard work, lack of money, insolation and many sacrifices were made on everyone's part. However, the pioneers were made of "stern stuff". They overcame the difficulties and survived to enjoy better times. They can look back and say, "Life in Canada was good."

TYMKO, John and Katerina (nee Synyshyn)

In 1907, John and Katerina (nee Synyshyn) Tymko and their four month old daughter, Mary, left Brody, Ukraine, for Canada. On their arrival they purchased a homestead near Innisfree, Alberta. Shortly after settling, their homestead was wiped out by fire. They moved to Lac Bellevue in 1910, and then to the Lanuke area. During the Depression they moved back to Lac Bellevue where they farmed until their retirement in 1952.

John and Katerina Tymko, 1930

John and Katerina raised a family of five children: Mary, Fred, Annie, William, and Nancy. Mary married Peter Warawa of New Kiew; Fred married Cecilia Yushyshyn of Lac Bellvue; Annie married Dan Warawa of New Kiew; William married Christine Gudz of Lanuke; and Nancy married Peter Kazefski of Lac Bellevue.

William and Christine Tymko, Christine's sister and her husband (Kazefski), Mary Warawa and her husband, 1968

TYMKO, William and Christine (nee Gudz)

In 1938, William Tymko married Christine (nee Gudz) and farmed in the Lanuke area for several years. He entered the trucking business in 1943, and four years later the Tymkos moved to Two Hills where William continued his trucking business. In 1950, he purchased P. Miskiw's share in the livestock-buying station, in partnership with Peter Odynski. Upon Mr. Odynski's death, William bought the entire business and continued as a livestock dealer until 1976, when he retired. He also served as a town councillor for six years.

William and Christine were blessed with two sons: J. Lawrence married Betty Kindrake. Lawrence obtained his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1979, and his wife Betty, her Bachelor of Education degree in 1981. They have two children, Jayson, and Kimberlee.

Richard, married Peggy McKinnon and raised three children: Lisa, Trina, and Douglas. Richard is an analytical systems specialist. Lisa married Dan Oitzel, and on July 16, 1984 their daughter Melissa was born.

William and Christine Tymko family, 1979. Top left - Dr. J. Lawrence Tymko, his wife Betty, their son Jayson and daughter Kimberlee; top right - Richard Tymko, his wife Peggy, their daughter Trina, son Douglas; seated - Lisa, William Tymko and Christine (nee Gudz).

Paraska Pastewnichny (Christine's grandmother), circa 1921

UNIAT, Michael and Kate (nee Gushnowsky)

by Steve Uniat (son)

Michael Uniat was born in 1867, in Stariava, County of Mostiska, Ukraine, the fourth son of a family of ten, born to Paul Uniat. Five members of the family came to Canada and five remained in Ukraine.

Little is known of Michael's early years although he knew how to read and write. A common laborer, he married in the Old Country and in 1901, ventured to better his future in Canada. He settled in Alberta, ten miles north of the present town of Innisfree where he bought a homestead (SW 2-53-11-W4th), for ten dollars. With the help of a few homesteaders, he built a small sod-roofed shed from rough hewn logs. In the summer, he worked wherever he could. For two winters, he lived alone in his windowless shed, saving every penny to bring his wife to Canada. In 1904, however, he learned of his beloved wife's death and he left for the Ukraine where he stayed for ten months.

Returning to his homestead, he met with another disappointment. He had lost all the privileges of his homestead because no improvement on the land was evident during his absence. In 1905, he married Kate Sturmay, a widow and mother of an infant child, Peter.

On behalf of his wife, Michael bought another homestead (NW 2-53-11-W4th). Both started pioneer life in almost unbearable poverty. Some neighbors at the time were Harry and Peter Hlus, Kizlicks, Dmytriws, Ballas, Lukaseviches, Nick and Prokip Scherbas, and Steve

Michael (father) 1937, and Kate (mother) 1931 Uniat

Wusyk. All were sincere, thoughtful, and willing to help.

About 1907, a larger, three-room log-house was constructed with living quarters, a porch, and a storage room.

Food supplies were bought in Edmonton during the early years. It took two weeks for one shopping trip.

In 1906, when the C.N.R. was completed, Innisfree became a community shopping centre.

The first post office, called Bushland, was established in Dan Wusyk's home in 1906. It served the community on a weekly basis. The first log school was Buczacz (Buchach) built in 1916, on Nick Scherba's farm. In 1919, it burned down in a bushfire. Another school was built (with a separate teacherage) in 1920, on the same location. In 1913, the first local cemetery, Ruthenian Catholic, was located on Steve Wusyk's farm 12 miles north of Innisfree. About 1929, a new cemetery, across from the present church, was established. The first St. Nicholas Greek Catholic Church was built in 1913, on Joe Balla's farm. In 1973, after this church had served its purpose, it was moved to the Ukrainian Heritage Museum.

In 1959, a new church was built on the same location and a community hall was built in the early 1960s.

By 1926, the whole farm district was densely populated. Farming was prosperous and profitable till 1930. During the Great Depression that followed, farmers sustained great losses due to low farm prices. It wasn't until World War II, that the standard of living improved.

Eleven children were born into the Uniat family. In 1934, after 13 years of illness, my mother, Kate, passed away at the age of 52.

My father passed away suddenly in 1942, at the age of 75.

UNIAT, Steve and Bessie (nee Terlesky)

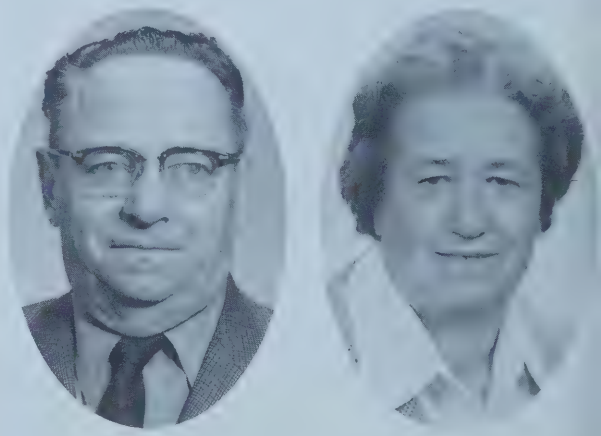
by Steve Uniat

I was born on June 25, 1911, fourth child of Michael Uniat of Bushland. My school district was Buchach, where I attended the rural school, two miles from my home. All my junior education was in my district also. I attended Innisfree High School and took Grades IX to XI there. Upon completing Grade XI, I enrolled in Grade XII at Victoria High School in Edmonton. A year later, I attended Camrose Normal School, and on June 30, 1935 I became the first school teacher of the district. I was employed in three school divisions, namely Two Hills, Peace River, and the County of Minburn. I taught in 10 different school districts during the 37 years of my profession. At that time a teacher, not only had to teach but had to act as counsellor, judge and evaluator.

The following is the list of school districts I faithfully served:

1935-39 Bushland - Grades 1-9; enrollment 52-62; Superintendents, Yule and Hannochko.
1939-42 Peace River - East Solder, Harmon Valley, and Figure Eight Lakes, enrollments 37-42; Grades I-VIII; Superintendent Gilles.
Vegreville Areas
1942-43 Myroslawna; Grades I-VIII; enrollment 38; Superintendent E.W. White
1943-45 Lamburgh; Grades I-VIII; enrollments 38-42
1945-52 Victory; Grades I-VIII; enrollments 30-36.
First Urban School Systems: Minburn; Grades II-III; enrollment 28-30; Superintendent Bev Facey; in 1952-54. *Lavoy;* 1954-56; Grade III; enrollment 30-32. *Vegreville;* Queen Elizabeth; 1956-72; County of Minburn; Grade III; Superintendents: Kolesar, Ward, Gault, Goretsky, and Gorrie.

On December 27, 1941, I married Bessie Terlesky. We have one son, Gary, born on November 19, 1955. He is married and lives in Calgary.



Steve and Bessie Uniat, 1977

The school councils that I served on were: Health, Math, Science, and A.T.A. Some church committees that I was involved in were building, fund campaign, and social.

My hobbies before retirement were gardening, and growing raspberries and strawberries. I kept a honey-bee industry for 23 years. Other interests were fishing, chess, checkers, cribbage, bidding whist, and travelling. I am still an active member of the church social services (Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox in Vegreville).

My family and I travelled for 48 days throughout

Western Europe. We were in Great Britain, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, and France. The best scenery I loved was on the Isle of Capri, in 1971. In 1978, I travelled to New Zealand, Fiji, and Hawaii. Travelling was beautiful, educational, and without any incident. Now, during my retirement, I knit and crochet. I am in good health at age 72.

URCHAK (JURCZAK), John and Katerina (nee Buchak)

by Steve Urchak

Ilko Buk played a prominent part in the immigration of at least seven families from his native Village of Khalupy Medyka, in the County of Peremyshl, Province of Galicia (Halychina), Western Ukraine. Ilko, who had served as a page for "viyt" (village reeve), took advantage of every opportunity to listen to the lessons which the viyt's son received from his private tutor. That is how Ilko learned to read. In later years, he told my father, Iwan Jurczak (John Urchak) about the vast stretches of free land which were awaiting settlement in Canada.

In 1897, John Urchak married Katerina Buchak. This was a very propitious marriage, as Katerina was the only survivor of the family and inherited all of the family's holdings.

Ilko's talk of the free land in Canada was always in father's mind. He and Ilko talked about the great opportunities that Canada could offer their children. Finally, in the spring of 1903, eight families sold what little they possessed, packed their trunks and left. They travelled by train from Medyka to Hamburg, the great German seaport. On May 23, they boarded the German steamship, "Armenia" and nine days later, on the first day of June, they disembarked at Halifax.

Kate, Rose, Steve and John Urchak, 1914

In Halifax, they boarded the colonial train with wooden benches and board decks serving as beds. They arrived in Winnipeg and continued the journey in more comfortable passenger coaches to Strathcona. Because there were no bridges across the North Saskatchewan River, at the time, they crossed by ferry to Edmonton. The High Level Bridge constructed at a cost of $2,000,000. was not opened for traffic until June 12, 1913.

In Edmonton, there were teamsters, who made their living by transporting the new settlers to their destinations. But a teamster could transport only one family at a time, and the trip by oxen-drawn wagon to Warwick, a distance of about 80 miles, took a week. There were Indian trails to follow, full of mudholes, and steep hills. There were also muskeg swamps and creeks to cross. Mosquitoes were so bad, at times that a smudge-pot was hung on the neck yoke between the oxen. The trip was arduous and beyond description.

On arrival in Warwick, our family lived with their countrymen, who had emigrated earlier. The following year we moved to our own homestead and in the spring of 1904, father purchased his own homestead the, N.E. 22-54-12-W4th, for $10. He moved his family to the new site, and with the help of a close neighbor he built a "booda", which looked like an Indian wigwam. Its sides were covered with long slough grass and it had a small door and a smaller window facing south. Much later, a thatched-roof log house, (15 by 18 foot) was built. The homestead was hilly, well-wooded, with two or three sloughs and a fine hay meadow.

The first five-acre cultivated fields were fenced with wooden rail fences. An Indian trail, parts of which can still be seen, led across our farm. After about six years, farmers began to fence their farms with two rows of barbed wire. Farmers were very angry when father fenced the Indian trail. They were forced to clear the 66 foot road allowance which had been marked off by surveyors.

John Urchak, farming in the early days, 1923

Father was the last farmer to change from oxen to horses. In 1924, he still used oxen to mow, rake, and haul hay.

My father never attended school. He learned to read and write when he worked on the "extra gangs" on the railroad. On March 25, 1907, Peter Svarich, the

secretary-treasurer, Ilko Buk, Fedir Snaychuk and father drew up a petition to establish the Pobeda School District. The schoolhouse was built that same year. The school opened in the spring of 1909, by teacher William Nixon.

Mother died at the age of 75, and father lived to be 93 years old.

URSULIAK, John and Grace

I, John Ursuliak, was born on April 15, 1907, at Szypenitz, Alberta, northeast of Hairy Hill. I was one of eleven children born to Wasyl and Martha Ursuliak, who immigrated to Canada in 1901 from "selo" (village), Shypynci, Ukraine. The older three children: Eudokia (Rosychuk) four, Nick two, and Jenny (Eliuk), an infant, came with them. The rest of the family: Mary (Wennechuk), Irene (Kereluik), Annie (Gordichuk), Steve, Bill, Dennis and I were born in the Szypenitz district.

Grace and John Ursuliak with their three daughters-Anne, Mary and Lil (in John's arms), circa 1935

My parents settled on N.W. 28-55-13-W4th and I attended school at Szypenitz which was built, in 1907, on part of N.E. 22-55-13-W4th. The school was a one-room classroom where Grades I to VIII were taught. A general store and post office were located across the road from the school. Later a blacksmith shop was built in the area. At that time, there was a shortage of qualified full-time teachers and in one year I recall there were as many as three teachers with only Grade X qualifications. I only remember my last teacher whose name was Elia Kiriak. My brothers, sisters, and I walked three miles to schoo It was difficult, especially in the winter, but we got use to it. Since the store was across the road from the schoo I used to swipe a few eggs and sell them to buy goodies.

In 1927, my father bought a McCormick-Deering 15-3 tractor with a breaker plow and I custom-broke land fo three years. Next year, I started breaking land on m farm. That same year, I married Grace Fedoriuk of Hair Hill.

In 1929, I bought a timber berth from Georg Hawaleshka, near the North Saskatchewan River. Wit my older brother, Nick, and some friends, we cut an hauled logs home by sleigh. Eventually, I hired a ca penter and built a house and barn.

John Ursuliak with his children, circa 1979

Our first daughter, Mary, born in 1929, is married t Bill Basaraba. Our second daughter, Anne, born in 1931 is married to Allan Zingle. In 1936, our younges daughter, Lil, was born and is married to Joe Man drusiak. I have eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

VERENKA, Artimon and Martha

In May, 1901, Artimon Verenka, his wife Martha their two children, his brother Hrehory, and his family left Shypynci, Bukovina, for Canada, the promised land

Martha and Artimon Verenka, 1926.

In June, 1901, they landed in Halifax, then boarded a train to Edmonton. Artimon and his brother, built log rafts to carry their families and their belongings down the North Saskatchewan River to Duvernay. They were told that good farmland was available there.

Artimon and Hrehory chose their homestead in the Szypenitz district and then walked back to Edmonton to file their land claim. They returned once again by raft to begin farming.

Artimon's first job was to build a sod house for his family. Here his family grew and prospered. Artimon and wife, Martha, raised four sons and three daughters: George, Alex, Bill, Phil, Mary (Lakusta), Rachael (Oneschuk) and Rose (Lepka).

Artimon passed away at age 84 in April, 1954.

VERENKA, Alex and Pearl (nee Ewoniak)

Alex, son of Artimon and Martha Verenka, was born on August 3, 1908, in the Szypenitz district. He recalls that life on the farm in the early 1900s was difficult and the family's energy was concentrated in making their homestead prosper, leaving no time for a formal education. As a young boy Alex remembers getting around on a bicycle which was left behind by a local carpenter during World War I.

On October 26, 1929, at age 21, Alex married Pearl, daughter of Tofan Ewoniak of the Shandro district. They lived with his parents during winter and in the spring of 1930, they purchased the NE 27-55-18-W4th from his father. Pearl's dowry consisted of six head of cattle, (with calves), one horse, and 20 chickens.

Alex and Pearl worked hard, and to supplement their income Alex bought an eight-horse power engine for $150. which was used to run a chop and sawmill. He milled chop for $1.50 a grain box and sawed wood at the rate of $1.25 per hour. Most of the logs sawed for lumber came from the area of the North Saskatchewan River just north of his farm. Alex and his cousin Harry, along with other neighbors, would cut and pile logs for weeks near the river. He would then haul his share of logs by sleigh to the farm.

Alex and Pearl Verenka by the Shandro Church, 1929

During the 30s Alex remembers taking two large hogs to market for which he received $8. With this money he bought a $3. calf, which was butchered at home. Shopping was done in Hairy Hill, which in those days was a thriving and prosperous town.

In 1946, Alex made a major purchase; his first tractor, a threshing machine, discs and a plow, all for $2000. To pay his debt to the bank for this major outlay, Alex took a job as a catskinner and later as foreman with the MD of Eagle No. 81. His wife and family tilled the land and looked after the livestock. Alex and Pearl recall the 1950s as the turning point in their farming career. Things began to improve as his family, which was growing up provided more help on the farm.

Alex and Pearl Verenka with their four children, 1979

Alex and Pearl raised four children: Olga (Radesh), Angela (Tradewell), Walter, and Ernie.

In 1971, Alex and Pearl retired to Vegreville, leaving their eldest son, Walter, to manage and operate the homestead.

VERENKA, Walter and Hyliene (nee Lakusta)

Walter, the oldest son of Alex and Pearl Verenka, was born in Willingdon Hospital on December 11, 1941.

Walter attended school at Szypenitz and Two Hills. As a hobby, he took a special art course in oil painting at Victoria Composite High School, in Edmonton. He still sells some of his paintings.

From 1961 to 1968, Walter was employed with Edmonton Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, as a clerk, warehouse manager, tire adjuster and stock controller. As well, he was a part-time car insurance agent.

Walter and brother Ernie Verenka, 1945

While working in Edmonton, Walter met Hyliene Lakusta whom he married on August 17, 1963, at the St. John's Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Edmonton.

Hyliene, the only daughter of Frank and Lena Lakusta, was born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, on February 18, 1942. She attended school in Saskatchewan, Hairy Hill, Prince Charles and at Victoria Composite High in Edmonton.

After completing school, Hyliene worked for ten years as a receptionist, and clerk-typist with the City of Edmonton Parks and Recreation Department. In 1959, she travelled to the islands of Bermuda, Barbados and Antigua. While there, she was given a private tour of the USS battleship Valley Forge and presented with a pin which she treasures.

At the age of five, Hyliene's interest for horses began to develop, although she did not own one until the age of 18. A patient trainer and breaker of horses, she is owner of purebred and partbred Arabians.

In 1969, Hyliene and Walter left Edmonton and began farming. They farmed with Walter's parents for two years, on the family farm, NE 27-55-13-W4th. Two years later they purchased the home place, after Walter's parents retired to Vegreville.

Active in the community, Walter was director of the Rannach Community Pasture for two years (until 1970). In 1970, he became the youngest councillor elected in the County of Two Hills, a post he has held for 14 years.

Hyliene and Walter Verenka family received the 1984 Farm Family Award for the County of Two Hills No. 21.

Walter has served as County Reeve for four years. He has also been Director of the Willingdon Seed Cleaning plant for six years, and is active with the Alberta Agriculture Development Corporation Board.

Walter and Hyliene's only child, Shoshana Rene, was born on January 26, 1973. "Shoshana", an Indian name, means water lily.

In 1984, Walter and his family won the Edmonton Northlands Farm Family Award, for the County of Two Hills No. 21. The family was treated by Northlands to a brunch in the coliseum, a tour, gold panning at the exhibition grounds and a banquet. As well, they were presented with city of Edmonton pins, glasses, and a beautiful sign which is displayed at the entrance of their farm.

VERENKA, Harry and Elizabeth (nee Olynyk)

by V. Kushniruk

Harry Jr., the oldest son of Hrehory and Lisaveta Werenka, was born on the homestead, SW 28-55-13-W4th, on August 28, 1903.

As a young boy he helped on the farm and attended Szypenitz School, but not on a regular basis. His fondness of school was always in conflict with chores and farm work. Harry was a good student and was encouraged by his teachers to continue his education, but his father would not hear of it. Many times he ran away to school, taking with him, in a sugar sack, a piece of bread and a bottle of milk. When he returned home, however, he got a good licking. Harry was a southpaw (left-handed), but as the song went "Reading and Writing and 'Rithmetic, taught to the tune of the hickory stick", he learned to write with his right hand; however, all his other work was done with the left.

Elizabeth Olynyk was born on July 11, 1905, to Nickoli and Annie Olynyk (nee Grekul), on the homestead, SW 16-55-13-W4th. She was the oldest child in a family of nine children. Her first school which operated only during the summer months, was "Berehmet", situated east of Hairy Hill, and west of their homestead. When the Berehmet School was moved to Hairy Hill, the Olynyk children went to Szypenitz, which was four miles away. In summer, they took a short-cut along Island Lake, and in winter, they rode in a homemade cutter, pulled by a very sensible horse, "Deeza".

Being the oldest in the family, Elizabeth's attendance was not regular as she had to help on the family farm. Her schooling came to a halt at the end of Grade IV, and she remembers how, one day on her way from school, her mother gave her the horse to round up the strayed horses.

Elizabeth was grandfather's right hand. At the age of 14, she had to handle a team of horses to haul grain to Vegreville. Neighbors helped each other and so the entire winter was spent in hauling grain. The clothes for a girl were inadequate for the long hauls. Many times she was so cold that she thought she'd never make it to Vegreville or back home again. One winter when she was hauling grain, she cashed a grain cheque and bought herself a fur coat. Her best friend couldn't recognize her; but she was

going to be warm now.

Elizabeth was a good horseback rider. One late fall, while driving cattle from a pasture, near Innisfree, she urged her horse to head off a runaway bull. The horse slipped on an icy patch and both horse and rider went down. Her dad picked her up, unhurt, helped her back on the horse and they continued the cattle drive.

When Elizbeth was not involved with chores or farm work, she occupied herself with her favorite hobby, sewing. When her parents were away she would cut up some material, without the use of a pattern, and make it into either a dress or a blouse. The garment went to whoever it fit.

Elizabeth and Harry were school chums. During the winter, Harry tried to hook a ride on the runners of the Olynyk sleigh. This displeased Elizabeth so she rapped his knuckles, to get rid of him. Their friendship grew, bloomed into a romance and after a short courtship, they were married on August 9, 1923, by Reverend Piza in the Szypenitz Orthodox Church. Their Matron of Honour was Sandra Olynyk (Bride's sister-in-law), Bride's Maid was Mary Olynyk (sister of the Bride), Best Man was Victor Dowhaniuk (friend from Vegreville), and the Usher was Paul Ruptash (friend). People who attended the wedding remember it very clearly. A severe, windswept rainstorm and a pitch black night, forced all the guests to spend the night at the Werenka home. The crops were completely flattened and had to be cut one way, with great difficulty, in order to salvage some grain.

Harry and Elizabeth Verenka, 1923

The newlyweds lived with Harry's family for two years. They helped on the family farm and also began to make improvements on their newly purchased land, SW 35-55-13-W4th. Once their house was partly completed, they moved onto their own quarter section of land.

Harry and Elizabeth knew hard times. Their faith in God was strong and from their "roots", they knew how to persevere.

The seasons dictated to them the many different types of tasks that had to be completed. These tasks were done individually, with Elizabeth by his side, with neighbors cooperatively and later with the help of the children.

Harry and Elizabeth raised two daughters, and one son: Mary, Victoria, and Mike.

Harry and Elizabeth's family - Mary, Mike and Victoria, 1967

Mary was born October 18, 1924. She married Harvey M. Jensen of Omaha, Nebraska. They have two children, Lynne and Kenny. Mary works for Mutual of Omaha. Harvey retired from Omaha Steel Works and is now working for Hinky-Dinky Grocery Store. Lynne is married to Paul Ziemba, and they live in Omaha, Nebraska. They have four children: MaryLynne, Karalee, Steven, and a chosen daughter, Joanna. Lynne is a graduate of the University of Nebraska. Paul is a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps. Kenny married Robin Rice. They have a daughter, Michelle. Kenny is a graduate of the University of Omaha and is employed with the post office. Kenny and Robin are now divorced.

Victoria was born on November 7, 1926. She married Nick Kushniruk. They have three girls: Carol, Lori, and Maureen.

Mike, who was born October 24, 1930, married Natalie Woloschuk. They have three children: Kathy, Joanne, and Mark. Mike died of a heart attack on Farmers' Day, June 12, 1970, at the age of 39. Kathy is working for the Solicitor General's Department of Correctional Services at St. Paul. Joanne is married to Brian Derewynka and they have a daughter, Janice. Joanne works at the Treasury Branch. Her husband is employed with Pan

Canadian at Elk Point. Mark is attending Grade XI at Two Hills High School.

Harry was part of his Szypenitz community. He was secretary of the Farmers' Union, and was on the church and school board committee. He was a life-member of the United Grain Growers, and a member of the Hairy Hill Cooperative Board.

Harry was a great believer in education. He encouraged his children to go through school, so that life would be easier for them.

In July, 1967, Harry and Elizabeth moved to Two Hills, leaving the farming to their son, Mike. Harry's favorite hobbies were, helping out on the farm in the spring and fall, and ice fishing with his buddies: John Plaska, (the late) Steve Plaska, Charlie Svekla, and Alec Melnyk.

Harry and Elizabeth celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1973. Harry passed away November 30, 1978. Elizabeth continues to live alone in her home. Her life is shared unselfishly with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, neighbors, and friends. She is quick to offer those who drop in, a cup of coffee or tea. Her fingers are never idle for she spends her time quilting, knitting, crocheting, and needle working.

Our thanks are extended to Mom and Dad, for their unending love, understanding, and patience. The heritage you left us made our lives rich and worthwhile.

VOLK, John and Mary (nee Fischer)

John Volk was born on October 12, 1880, in Georgendale, Russia. His father had emigrated from Germany to Russia. In 1900, John Volk Jr. left Russia and came to Aberdeen, South Dakota.

He married Mary Eva Fischer of Aberdeen, in February, 1901. Mary Eva was of German descent, born in Odessa, Russia, on February 19, 1881.

John and Mary had five children born in the United States. In 1908, John and his family arrived at their homestead on NE 19-9-12-W4th.

Three more children were born during their stay in Burdette, Alberta. The children attended the Brownsdale School.

Their first son John III, born in 1902, went back to the U.S.A. when he was old enough to work. There he married Alice Berge and settled in Taxoma, Washington. John worked for the railroad until he retired. John III and Alice had five children.

Stephen, born in 1904, worked in various places in Alberta. He married Ada May Neilson, and then moved to a farm near Carmangay. They had eight children. Stephen, who passed away February, 1974, was confined to a wheelchair for many years following back surgery.

A daughter Catherine died in infancy in 1903, and was buried in the U.S.A.

Joseph, born in 1906, farmed in the Warwick District and later in Vegreville. His wife was the former Rose Theroux.

Frank, born in 1907, married Marie Venne and also farmed. Later they moved to Vegreville where Frank was employed by the town until his retirement. They had

John and Mary Volk, 1917

three children.

Julia, born in 1909, was the first one of the family to be born in Canada. She married Harry Young of Two Hills, and now they reside in Edmonton. They have one daughter.

Martha, born in 1914, married Joseph Theroux and they farmed in the Vegreville area. Upon retirement, they moved to town. They have two daughters. Martha passed away June 20, 1980.

Tony, born in 1916, married Helen Johnson, who was born seven miles southwest of Two Hills. They have one daughter, Leola.

Owing to the dry years and poor crops, the family moved to the Vegreville area in 1924. Here they continued to farm until the children grew up and went their separate ways.

John and Mary moved to Two Hills in 1936 and rented a farm two miles west of the town, where they lived until their retirement. Mary passed away in June, 1962, and John, on March 23, 1964. They are both buried in the Vegreville Cemetery.

VOLK, Tony and Helen (nee Johnson)

Tony Volk was born in Burdette, Alberta and came north to Vegreville with his family in 1924. They farmed there for some time and then moved to a farm two miles west of Two Hills.

Helen Johnson was born on a farm seven miles southwest of Two Hills. She attended Wolia School until Grade X, then finished her education in Edmonton. After completing her nurse training, she worked in Edmonton and Vancouver. Later she came back to Two Hills where Tony and she were married.

A daughter, Leola Ellen, was born in the Vegreville General Hospital.

The Volks then moved to Edmonton, and Tony worked for two years at Aircraft Repair Ltd. Later the family moved to Vegreville where Tony was engaged in plumbing, heating and gas fitting. Helen worked at the Vegreville General Hospital for a short time.

In 1951, they moved to Two Hills, where Tony set up a plumbing, heating and gas fitting business, while Helen

worked in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital. Later, Tony worked for Western Minerals, as a battery operator, and then as a utility officer for ten years in the County of Two Hills. He retired in July, 1984.

Helen retired in 1979, but continued to nurse part-time.

Leola attended school in Vegreville and Two Hills. After graduating she completed a secretarial course at Alberta College. She worked at the Chemical Plant in Duvernay, and in 1961, married Nick Greckol, a teacher, from Hairy Hill. Nick taught in Two Hills for seven years.

Tony, Helen and Leola (Volk) Greckol, 1984

The Greckols had four children: Louella, Murray (deceased in 1965), Laurien and Neil, all born in the Two Hills Municipal Hospital.

In 1967, Leola, Nick and family, moved to Calgary where they have been residing ever since.

WARAWA, Fred (Fedor) and Feshka (nee Sturmay)

by Pearl Hnydyk and Anne Boychuk

Fred (Fedor) Warawa was born on April 15, 1859, in the Village of Bilavci, County of Brody, in the Province of Galicia, Western Ukraine. He immigrated to Canada in 1902, with his wife and four children. His wife, Feshka, was born in 1870. They settled on NE 2-54-13-W4th, in the Lanuke district.

One of the prize possessions they brought from the Ukraine were framed icons, which were hung on the walls of their new Canadian home. During the winter days, the girls' pastime was making crepe-paper flowers to adorn the icon frames.

The Warawas observed the Julian Calendar and on Christmas Day, January 7, and St. Jordan's Day on January 19, the parish priest blessed water in a tub. Members of the congregation filled their containers with this holy water and took it home where they poured some into the well and used the rest for medicinal purposes. Whenever grandparents visited, the family greeted them by kissing their hand, a Ukrainian custom showing respect for the elderly.

The children attended Lanuke School where their one and only teacher, Mrs. English, was very highly respected. The family attended Plain Lake Ukrainian

Fred Warawa, 1920

Catholic Church. Grandfather loved to read the Bible to his family.

There was always a pile of wood stacked by the house. A small trapdoor was cut in the floor, which when opened, disclosed a ladder leading to the cellar, where the potatoes, vegetables and other supplies were stored. Outside, a clothesline was strung between two trees. The family was fortunate to own a gramophone in the early days.

The four children who arrived with Fred and Feshka were: Eva (1888) who married Steve Chmilar and Christine (1892) who married Harry Zaozirny of Mundare. They have two children.

Ahaphia (1894) married D. Wispinski and raised 12 children. John, who married Eustina Frankiw, had five children. He died in 1936.

The remaining children born in Canada were: Peter, born at Lanuke in 1902, married Mary Tymko. They had two children but their son, Sam, died in infancy.

Ann (1904) married T. Kitt. She died in 1925 during childbirth.

Mary (1906) married K. Sokalski and they have three children.

Dmytro (1908) married Anne Tymko and they have one child.

Nancy married John Frankiw and they have five children. She died in 1972, and is interred at Plain Lake.

Feshka died in 1924, and Fred on February 17, 1932. Both were buried in the Plain Lake Cemetery.

Nadia and Eli Frankiw (grandson) now farm the homestead.

WASS, Frank and Ann

by Ann Wass

After I was married to Frank Wass in 1945, we farmed in Hairy Hill for one year. We then bought a mink ranch on the outskirts of Lac La Biche which we operated for two years. After moving to Edmonton, we established our own janitor service business for 30 years until 1973.

Ann Wass with her family, 1975

We had four children: Rose of Calgary is a nursing aide. She married Murray Rogers and raised three children.

Shirley, of Calgary graduated in dietary technology and married Robert Fischer. They have two children.

Ed, graduated in forest technology and resides in Victoria with his wife, Jerrilyn, and their daughter.

Judy graduated from the University of Alberta as a teacher. She and her husband, Harold Hudson, live with their one daughter in Saskatoon.

Frank enjoyed his retirement for ten years and passed away on April 15, 1983. I continue to work for the Edmonton Public School Board.

WASYLASKO, Zachary and Yewona (nee Salahub)

by Linda Poznanski

Zachary, son of Axenia (nee Strogrin) and Nihia Wasylasko, was born in Bukovina, Ukraine, in 1874. Attracted by free land in Canada, he left the Village of Toporivci, arriving in Halifax on June 13, 1902. He then travelled to Edmonton, and then made his way to the Pakan district where he applied for homestead rights on NW 22-59-17-W4th.

In Pakan, Zachary met his future wife, Yewona, daughter of Maria and Tanasko Salahub. Their first child, Nickolai, was born at Pakan on December 4, 1904. In March, 1906, Zachary and his family abandoned their homestead and travelled southeast to Duvernay where he applied to homestead the NW 22-55-11-W4th. Yewona and Zachary toiled from sunrise to sunset, moving boulders, clearing brush and burning tree stumps. Because the land was rough and rocky, only ten acres had been broken by the end of 1907. On December 20, 1909, five days before Christmas, Zachary received full title to his land.

During the next 17 years, death plagued this family many times. Yewona's father died, and in 1917, their daughter Domka passed away. In November, 1920, Yewona's sister Kateryna Hryhoruik died in childbirth. Ivan Hryhoruik, her brother-in-law, died in 1926, leaving a family of six daughters and two sons. Yewona and Zachary then welcomed into their own family of seven, the young Wasylka (Sally) Hryhoruik.

Yewona Wasylasko and Elizabeth Raczuk, 1942

Nick, the oldest son, married Ann Antoniuk in 1927, and began to farm the southwest quarter, adjacent to his father's farm. During the 1930s Depression, the remaining children attempted to secure a future for themselves.

John continued to box, Marion attended hairdressing school, Sally worked at a Red and White store in Edmonton, and Rosalie was employed as a chef in various parts of Alberta, later moving to B.C.

The family, however, beset with economic hardships, finally abandoned their homestead in the mid-1930s, and moved to Kitscoty, Alberta. On March 7, 1929, Annette, the youngest daughter of Zachary and Yewona, died. In August, 1940, Marion and Sally travelled to Ontario seeking employment. Nick and Ann moved to Minburn in 1935, and continued farming until 1970. On January 15, 1943, Zachary Wasylasko succumbed to heart failure and was buried in Edmonton.

James married Olga Golinowski and moved to Lloydminster. Yewona and John moved to Saskatchewan where they farmed. In the late 1960s, John and Yewona, almost totally blind, moved to Creston, B.C. George, injured years earlier in a boxing accident, died in 1973. On June 9, 1977, Yewona passed away. She rests near her son, George, in Claresholm, Alberta.

Sally, Rosalie, Jim and Marion - August, 1940

At the present time, John and his sister, Marion Motyl, now a widow, live in Guelph, Ontario. Rosalie married Ron Ensign and lives in Creston, B.C. Nick passed away on July 14, 1971, and is survived by his wife, Anne, of Spruce Grove. Forty years later, on March 29, 1983, Yewona's niece, Sally Wales (nee Hryhoruik) returned to Alberta from Ontario.

WASYLCIW, Wawryk 1864-1931 Anna (nee Bak) 1874-1916

Wawryk and Anna Wasylciw farmed at Plain Lake, Alberta. They were blessed with seven children: Alex (deceased); Fred, of Calgary; Bill (deceased); Mary Belozer (deceased) of Oregon; Karolina Kisilewicz (1893-1918); Anton (1902-1983); and Jean Paranka Kiceluk of Cranbrook, B.C.

In 1917, Wawryk was remarried to Maria, daughter of Jan and Anna Sadowinski (nee Girdowsky). Their marriage took place in St. Trinity Catholic Church at Plain Lake, Alberta. Born to Maria and Wawryk were four children: John, Anna, Mike (deceased 1974); and Nadia.

The family farmed at Plain Lake for 14 years until Wawryk passed away in 1931.

Maria was then remarried in 1931 to Simeon Bereza in a marriage ceremony at the Greek Catholic Church in Innisfree. Maria and Simeon, along with her four children, moved to a quarter section of land six and a half miles southwest of Kinsella, Alberta.

Five children, all delivered at home with the assistance of midwife, Mrs. Anna (Jack) Whitford, were born: Joe and William (twins); Nancy Baron, Rosie Briody, and Nicholas.

Simeon, born in 1892, died of cancer in 1942. Maria's son, Mike Wasylciw, was appointed guardian by the Public Trustee.

At age 16, each child left school when the monthly family allowance of $6. per child was discontinued. Each ventured out to find his and her fortune. Maria moved from the farm to Kinsella in 1950. She was killed August 18, 1962, while crossing Highway 14, in search of beer bottles.

WATT, Robert Thomas

Tom Watt, born in Listowell, Ontario, in 1860, arrived in the Two Hills district in 1889 and settled on SW 30-54-13-W4th. In 1885, after coming West with General Middleton's army, he took out a homestead at Indian Head, Saskatchewan.

The Federal Government purchased his homestead at Indian Head for an experimental farm, causing him to move further west via the North Battleford Trail to a district that became known as Wattsford (six miles west and one and one-half miles south of Two Hills). He settled at the southeast end of a lake, later known as Watt Lake.

Tom Watt and a Mr. Cinnamon were the first white settlers in the area. They were soon followed by the Taylors, Prices, Youngs, Browns, Smiths, W.C. Gillis, Milton McLeod, Cy Richardson, Pozers and Simpson.

Tom Watt farmed the land, raised horses and cattle until his death in 1925.

Tom Watt, 1860-1925; Robert T. Watt, 1899-1969

WATT, Robert (Bob) and Maggie

Robert (Bob) Watt, born in 1899, was one of the first pupils to attend the Wattsford school. Later he obtained his high school in Vegreville and in 1916 joined the army. He went overseas with the 49th Battalion and saw action in France. After being wounded in 1919, Bob returned to farm with his father. In 1926, he married Maggie McPherson who arrived from Edmonton in 1923 to teach at Wattsford School.

Robert and Maggie had three children: Sara, Pat, and Tom. Sara, married Edward Brosseau. Pat was wed to Lawrence Kisilevich, and Tom married Margaret Zalasky. In 1985 there were six grandchildren in the Watt family: Edmond Brosseau, Cathy (MacKenzie), Roberta Brosseau, Kevin Kisilevich, and Kim and Robbie Watt.

Thomas I. Watt, 1937; Robert I. Watt, 1974

Edmond married Judy Krudys and they have one daughter, Jennifer. Jennifer Brosseau is the only great-grandchild.

Bob and Maggie operated the mixed farm until Bob's death in 1969. A year later, Maggie moved to Sherwood Park where all three of her children and their families live. Maggie has not abandoned the farm, but has remained active in the administration and crop-share arrangements.

The farm home is constantly used by members of the family who help with the harvest and farm operations.

WERENKA, Harry and Lisaveta (nee Eliuk)

by Victoria Kushniruk

Harry (Hrehory) Werenka (Sr.) was born in Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine, on January 26, 1869, to Mr. and Mrs. Hryhory Werenka. Hrehory had a brother, Artimon, and a sister, Annie. Artimon immigrated to Canada and settled on the quarter section just east of his brother, Harry. Annie, being the adventurous type, went to Sobodzeya, Komarashtee, Romania, and has not been heard from since.

In 1895, Hrehory married Lisaveta Eliuk, born June 9, 1874. She was the daughter of Nicholi and Titiana (nee Mackowichuk) Eliuk.

Conditions in Bukovina were difficult because of the oppression and the political turmoil. Upon hearing about Canada, with its vast expanse of land where one could get 160 acres for only $10., Hrehory and Lisaveta made plans to emigrate. They broke family ties, obtained passports, and with their three children: Kalyna (five), Zoonya (three), and Synafta (six weeks), and with some of their friends and relatives, they began their trip to the "Promised Land". They took a few personal belongings and some tools packed in a homemade wooden trunk, and left by train to the port of Hamburg, Germany. Here, they waited until weather conditions were favourable for sailing. The ship's cargo consisted of cattle and grain. A portion of it was cleared for the immigrants.

The trip was long and rough and their greatest fear was of dying on board. They knew the dead would be tossed overboard. On September, 1901, after three weeks at sea, they arrived in Halifax, Canada. It took ten days of travel by train from Halifax to Calgary, and then to Edmonton. Here they were met by friends who knew of their coming, and took them by wagon to Szypenitz, a district named after their village in Bukovina.

Hrehory's family settled on SE 34-55-13-W4th. They spent two winters in a "burdei" (a dugout in the side of a hill). Because the land was hilly and covered with huge stones, they relocated to SW 28-55-13-W4th. With the help of kind neighbors, a log house with a thatched roof was built and the family moved from the "burdei", to their permanent homestead.

Hrehory and Lisevata Werenka's married daughters. Front row, (L to R) - Jennie with daughter Rosie and son Bill, Synafta with son Bill, Lisevata (mother) and Katie; back row - Nick Malanchuk, George Eliuk (Lisevata's brother), Hrehory (father), George O. Ruptash, Mike (son), 1920.

Hrehory and Lisaveta had ten children. Two daughters and two sons died in infancy; four daughters and two sons: Kalyna, Zoonya, Synafta, Hrehory (Jr.), Veronya, and Doroftay, lived to maturity.

Kalyna was born in 1897, and died in 1936. She married George O. Ruptash.

Zoonya (Jennie) was born September 18, 1898. In 1915 she married Nick Malanchuk who died on November 1, 1958. Jennie resides in Edmonton.

Synafta was born in 1901, and married Trifon Fedoriuk in March, 1918. She died in 1924.

Hrehory (Harry Jr.) was born August 28, 1903, and died November 30, 1978. He married Elizabeth Olynyk.

Veronya (Vera) was born December 25, 1908. She married Nick Ruptash. They reside in Edmonton.

Doroftay (Mike) was born September 30, 1911. He married Rose Ursuliak. They are now living in Two Hills, Alberta.

Hrehory and Lisaveta moved to the village of Hairy Hill in 1941, leaving their farm to their youngest son, Mike. Hrehory died August 8, 1949, at the age of 80. Lisaveta died January 30, 1953, at the age of 79.

Aunt Jenny (Zoonya), now 86 years old, reflected on the pioneer days:

- how excited her parents were when she got lost on their arrival in Halifax.
- how she and her sister, Kalyna, frightened off by some

Mike, Hrehory Werenka, Vera, Lisevata Werenka, George Eliuk, and Harry Jr., 1920.

Indians, left their candy on the shore of a lake.
- how at Christmastime Mykyta Eliuk and some friends had to lie down on the snow in front of the "burdei" window to carol.
- how she and Synafta fenced the whole quarter of land with three strands of wire.
- how her mother tied red thread to pegs, to mark the way to and from their neighbor, Kiriak Eliuk.
- how afraid they were of grass fires.
- how her father went by wagon to Edmonton via Shandro because there were no roads.
- how she had to bake white bread for special church services in their house.
- how the midwife, Mrs. Ostashek, tripped and dropped newborn, Veronya.
- how her brother, Harry touched the "cheep" on the barrel and the home brew sprayed the freshly, whitewashed ceiling.
- how Harry hid in the hay and the "licking" he got.
- how they had to prepare for the feast "khram" held every September 21, (2nd Bohorodétza).
- how her mother could solve mathematical problems on her fingers, during threshing time (finger math).

I also have many pleasant recollections:

- how every spring Grandmother whitewashed the outside of the old house. The upper part was snow white, and the lower part, a beautiful blue gray.
- how we, as kids, loved to sit or run on the "pryspah" (a low type bench made of clay along the front of the house).
- how we loved to take a peek into the third room where the "khram", or special events were held. The wall was decorated with a very long "coveretz". It had a table the width of the room and the floor, painted orange, shone like glass.
- how my sister Mary, and I, after school hours, walked to our grandparents' place, to spend the night.
- how frightened we were to sleep upstairs during a thunder storm.
- how grandmother made the most delicious, creamed-potato soup and cake pudding on top of saskatoon and rhubarb jam.
- how grandfather loved "kysyliak" (milk yogurt). He rested the gallon-crock on his lap and very rhythmically spooned out the contents.
- how each morning, upon awakening, he would face the east window in the kitchen and say the Lord's Prayer.
- how sister Mary and I would sneak upstairs into a little room and get into Uncle Mike's love letters.
- how we enjoyed Uncle Mike's singing. He taught us songs such as "Oh I Wish I Had Wings of an Angel", "Pete Night's Last Ride", "Clementine", and "Down in the Valley". We sang these songs in harmony at our school programs on Fridays.
- how my brother Mike and I ventured out on a three mile hike in winter by dog sled, to visit Grandmother and Grandfather. He rode the toboggan, and I ran ahead of the dog to show him the way.
- how my brother and I and our neighbors, Mike and George Ursuliak, pulled our toboggans across the fields through knee high snow to get to the "Lysyi Horb" (bald hill). Grandfather's "burdei" was in this hill. Half-way down the steep hill was a drop that caused the toboggan to take off into the air. The landing was always a dangerous spill.

Hrehory and Lisaveta were true pioneers, who, along with their children, worked hard on the land. They left us a memorable heritage. They had the patience to live one day at a time, believing that with God's help, nothing was impossible.

WERENKA, Mike and Rose (nee Ursuliak)

by Victoria Kushniruk

Doroftay (Mike), the youngest son of Hrehory and Lisaveta Werenka, was born on September 30, 1911, on the family homestead.

Mike married Rose Ursuliak on November 1, 1939. They farmed for one and one-half years, then moved to Calgary where Mike worked at the munitions factory for four years. Later he went to work on the Alaska Highway (under construction), where he worked for one year. The family returned to the farm and remained there for 25 years. They went into raising beef cattle and later into dairy business.

In 1965, Mike sold the farm and moved to Calgary with his family where he worked as a housekeeping supervisor at the Rocky View Hospital and later he was a travelling supervisor for Dust Bane Enterprises. At first, Rose worked at the Rocky View Hospital as housekeeper,

Werenka's family, 1950. (L to R) - Harvey (front), Marlene, Mike, Rose, Diane and Sylvia.

25th wedding anniversary, 1964. (L to R) - Connie, Rose and Mike Werenka.

then in the lab as sterilizer, and later as cardiograph technician.

In 1976, Mike and Rose moved to Two Hills, where they both are enjoying retirement.

Mike and Rose have four daughters and one son: Sylvia, Marlene, Diane, Harvey, and Connie. They also have ten grandchildren: Shawne Etherington (nee Cavanaugh), Michelle Cavanaugh, Kelly Cavanaugh, Karen (nee Kupchanko) Bradley, Lee Ann Kupchanko, Lorna Kupchanko, Dallas Dawson, Lisa Dawson, Autumn Midgley, Dwight Midgley, and two great-grandchildren, Charelene Rose Etherington, and Bailey Marie Bradley.

WERENKA, John and Vicky (nee Kolisniak)

Vicky, the youngest child of Andrew and Elena (nee Hrynyk) Kolisniak, was born in 1942. After completing Grade I in the one-room school at Musidora she was bussed to Two Hills for Grades II-XII. Vicky then commenced employment with the Bank of Montreal, where she worked for seven years.

Vicky and John Werenka, 1984

In 1965, Vicky married John Werenka of Hairy Hil who managed the Gulf Oil service station in Two Hil for 13 years. Later he bought the Two Hills Con fectionery, which is still in operation.

The Werenkas were blessed with three sons. Wad Stanley graduated from Two Hills High School and i enrolled in the Faculty of Fine Arts at the University o Alberta. He has worked part-time at the Two Hills so farm and in the confectionery store.

Wade, Brad and Conrad Werenka, 1976

Brad John is completing his high school in Sherwood Park. After leading the Two Hills Pee Wees to Provincial Championships in the 1981-82 hockey season, he was scouted by the Edmonton Oilers (at the age of 13). He since has received numerous invitations to a variety of junior hockey clubs, both tier I and II. Brad left home at 14 years of age and joined the Sherwood Park Major A team to play more competitive hockey giving him the opportunity to travel to other provinces and countries.

Conrad Andrew is attending Two Hills Elementary School.

WERENKA, Wasyl and Marafta and WERENKA, Adam and Nellie (nee Kott)

by Mertie Beaty (nee Werenka)

Adam, the eldest son of Wasyl and Marafta Werenka, was born on September 12, 1899, in Bukovina, Western Ukraine. In 1914, Adam, along with four younger brothers and sisters and their parents, made the ocean voyage that brought them to New York on March 7. From there they travelled by train to Edmonton.

Everything, including the English language, was new and exciting to 14 year old Adam. He learned to speak English quickly when he worked on the C.P.R. as section man, near Wainwright.

His father, Wasyl, had first come to Canada in 1902,

and worked as a miner in Canmore (near Banff) and at Frank. Apparently he left Frank the night before the fatal "Frank Slide" on April 29, 1903, that buried the entire mining town in the mountains. Wasyl often told that he crossed the ocean seven times between 1902 and 1914, coming across three times alone to work in Canada and the United States, and returning to spend time with his wife and children. His wife, Marafta, twice refused to leave her homeland because she felt obligated to care for her parents. Finally, in 1914, Wasyl persuaded her to come to the new country.

The family homesteaded north of Two Hills, SW 19-55-11-W4th, in the fall of 1914. All the children worked hard the following spring and summer to clear and break the land. The work was done with horses in those early days. Buildings had to be erected; most were made of logs, carefully dove-tailed at the corners. Log buildings were plastered inside and out, and proved to be quite warm in winter.

Wasyl operated a general store at the farm before Two Hills existed. Stock was brought in from Vegreville. Adam remembers that in 1916, at the age of 16, he hauled 1,000 bushels of grain to Vegreville with oxen. On the return trip he brought stock for the store. Wasyl peddled goods and supplies from farm to farm, serving the farmers from his well-stocked wagon. Various people remember that Wasyl always handed out peppermint candies to the children who eagerly awaited this treat. If the farmers did not have money to pay for the merchandise they needed, Wasyl often took hides, grain or produce in trade.

Adam left home as soon as the younger children were able to work on the farm. (Five more children were born in Canada.) He worked at various jobs from 1920 to 1927, including the Kimberly Lead Mine in B.C., the Drumheller Coal Mine, and the Brooks irrigation projects. In 1927, Adam moved to Vegreville where, for the next 13 years, he worked as bodyman and mechanic, first at MacLean's Garage and then at Thomas Garage.

In 1936, Adam married Nellie Kott of the Lanuke district. Nellie worked in Vegreville as a domestic helper. She was introduced to Adam as "the girl from south of Two Hills, who needs a ride home for the weekend." Adam, who owned a car by then, used to drive to the farm occasionally and was delighted to be of help.

Nellie, the fifth child of Harry and Nancy Kott, was born on March 17, 1915. She remembers attending Lanuke School, where for most of her school years, she had Mrs. Anne English as her teacher. While growing up, Nellie remembers helping to plant trees around their farmhouse in the 1920s. Those trees are still growing and the two-storey house that was their home is still in use. Nellie recalls some of the hardships as she grew up as one of 15 children. Can you imagine buying shoes and clothes for all? Nellie recalls that they used to line their rubber boots with hay to keep their feet warm on cold winter days.

The Werenkas lived in Vegreville for ten years, until Adam's health began to fail. The doctor thought that he had spent too many years being exposed to exhaust and other fumes in the garage, so he suggested a move to an outdoor job.

In the summer of 1939, Adam and Nellie moved to the farm that Wasyl had homesteaded. They had one child by then. Nine more were born to them on the farm. Of the ten children they had, seven are still living.

With the introduction of the more efficient power machinery, the farm began to prosper. In 1955, rural electrification arrived in the district and in 1957, they built a modern home, which was large enough to accommodate the growing families who came home to visit.

They incorporated as Werenka Family Farms, Ltd. in 1983, and turned the farming operation over to their children. Adam and Nellie Werenka still live on that farm. Adam is 85 years old, and still drives his truck to town and around the neighborhood.

Their seven children are all married and have families of their own as follows:

Mertie and Art Beatty, living in Calgary have three children: Layton, Lorne and Lorinda.

Frances and Nick Elkow, of the Musidora district, have two children, Darrell and Dennis.

Adam and Nellie Werenka on their wedding day, November, 1936. This fine couple will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in the fall of 1986.

Adam and Nellie (Knott) Werenka. Adam is shown celebrating his 86th birthday, September, 1985.

Harry and Dorothy Werenka who reside in Edmonton, have five children: Steven, Jonathan, Stuart, Yvette and Margaret.

Joe and Caron Werenka, living in American Falls, Idaho, have three children: Chris, Trevor and Jo-Lynn.

Danny and Faye Werenka, of Sylvan Lake, have four children: Jeff, Shane, Torry and Shandi.

Betty and Marshall Saskiw, living in Edmonton, have three children: Kimberley, Kenneth and Kevin.

Ruth and Peter Bateyko, of the Two Hills district, have two children, Darwin and Dustin.

Adam and Nellie are content to spend their remaining years living on the land they love, puttering in their huge garden. Nellie continues to keep her deep freeze filled with Ukrainian "goodies" for friends and family when they pop in to visit or spend a weekend.

WERSTIUK, John and Elena
WERSTIUK, Gregory and Nastasia
WERSTIUK, Toder (Fred) and Lena

by Fred Werstiuk

John Werstiuk left his native Bukovina, to find a new home for his family, hopefully close to some relatives who had settled in Saskatchewan earlier. Arriving in Regina, in 1902, John filed for a homestead in the District of Assiniboia.

A year later, his wife Elena, two children, Paraska and Toder (Fred) arrived. They were accompanied by John's brother Gregory, his wife Nastasia, and their six children. Upon arrival in Canada, Gregory and his family journeyed to Edmonton, while Elena and her children headed to a little town north of Regina, in the District of Assiniboia.

When Elena and the children stepped off the train, no one was there to meet them. Disappointed and frightened, Elena burst into tears, not knowing what to do or where to go. However, a thoughtful railroad man took them to his home where they spent the night. Next morning John arrived and took his family to some relatives with whom he was living. Here they spent the winter.

In the spring of 1904, John built a house and barn with sod blocks of rooted prairie wool (grass). A son, George, was born in the same year.

In 1905, through Gregory's persuasion, John and Elena disposed of their property in Saskatchewan, and left for Edmonton. It was here that the two Werstiuk families spent the winter in a tiny two-room cottage, while the two brothers looked for homesteads. The cramped conditions in the cottage created problems among the two families and their nine children. Elena couldn't endure the squabbling so she took her children and spent the winter with kind neighbors, the Chebris. She sold her sheepskin coat and vest to buy a cow and two steers.

John chose SW 32-56-12-W4th for his homestead and Gregory filed for NE 30-56-12-W4th. A clay plastered house was built first on Gregory's homestead. The floor consisted of a clay, manure and soot mixture, giving it a smooth grey finish that could be easily swept. Upon completion of the house, Gregory left to work in Edmonton as a ditch digger, while John and Elena built their own home.

Fred Werstiuk family, circa 1945-46. (L to R) - Steve, John, Walter, Fred, Lena, Nestor, Olga and Victoria. (Helen is missing.)

In the winter, John walked to Edmonton, to find work. He had only five cents in his pocket, which he spent for the ferry ride across the North Saskatchewan River. That winter Elena and her children survived a diet of potatoes and beets for weeks at a time.

In the meantime, Gregory became very ill and died at home a short time later. News of his death did not reach John in time for him to attend the funeral. Nastasia and her family were cared for by John and kind neighbours. Nastasia owned mill stones "zhorna" which enabled the family to grind flour and grits. Barley was ground and boiled into steaming "kolesha". Bread was a treat when flour was available.

Later, John purchased Gregory's homestead and Nastasia and her family moved away from the district.

Some time later, as John and his son Toder were trying to buy some hay, they came upon a farmer who offered

Werstiuk family, 1985. Front row, (L to R) - Olga, Victoria, Helen; back row - Walter, Fred, Lena, Steve and Nestor.

to sell two loads of hay for $3. a load, providing that seven-year-old Toder would stay behind and babysit. At $1. a month, young Toder earned $12. by year's end. When the man brought Toder home for a visit, Toder hid away and did not go back to his babysitting duties.

Elena died in 1919, and John in 1931.

At age 25, Toder, (Fred) married Lena, daughter of Tom and Katerina (nee Bolan) Skinty of Shandro, Alberta. The couple established themselves on what was Gregory's homestead.

Fred and Lena had seven children: Helen, John, Steve, Victoria, Walter, Olga, and Nestor. Helen married Mike Bodnar, and they presently live in Toronto. Steve married Helen Drobet and established themselves in Kamloops, B.C. Victoria married Peter Olynyk and they live in Lloydminster; Walter married Joan Dald who was born in England, and reside in Kamloops, B.C. Olga married Tom Pastachak and made their home in Quesnel, B.C. Nestor married Gloria Wennychuk and they reside in Kamloops, B.C. John passed away in 1974.

Fred and Lena left the farm in 1964. They are now living in Two Hills, enjoying retirement.

WHITFORD, Scotty

Scotty Whitford was born in 1898, at Radford's homestead on the southside of the Vermilion River near Two Hills. He attended the Lanuke School for a short time.

He has two sisters and one step-sister: Rose Adams, of California; Dolly Douglas, of Ganges, B.C.; and Doris Radford who lives in Edmonton.

Scotty worked in the Two Hills area as a hired hand for R.C. Fife, John Forbes, Bob Watt, Mrs. G.R. Forbes, Peter Sawchuk, and others. He was also very reliable as a babysitter.

Scotty is residing at the nursing home in Two Hills.

Scotty Whitford in Two Hills Nursing Home with Director of Nursing, Nancy Hasiuk, 1977

WILLIAMS, Robert and Tillie (nee Kisilewicz)

by Tillie (nee Kisilewicz) Williams

I, Tillie Williams, am the youngest child of Stephen and Karolina Kisilewicz. My three brothers are John, Paul, and Mike. I was only six weeks old when my mother died of the flu in 1918. My father then married Anastasia (nee Dutka) Iskiw, a widow with two small children. Because it was too difficult for my stepmother to take care of us all, my grandparents offered to raise me and to send me to school. Later I stayed with my Uncle John's family.

I left school when I was 16, and worked as a waitress at Victor's Cafe in Vegreville where I earned $10. a month. At age 18, I left for Cranbrook, B.C., where I worked in my uncle and aunt's hotel, for $20. a month. Later I worked at the Zenith Cafe earning $25. a month.

In 1940, when I met and was married to Robert Williams, we moved to San Jose, California. Here we raised three children: Priscilla, Robert, and Richard, (and grandchild Boyd). Later we moved to Cosa Mesa, California.

I am now retired and live in Ensemada, Mexico.

WINNICHUK, Harry and Warwara (nee Delawski)

by John Winnichuk

My father, Harry Winnichuk, came to Canada from Knaize, Galicia, with the Delawski family, in 1907. He and mother, Warawa Delawski, were married on February 16, 1911, at Lanuke, Alberta. Three boys were born of this union: Stephen in July, 1912; Metro in October, 1913; and I, John, born in November, 1915.

Father filed a homestead, NE 2-54-12-W4th, eight miles southeast of the town of Two Hills and for 13 years, he struggled to make a living for the family. At that time, there were raging forest fires which destroyed their barn and the little shack, but their home was saved. In 1922, my parents packed up their belongings and moved to the Drumheller Valley.

My brothers, Steve and Metro, started school at Pobeda. I went to school in Newcastle, Alberta. We lived in Rosedale (five miles east of Drumheller) for six months, and in Midland, across the river, for another six. Father worked in the coal mine, but did not like the work and soon found work with the C.N. Railway. After settling in the Newcastle area west of Drumheller, father built a house on a parcel of land close to the Red Deer River. Living in a low-lying spot, we experienced our first flood. When the ice went out in 1940, the barn and chicken coop filled up with water and we had a hard time rescuing the chickens and tossing them into the attic of the house.

At my cousin's wedding at Lanuke in 1935, I met Rose

Harry and Warwara Winnichuk with their children - Metro, John and Steve, 1919

Urchak. So every summer after that, I rode 200 miles to Lanuke on a bike and worked for Rose's father.

Rose and I were married in Drumheller, at Christmas in 1940. In 1941, I started work at the coal mine, as surface worker, at the wage of $4.62 a day. Later, we were blessed with two children, Terry and Diana. My father bought us a house, across from his homeplace, and it was now our turn to fight the floods. In 1959, we purchased a lot on higher ground, and moved the house there.

My brother Steve died of a massive heart attack in 1972.

Brother Metro, joined the armed forces in September, 1940. In March, 1941, he was sent to Orillia, Ontario, and from there, overseas. After the war, he came back home and married a widow, Bessie Marsh, in July, 1950. He became a stepfather to Beverly and Garry. They were also blessed with their own son, Gregory. Metro passed away at Red Deer in July, 1981.

Father passed away in April, 1946, at the age of 64.

Mother passed away in August, 1947, at the age of 54.

I retired in 1980, after working for Greene Construction for 22 years.

Rose and I still come to Two Hills to visit our relatives and friends, and to fish in the lakes.

WISPINSKI, Dmytro and Ahaphia (nee Warawa)

by Pearl Hnydyk and Anne Boychuk

Dmytro Wispinski was born in 1885, at Borschiw, Province of Galicia, now part of Ukraine (U.S.S.R.). In 1898, at the age of 14, he immigrated to Canada, with his parents, Daniel and Paraskevia (nee Slusarek) Wispinski. The family left the homeland because they had heard that in the new land Canada, there was freedom of speech and religion, and that one could purchase 160 acres of land for only ten dollars.

The family came to the Wostok district, but in 1903, moved to a homestead, SE 22-53-12-W4th, in the Plain Lake area. His sister, Anne Skoropad, later settled on the southwest quarter of the same section. Paraskevia used to walk 15 miles to visit her son, John, at Innisfree at this time.

Dmytro Wispinski worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad at the age of 14, and in time he became a foreman.

During this time, he attended English classes in the evenings and learned to read and write Ukrainian and Polish.

Ahaphia, born in 1894, in the Village of Bilawci, County of Brody, Province of Galicia, Ukraine, immigrated to Canada at the age of five with her parents, Fred and Feshka (nee Sturmay) Warawa. At the age of 16, Ahaphia, while employed at the Vermilion Hotel, met Dmytro Wispinski. They were married in 1910, in Mundare and have 12 children: John, Anne, Nancy, Pearl, Lena, Tillie, Mary, Mike, Olga, Steve, Josephine, and William.

Dmytro Wispinski family, 1922. (L to R) - Dmytro Wispinski, Lena, Ahaphia, Pearl, Nancy, Annie and John.

John attended high school in Edmonton and was employed as a carpenter in Vancouver. He died on February 24, 1972, and is interred at Mt. View Cemetery.

Anne married John Boychuk (farmer), and has three children: Daniel, Lawrence, and Orest.

Nancy who married John Stepushyn, passed away on May 24, 1974, and is interred at the Plain Lake Cemetery.

Pearl married Matt Hnydyk (carpenter) and had three children: Shirley, David and Marie who died in infancy.

Lena married James Ryan of Bellingham and has three children: Garry, Edward, and Maryann.

Tillie married William Zenchyson of Edmonton and has two children, Linda and John.

Mary married Wilmer Jaremco of Vermilion and has two children, Valerie and Kenneth.

Mike married Florence Beach of Seattle, United States.

Olga married Maurice Gould of Edmonton and had one child, Dale (deceased).

Steve married Marie Vennemon and has two children, Daniel and James.

Josephine married Ron Parks and had three children: Shannon, Tanis, and Allen.

William died in infancy.

Dmytro's and Ahaphia's first home, built by Daniel Wispinski, was of log construction, mud plaster, and straw roofed. A prairie fire in 1920, destroyed this house. Dmytro then built a two-room spruce log dwelling which was whitewashed with lime inside and out. The base of the outside was done with a bluing compound.

At first, water was obtained from a spring which was located on the southwest shore of Plain Lake and it still runs today. Later, in about 1926, a well was drilled closer to the house.

In winter, father used to travel by sleigh to Two Hills across the frozen lake. This short cut saved about three miles of travel. On dark nights, mother hung a kerosene lantern on a branch near the shore to guide father home.

Mother baked large batches of bread in an outdoor oven (peech). She made our clothes, and in 1928, after purchasing a sewing machine, she also sewed for neighbors.

Dmytro was secretary of Lanuke, Zaporoze, Franko, and Plain Lake Schools. The pay was about $40. a year. Dmytro was an auctioneer, real estate agent, Commissioner of Oaths, and farmer.

The family attended Plain Lake School No. 2229, one mile away. In the summer, we walked barefoot to school. We attended Plain Lake Catholic Church, which was about two and one-half miles away.

Wispinski family, 1968. Standing - Mike, Josephine, Annie, Olga, Lena and Steve; Mary, Pearl, John, Nancy and Tillie.

The family took part in religious ceremonies such as "Khrams" and the blessing of the "Paska" (Easter bread). One of the many family reunions we looked forward to was the annual Christmas Eve supper, which took many hours to prepare because it consisted of 12 meatless dishes.

Father loved reading in his spare time. He subscribed and bought many magazines and newspapers such as the Family Herald, Country Guide, Free Press, Ukrainian News, The Light and others.

Ahaphia died in 1952, at the age of 58. Dmytro died in 1968, at the age of 83. Both are buried in the Plain Lake Cemetery.

Steve and Marie now farm the homestead, with occasional help from their sons, Daniel and James.

WOLOSHYN, Theodore (Fred) and Mary (nee Shyshlak) WOLOSHYN, Andrew and Katie (nee Yaremkevich) and Tessie (nee Kitz) WOLOSHYN, Richard and Mary (nee Kotelko)

by Richard Woloshyn

My grandparents emigrated from the Village of Buciw, Western Ukraine, to Canada in 1903, with their children: Annie, Mary, Jessie, Tessie, Sam and Andrew. The journey from Europe was very tiresome and it took several weeks to cross the Atlantic.

Arriving in Canada, they travelled by train to Winnipeg and then to Edmonton (Strathcona, Northwest Territories). In Edmonton, they were greeted by their friends, the Geleta family, who had settled in Canada a few years earlier. Since it was late in the fall, they spent the winter at Sam Geleta's farmstead, 12 miles north of Lavoy.

Grandfather then chose a homestead located at NE 34-52-13-W4th. In the early spring of 1904, they moved to their homestead and broke some land each year. In 1918, their crops froze and feed consisted of straw. Next year there was drought and the farmers suffered very badly.

Grandfather was a cantor in the St. Nicholas Church at New Kiew, built in 1906. People in the area gathered each Sunday for Mass even though the priest came only once a month.

Annie, the oldest daughter, married John Osada who operated a blacksmith shop in Vegreville. Mary married

Theodore and Mary Woloshyn, circa 1920

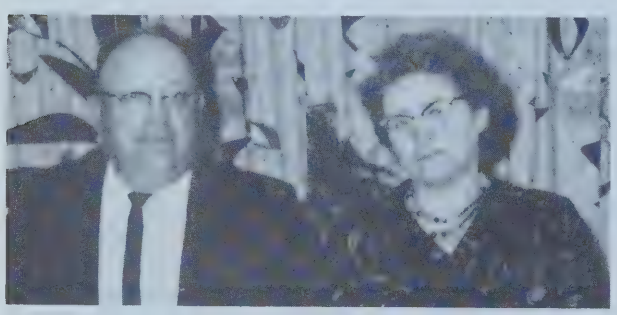
Nick Sawchuk and farmed north of Innisfree. Jessie was wed to Alex Hawirko who also farmed north of Innisfree. Tessie married Hnat Kuly who farmed west of Vegreville.

Sam did not marry but went into the teaching profession. He took his primary education in Vegreville and completed his senior matriculation in Edmonton. He then entered the University of Saskatoon, but left to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces during the first World War. Following the war, he attended Normal School and after graduating he spent 27 years in Alberta schools.

Grandfather Fred died in 1935, and in 1948, Grandmother Mary passed away.

Andrew, my father, married Katie Yaremkevich in 1915, and homesteaded in the Slawa district, northeast of Myrnam. A few years later, Andrew moved from his farm to the original homestead of my grandfather. In 1920, my mother (Katie) passed away, leaving my sister Jessie then a few months old and myself motherless. My father and my grandparents (Theodore and Mary) took care of us.

In 1922, my father married Tessie Kitz. There were three children of this union: Annie, Peter and John. The family worked very hard as there were very few machines to thresh the crops around the country. In 1928, my father bought his first tractor and threshing machine.



Andrew and Tessie Woloshyn, circa 1960

We walked two and one-half miles to Zaporoze School (built in 1911) where Grades 1 to VIII were taught. Our teacher earned $500. a year and had to be a janitor as well. Christmas concerts at the school were special annual events for everyone. In the summer the locals would hold an annual sports day with many ball tournaments and other sporting events. We also enjoyed swimming in nearby Timber Lake.

In the thirties with the onset of the depression, the prices of grain and livestock fell drastically. The Winnipeg Grain Exchange controlled prices then. In 1939, the Canadian Wheat Board was formed by the Federal Government, thus guaranteeing farmers the price of grain for any given year. In 1940, the farmers in the district formed an active Farmers' Union Local.

During the forties, times were good and farm machinery was obtainable. In 1947, hail destroyed our crops, and drought occurred in 1949 and 1950. Father bought his first combine in 1951, making farming operations much easier.

In 1939, Annie married John Fedyna of New Kiew and raised two sons, Arthur and Leonard.

In 1940, Jessie married Nick Duk of New Kiew where they farmed and operated a grocery store. They have five children: Ruth, Gail, Lynn, Tammy and Curtis. One son, Ken, passed away in infancy.

Peter and John did not get married but took over the farming operation from father in the early fifties. In 1973, Peter and John sold out and moved to the Town of Vegreville. Peter passed away in 1980.

In the early thirties, Richard attended high school in Vegreville and between 1935-1937 he enrolled at the Vermilion School of Agriculture. During his years at the college he was a violinist in the college orchestra. In 1942, Richard married Mary Kotelko of Hairy Hill and farmed in the Highlow district, four and one-half miles southwest of the original Woloshyn homestead. Richard and Mary have one daughter June, and one son, Donald. June graduated from high school in Vegreville and McTavish College in Edmonton, and married Peter Woloshyn of Innisfree. Peter teaches at the Composite High School in Vegreville while June is a driver-examiner for the Provincial Government.

The Woloshyns have four children: Kevin, Kirby-Ann, Kimberly and Colin. Donald graduated from high school in Vegreville and attended NAIT where he studied gas technology. He is married to Jenovia (nee Hupalo) of Glendon, Alberta. Don presently farms in the Highlow district and works at Dow Chemical in Fort Saskatchewan. Jenovia is employed by AGT in Vegreville.

In 1952, my father, Andrew, and mother, Tessie, retired to Vegreville. However, they still maintained an active interest in the farming operation by helping sons, Peter and John.

Mother passed away in 1973, and father died a year later.

There are about 100 descendants in the Theodore and Mary Woloshyn family.

WOLOSHYN, Kost and Annie

Kost and Annie immigrated to Canada in 1910, with their three children: Mary (ten), Sylvestor (seven), and Mike (six months). They travelled from the Village of Rewakovtz, of the Province of Bukovina, and arrived at a homestead in the Rannock area northeast of Two Hills.

Many hardships were encountered in the new land. To add to their problems, Kost passed away in 1917, after being in Canada for only seven years.

A year later, Annie married Harry Eliuk. Later another quarter section of land was acquired in the same area and farmed until Harry passed away in 1953. Annie (Mosha), lived with Mike and Belle Woloshyn until her death in 1965.

Mary, (nee Woloshyn) married Jack Jacura and they farmed in the Brosseau area. They had one daughter, Annie, who is married to John Chorney and lives in Edmonton. The Chorneys have two sons, David and Bobby.

Silver Woloshyn married Alice Nelson and raised two daughters, Mary and Olive. After Alice's death, Silver married Mary Ripka and they had one son, Allan. Silver spent most of his years in business until his death in 1975.

Kost Woloshyn, taken in the Ukraine, 1904

Mary lives in Vegreville.

Mike Woloshyn was born in 1909, in the Ukraine. In 1931, he married Wastina (Belle), daughter of Onufrey and Mary Rudkowski. They had three sons: Peter, Edwin, and Victor.

Peter, born in 1932, attended school in Rannock and Vancouver. In 1935, he married Olga Paulichuk. They have one daughter, Debbie. After a number of years of managing various businesses, Peter started his own management consulting business in Calgary.

The Woloshyn family, 1940. Back row - Annie Chorney (nee Jacura), Belle (nee Rudkowski), Mike, Silver and Alice Woloshyn (nee Nelson), Jack and Mary Jacura (nee Woloshyn); front row - Peter Woloshyn, Gido Eliuk, Mary Woloshyn, Mosha Eliuk (Woloshyn) and Olive Woloshyn.

Mike Woloshyn family 1976. Back row - Peter, Baba Woloshyn, Diana (nee Mandrusiak), Victor; front row - Olga (nee Paulichuk), Shirley (nee Melenko), Debbie holding Cynthia and Edwin Woloshyn.

Edwin, born in 1943, attended school in Rannock and Two Hills, and furthered his education at the University of Alberta. He married Shirley Melenko in 1968, and moved to Whitehorse, where he is presently teaching.

Victor, born in 1945, attended school in Rannock and Two Hills and furthered his education at the University of Alberta. In 1973, he married Diana Mandrusiak and they have one daughter, Cynthia. After a few years of teaching, Victor started a business in oilfield rentals in Edmonton.

Mike continued to farm in the Rannock area until April, 1964. Due to failing health, he sold his land and moved to Edmonton. He passed away in May, 1964, at the age of 54.

His wife, Belle, resides in Edmonton.

WOLSKI, Nick and Sophie (nee Fylypiuk)

as told by Sophie Wolski

Nick, son of Wasyl and Wasylena Wolski was born on May 11, 1910, in Musidora. Nick farmed with his parents until 1933, when he married Sophie, the third daughter of Andrew and Dora Fylypiuk of Myrnam, Alberta. Sophie, born on November 25, 1915, came from a family of eleven children. She completed her grade school in Myrnam and then attended evening classes at Alberta College. However, she soon met her young suitor, Nick Wolski.

They were married on November 21, 1933, and went to farm on their own. Life during the depression years was very difficult. Most of the work had to be done by hand. Farm products brought very little revenue.

In 1940, Nick bought his "long-awaited" Case tractor. Then, more machinery was purchased and work on the farm became more pleasant.

In 1956, Nick and Sophie quit farming and moved to Two Hills, where both were employed as caretakers in the elementary school. In 1975, due to ill health, Nick had to retire. For his dedicated years of service, he was recognized by the County of Two Hills with a service-plaque and an engraved wall clock. The local police

Nick Wolski family, 1952. (L to R) - Sophie, Ernest, Nick and Alice Wolski (nee Kshyk).

detachment also recognized him with an engraved plaque for his services.

Nick and Sophie were blessed with two children - a daughter Alice and a son Ernest.

Alice was married to John Kshyk and raised three children. Clifford, married Beverly Babey and they have two children. Dennis, married Sharie Carlson. They were blessed with one daughter, Juanita, who married Robert King has two children.

Ernest, upon completion of high school, enrolled in drafting in Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary, where he found employment. He married Corinne Carroll and they were blessed with three children: Darryl, Kimberley and Kevin.

One important event, in Nick and Sophie's life, was a reunion of the Fylypiuk family. At the reunion 101 members representing four generations met and recognized their heritage.

Upon retirement, Nick and Sophie contemplated enjoying the wonderful experiences of their golden years. They planned to travel, spend time with their children and grandchildren, develop new hobbies and savor life to the fullest. However, their plans were not to be. On January 9, 1979, Nick suddenly passed away. He was laid to rest in the Two Hills Cemetery. Life now is not what we planned; however, time goes on and we must accept our fate.

WRIGHT, Earl and Gladys (nee Bucharsky)

Earl Wright was born in Edmonton and raised in the South Cooking Lake area of Alberta. He moved to Edmonton in 1958, six years later met and married Gladys Bucharsky.

During the next few years, the family expanded with Scott, born in 1967, Coreena in 1968, and Douglas in 1982.

Being involved in the automotive industry for several years, the family decided to purchase the former Two Hills Motors building and open a Ford Automotive Dealership. The business opened in 1977, and served the community until December, 1981.

Earl and Gladys were very active in community life with involvement in the Lions and Lioness Clubs Chamber of Commerce, Recreation Board, Mino Hockey and Two Hills Historical Association.

Earl served as Director of Two Hills Family an Community Services from 1982 until December, 1984 when he left to once again work in the automotive field.

The Wright family currently reside in Innisfail Alberta.

WULCHUK, Mike and Olga (nee Smilar)

Olga, (nee Smilar) born September 2, 1924, a Musidora, married Mike Wulchuk and settled in Myr nam.

They have two children; John and Janet.

John married Beverly Rouscher of Barrhead and raised one daughter, Kristel. John has worked for Canada Packers for the past 15 years.

Olga Wulchuk with her son John and granddaughter Kristel, 1983

Janet Feldberg (nee Wulchuk) with her husband Ken, and daughters Bernadine and Susan, 1985

Janet married Ken Feldberg of Wildwood, and the family was blessed with two daughters, Susan and Bernadine.

When Mike passed away November 8, 1974, Olga moved to Vernon, British Columbia.

WYGERA, Wasyl and Rayifta (nee Babiuk)

by Andrew Gorgichuk

Wasyl, born in 1867, and Rayifta in 1869, emigrated with four small children from Ewancio, Bukovina, Ukraine, to Canada in 1902. They landed in Montreal, and after boarding a train, viewed the countryside of which they were to become a part of.

Wasyl and Rayifta homesteaded on the SE 2-55-13-W4. It was here that three more children were born and it was on the same land that they both laboured until their death.

Their reason for migrating was that they were not immune to the oppression and bigotry of the homeland. They were inspired by the thought that their children would have a better opportunity in Canada's land of plenty. The task proved to be more difficult than predicted. They soon experienced the same rigours as did their friends and neighbors. However, the Wygeras were a resourceful family and soon had the homestead ploughed and producing.

They were one of the first families to own and operate a car, steam engine and threshing machine. Their son Mike obtained a steam boiler's ticket in order to operate the steam engine.

Wasyl and Rayifta had seven children:

Mike, who was married to Solomia (nee Lypka), had four children: Bill, Mary, Nick, and Eugene.

John married Mary (nee Gorgichuk) and they had five children: Steve, Dora, Alice, Mike, and Lily.

Elizabeth married Nick Ripka (see Nick Ripka history).

Annie, married Sam Eliuk, had three children: Madalene, Mary, and one died in infancy.

Sam married Lena (nee Ewanchuk). They had four children: Mary, Rose, Roy, and Mike.

Nick married Pearl (nee Chrustawka) and their two children are Betty and Walter.

Jenny married Nick Gorgichuk and they raised five children: Olga, Rose, Sophie, Alex, and Lana.

Wasyl and Rayifta were of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox faith.

Wasyl passed away in 1945, and Rayifta in 1960. Both are interred in the Szypenitz Cemetery.

YAKIMETZ, Nicholas and Parascevia (nee Shebunka)

by Maryann Kulak

Nicholas Yakimetz was born December 18, 1871, in the Village of Stariyava, near the Town of Mostyska, in Western Ukraine, which then was under Polish regime. When he was two years old, his mother died. Later his father died in the war and Nicholas was raised by an uncle and aunt, and taught to read and write.

On May 30, 1899, he married Parascevia Shebunka, who was born April 25, 1876. Because they wanted a better life they sailed to Canada, departing from a German port on May 25, 1902. They sailed via Cunard Line "R.M.S. Aurania" and arrived in Halifax in June, 1902. Then they travelled by train to Edmonton, as Western Canada had plenty of farmland. The Harry Bushko family, who were their neighbors in the Ukraine, had arrived in Canada in 1900, and had encouraged them to come West. The Bushkos met the Yakimetzes at the train station in Edmonton and after one week of travel over a 100 mile trail they arrived at the Bushko homestead.

Nicholas arrived in Edmonton with only $2. in his pocket and lost $1. to a fellow who borrowed it from him. After borrowing $10. from a lady who ran a rooming house, he purchased a solid bush homestead from the government (SE 20-53-13-W4th).

After clearing a patch of land Nicholas and Parascevia erected a triangular shaped hut. The shelter was made of hay and covered with mud for waterproofing. Later that year (1902) they cleared a small hill where they built their two-room house. It was used as the first church in the area and every Sunday and holiday, people met there. When a priest arrived in the area, he stayed at the Yakimetz home and used their home for services. Nicholas was a cantor in the church.

A cross was carved into the lintel (over the door) which is still intact and the home still stands. Later, money was donated by the people of the community for a church.

Nicholas and Parascevia, and their children lived in that house until approximately 1920, at which time they

Yakimetz family, 1944. Top row, (L to R) - Alex Yakimetz, Pearl and Mary; bottom row - Parascevia, Emil and Nicholas.

built a much larger house.

The Yakimetzes had brought some enamel dishes, cutlery and other items from the Ukraine. One of these items was a wheat grinder for flour. A few tools were also brought from the Old Country.

Flour, sugar, naptha, and more tools had to be purchased in Edmonton. Nicholas would make the trip to Edmonton on foot in two days, but brought back only a very limited supply of provisions. Flour and sugar were carried by the men on their backs, especially when they crossed streams.

A store at Old Warwick served for the basics until Vegreville was established in 1905. Parascevia bought a poor quality cotton at the store and created her own sewing patterns.

One of the jobs Nicholas was able to obtain at $1.50 per day was shovelling away straw from threshing machines that had no blowers. With his earnings he was able to buy a cow, which later gave birth to a bull calf. When fully grown, this animal was used to work the land. Eventually they acquired a team of oxen.

Being a carpenter, Nicholas was constantly whittling wood. A real work of art (and still in use) the "Kuvot" at the New Kiew church, was constructed with a pocket knife and file. He carved a pounder (stoopka) to pound wheat with for "kootya", and also a butter churn and other items.

In 1922, the Yakimetzes bought their first car, a 1922 black Chev which in the same year was exchanged for a green Oldsmobile.

Nicholas and Parascevia had six children: Andrew, born in 1903; Katie (1905); Alex (1908); Bessie (1910); Mary (1912); and Nick (1916).

Andrew married Annie Miskiew in 1928, and settled about five miles away and later in Vegreville. They had four children. Andrew was the first in the area to take photographs and do his own developing. He died April 27, 1963.

Katie married Matty Chapelski in 1938, and the couple settled in Myrnam, later moving to Vegreville. They had three children. Matty died October 20, 1959.

Alex married Mary Semeniuk in 1941. They lived on the homestead, where Mary and a married son continue to reside. Alex and Mary had five children: Emil, Pearl, Steve, Mary Ann, and Terry. Alex died May 23, 1961.

Bessie married John Yakimetz in 1935, and settled at Redwater. They had four children. Bessie died November 7, 1982.

Mary married Steve Bilyk in 1941, and settled in the Holden area. They had two children. Mary died September 21, 1968.

Nick married Jennie Chernicki in 1944, and settled about seven miles from the homeplace. Their family consisted of four children.

Parascevia died April 2, 1956, at the age of 80, and Nicholas died March 9, 1966, at 94 years of age.

At the time of this writing, descendants (including spouses of the married couples) number over 110.

YAKIMETZ, Alex and Mary (nee Semeniuk)

by Maryann Kulak

Alex Yakimetz, son of Nicholas and Parascevia, was born March 26, 1908, in the Vegreville area. He attended school in New Kiew and farmed with his father. From him he learned carpentry, blacksmithing and mechanics. He used his father's farming methods until he bought a tractor in 1944 and a combine in 1950.

Alex married Mary, daughter of Sophia and Philemon Semeniuk, on July 5, 1941. Mary, who was born on October 13, 1915, attended Wolia School. At that time, community activities included live performances of plays and concerts, using local talent. Mary was very much a part of these and remembers attending practices three times a week.

Alex and Mary farmed together and lived with Alex's parents for six years. After providing a home for his parents in Vegreville in 1947, Alex took over the homestead.

Alex Yakimetz family, 1984. Front row, (L to R) - Adam, Brett and Douglas Yakimetz, Mary Yakimetz, Leah, Jason and Allan Milne, Glen and Gary Kulak; second row - Terry and Arlene Yakimetz, Steve and Darlene Yakimetz, Pearl and Scott Milne, Mark Kulak; back row - Robert Milne, Emil Yakimetz, Mary Ann and John Kulak.

Alex and Mary raised five children: Emil (1943), Pearl (1944), Steve (1946), Mary Ann (1950), and Terry (1959).

When Alex passed away on May 23, 1961, the oldest son, Emil, took over the farming operation. He continued to farm for 18 years, after which he attended N.A.I.T. and became a professional welder and fitter. On November 8, 1980, Emil married Marilyn Osadchuk and took up residence in Edmonton.

Pearl, a business school graduate, married Robert Milne, October 25, 1969. They and their four children: Scott (October 7, 1973), Allan (October 3, 1975), Leah (November 2, 1977), and Jason (October 7, 1981), reside in Millwoods, Edmonton.

Steve, a graduate of the University of Alberta (B.Comm.) married Darlene Andruchow, in August 1969. Steve, Darlene and their three boys: Douglas (January 17, 1973), Brett (February 13, 1975), and Adam (September 14, 1978), live on a farm south of Lavoy.

Mary Ann, also a graduate of the University of Alberta

(B.Ed.), married John Kulak on July 25, 1970, and is now teaching. The Kulaks, who live in the New Kiew district, have three boys: Mark (June 25, 1972), and Gary and Glen (twins - October 28, 1975).

Terry, in addition to farming, became a professional welder by attending N.A.I.T. He married Arlene Strap on February 18, 1984, and they now live on the original homestead, with mother Mary Yakimetz.

Mary showed her true spirit and determination when she was widowed and left with a young family. She continued to farm, although times were often difficult in those first few years. As a result, the original Yakimetz homestead, SE 20-53-13-W4th, is still being farmed by a Yakimetz.

YAKIMYSHYN, Joe and Mary (nee Bodnarchuk)

Joseph "Joe" Yakimyshyn came to Canada in the fall of 1927, from the Village of Zvyniach, County of Chortkiv, Ukraine. His brother, Steve, was already settled in the Plain Lake area. Joe came to his brother's place, where he helped to clear land and worked at odd jobs during harvest, so that he could save enough money to buy his own land. In 1930, he purchased 160 acres of NW 5-53-12-W4th and 37 acres of SW 5-53-12-W4th from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for $12. an acre.

In 1929, Joe sent for his wife, Mary (nee Bodnarchuk), whom he had left behind as a bride of only two months. Mary arrived in Halifax on the ship "White Star" and then travelled by train to Lavoy, to join her husband. Joe and Mary lived with his brother, Steve, and his wife, Katherine, for about a year. In 1930, their first son, Steve, was born. A new house was built the same year.

Joe and Mary Yakimyshyn, 1927

Although the Yakimyshyns had very few possessions of their own, their neighbors were very helpful. The first cow was purchased for $3. A kind lady donated a clucking hen and chicks which were housed in a pit lined with brush. This temporary chicken coop kept the hen in, and the predators out. At first, water had to be brought in from the neighbors, a quarter of a mile away.

When a carload of wild mustangs was brought to Lavoy, Joe purchased a pair of white mares from the lot. Joe broke in the horses during the winter, when the snow was deep.

As things began to fall into place, other additions to the family began to arrive: Mike in 1932, Tillie in 1938, and Vladimir (Walter) in 1943. All children except Walter were born at home with the help of midwife, Mrs. Stoski. Usual home-remedies, including the famous "Watkin's Red Liniment", served as a cure for most ailments. A drop of lemon extract on a sore tooth usually deadened the pain. Diarrhea was often cured by drinking a strained concoction of charcoal and cold water. Inoculations were administered by the famous school nurse, Miss Black.

The Yakimyshyn children attended Zaporoze School. Joe and Mary and their children centred their lives around the Plain Lake Catholic Church, the community and the school. At 14 years of age, their oldest son, Steve, left home to pursue theological studies and was ordained as Father Severian Yakimyshyn of the order of Basilian Fathers. At present he is stationed in the Vatican in Rome.

Mary Yakimshyn with her children and grandchildren, on the occasion of Christmas and her 60th birthday, 1964

Mike who is farming across from the homeplace in the Plain Lake district, married Ann Yuskow and raised two girls.

Tillie married Edward Babych of Musidora and they have three children: boys, Wayne and Dave, both in the National Hockey League, and one daughter, Susan, living in Edmonton.

Walter and his wife, Al, live in Campbell River, British Columbia.

Joe Yakimyshyn passed away in 1953, and his wife, Mary, is presently living in Vegreville.

YAKIMYSHYN, Mike and Ann (nee Yuskow)

Mike Yakimyshyn, second oldest son of Joe and Mary, was born at home in 1932. He attended the Zaporoze School and then took up farming, as it was the only natural thing to do. As a young man, in the late 1940s, he played in a small orchestra with his cousins, Nick and Marshall Yakimyshyn.

In 1953, he married Ann Yuskow and moved to his present farm, NE 6-53-12-W4th, eventually acquiring a section of land. The Yakimyshyns were blessed with two lovely daughters: Linda, the oldest, is a dietary technician, presently employed at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton; Sharon, is married to Ian Sanderson, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. They have one daughter, Kimberly Ann.

The love of the land has always been in Mike's blood, and probably will be for a long time in the future.

Mike and Ann Yakimyshyn, with daughters Linda and Sharon taken in front of the Ukrainian Pysanka in Vegreville, 1981

YAKIMYSHYN, Steve and Catherine (nee Predyk)

by Nick Yakimyshyn

Steve Yakimyshyn, the eldest son of John and Tillie Yakimyshyn, emigrated from Zwinich, Chortkiw, Ukraine, to Canada in 1910, at the age of 15. He worked as a farmhand, and on the railway in Toronto, Ontario, Portage La Prairie, and Lamont area.

In 1920, he married Catherine Predyk and purchased a half section of land in the Plain Lake district. In 1940, they purchased another half section, next to the Plain Lake School and farmed a total of 640 acres.

Steve and Catherine had a family of four sons: John, William, Nick, and Marshal.

John, the oldest son, was educated in Plain Lake, Zaporoze, Krasne, and Two Hills Schools. In 1942, he married Antoinette Demkiw and farmed in Plain Lake. In 1952, they moved to Lavoy, where John was an agent for National Grain Company until he passed away in September, 1954.

William was a student of Zaporoze School and spent some years working on the farm. In 1949, he married Kay Chapelski, and lived in Edmonton operating cafes and grocery stores. He also farmed in the Lamont area. William and Kay have a family of three girls and one boy.

Steve and Catherine (nee Predyk) Yakimyshyn's 35th wedding anniversary, 1955 (Nick Yakimyshyn's father and mother)

Nick received his education at Zaporoze and Plain Lake Schools. He worked on the farm with his parents and operated a public-service truck. For several years, he pursued his music hobby by organizing an orchestra.

In 1948, Nick married Nadia Mokry and raised a family of five boys and two girls. In 1953, he purchased a school bus and operated it from Lavoy. Two years later, Nick and Nadia purchased the International Harvester Dealership and B.A. Bulk Oil business in Lavoy. Moving to Vegreville in 1960, they operated the International Harvester Company, Massey Ferguson, and Chrysler dealerships. Nick and Nadia semi-retired in 1981, and are presently living in Edmonton.

Marshal, the youngest son, obtained his education at Zaporoze and Plain Lake Schools as well as at Alberta College, and Vermilion School of Agriculture. He farmed in the Plain Lake area, and moved later to Royal Park to help his parents operate the store. In 1952, he married Anne Muz and they live in Edmonton where they are in general construction and property management.

Steve and Catherine Yakimyshyn with their four sons, circa 1945

They have a family of four boys and two girls.

Steve and Catherine were successful farmers. With the help of their four sons, they organized their own threshing crew. A good breed of livestock and horses, including purebred Clydes, Percherons, and Holstein cattle were raised on their farm.

In 1946, Steve and Catherine retired from the farm and purchased a general store and post office at Royal Park. Revenue from the post office, at that time, was $35. a month.

My father, Steve Yakimyshyn, passed away in 1960.

My mother, Catherine Yakimyshyn, moved to Edmonton, where she presently resides.

YAKIMYSHYN, Nick and Nadia (nee Mokry)

Nick, the son of Steve and Catherine Yakimyshyn, was born in Plain Lake. He received his education in Zaporoze and Plain Lake Schools. In 1946, his parents bought the Royal Park store and Post Office. Nick helped them with the business and operated a public service truck, in the Royal Park and Vegreville area.

In 1948, he married Nadia Mokry and farmed in Plain Lake. Nick and Nadia had a family of seven children: Terry, Henry, Geraldine, Bernie, John, Patricia, and Mark.

Geraldine passed away September 20, 1951, at the age of three months, and Mark on June 1, 1974, at the age of 11.

In 1953, Nick purchased a school bus and the family moved to Lavoy, to operate the bus and continue to farm.

Nick purchased the Lavoy International Harvester dealership and the B.A. Bulk Sales Agency in 1955 and operated this business for five years. In 1960, the Yakimyshyns moved to Vegreville, where they managed the International Harvester, Massey Ferguson agencies, and Chrysler franchises. At this time Nick completed courses in business administration, accounting, and obtained a mechanic's certificate.

Nick and Nadia (nee Mokry) Yakimyshyn, 1948

The Yakimyshyn children attended schools in Lavoy and Vegreville and continued their education at the University of Alberta, N.A.I.T., and Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary.

Terry, the oldest son, received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees, and taught school in Evansburg and Edmonton. In 1975, Terry married Bernice Achtymichuk, and they have a family of four children: Vincent, Amanda, Andrea, and Annette.

Henry trained at N.A.I.T. and Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, and is a certified mechanic. In 1972, he married Jeanne Kalynchuk, and raised two daughters: Korinna and Kristen.

Terry and Henry are operating the Chrysler Dealership in Vegreville.

Bernie obtained a degree in commerce at the University of Alberta. In 1979, he married Ellen Kuzyk and they have one daughter, Stephanie. Bernie is employed by the Provincial Government in the manpower field.

John, the youngest son, earned a degree in agriculture from the University of Alberta and worked for the Farm Credit Corporation. In 1980, he married Carol Beloglowka. Presently, he works for the Federal Government in the Canada Manpower department.

Patricia, who has a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, is employed at the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton.

Nick and Nadia Yakimyshyn family, 1969. Back row, (L to R) - Terry, Henry, Bernie, John; front row - Mark, Nick, Patricia and Nadia.

Nick and Nadia took an active part in their church and community, belonging to the church choir and several community clubs. Nick held executive positions in the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Brotherhood of Ukrainian Catholics, Home and School Association, the Vegreville Cultural Association, the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Nick and Nadia were active in initiating and sponsoring the Senior Citizens Home in Vegreville, now the St. Anne's Manor.

In 1981, Nick and Nadia semi-retired and reside in Edmonton.

YAREMCIO, Mike and Catherine (nee Kitz)

Mike, born August 27, 1871, was the son of Wasyl and Catherine Yaremcio (nee Shehinski) who lived in the Village of Buciw, Ukraine. Mike had three sisters.

Catherine, whom Mike married, was the daughter of Steve and Maria (nee Geleta) Kitz. She was born on February 10, 1877.

Mike and Catherine were blessed with ten sons and four daughters, two of them being twins.

In 1900, Mike and Catherine, with their two sons immigrated to Canada. They lived at Rabbit Hill till 1906; then they moved to the New Kiew district where they bought a half section of land which was solid timber. With the help of their sons, they cleared the land by pulling trees and roots using a steam engine and cable.

Maria Geleta (Kitz), Catherine and Mike Yaremcio, 1932

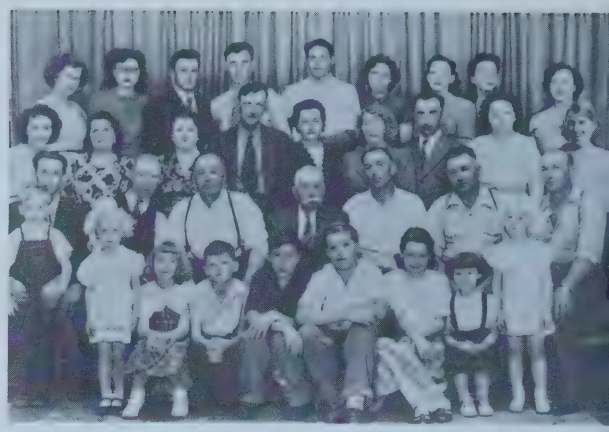
Mike was one of the first settlers in the district to own and use a steam engine for breaking land. He also invented dump racks for hauling sheaves to the machine, saving time and manpower. Being a carpenter by trade, Mike helped to build the Warwick Russo-Orthodox Church of which he became chairman. He was also noted for being capable of reading and speaking four languages. In 1917, Mike helped hundreds of people during the flu epidemic. He also used to travel many miles to assist people in relieving migraine headaches or high blood pressure by using cuppling glasses (banyki).

The Yaremcio hospitality was felt by all who were in need of shelter or a hot meal.

Two of their sons, Bill and Peter, served in the army for some time. After leaving home, the sons chose occupations which included: farming, lumbering, carpentry, mechanics, blacksmithing, and gold mining.

After Catherine passed away, on September 22, 1933, at the age of 56, Mike retired to Vegreville. He passed away on March 3, 1955, at the age of 85. His son, Mike, predeceased him by 20 years to the day.

Mike and Catherine are survived by four sons and two daughters.



Yaremcio family, 1948. First row, (L to R) - Bobby, Vicki, Vickie, Ernie, Marshall, Walter, Gracey, Deanna and Cecile; second row - sons Walter, Steve, Bill, (Father) Mike, Fred, Alex and Peter; third row - daughters-in-law Mary, Mary and Sophie, son-in-law John Phillips, Nancy and Ann - daughters, Harry Bushko - son-in-law, Sophie Y., Mother Catherine (her photo was insert in the above picture); fourth row - grandchildren Emily, Lillian, Victor, Victor, Eddie, Sophie, Ruby, Olga and Vera.

YAREMKO, Tom (Tymko) and Mary

by William J. Yaremko

Tymko was the oldest son of Nick and Ann Yaremko of Brody, Galicia, Ukraine. Born in 1866, he came from a family of five, three boys and two girls. Tymko took up carpentering in school, and served in the Austrian Army for three years. In 1890, Tymko left his parents and went to Konushkow, where he was hired as a millwright. In 1891, he married Mary Slevinski, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Slevinski of Konushkow, Ukraine.

Early in 1902, Tymko and Mary Yaremko returned to Brody, where they sold their property for less than its worth. In April, Tymko and Mary, with their three children: Nancy (ten), John (six) and Ann, one year old, emigrated from Brody, Ukraine.

The ship journey to Halifax was completed in 18 days on April 28, 1902. On landing, the family was stricken with the flu and remained for a few days at the Halifax Immigration Hall. The Yaremkos then boarded the Canadian Pacific train, via Calgary for Strathcona (now South Edmonton), arriving on May 5, 1902. Waiting in the Immigration Hall, was Tymko's relative, George Yaremko of Leduc.

With very little money left, Tymko searched for a job but there was none available. Tymko and Mary then walked to Ross Creek where they visited the Nye family who offered them work. He was hired at the brick factory where Mr. Nye was foreman and received $2.25 a day. Mary was employed by the family at $9.00 a month and board and room for the entire family. While at the brick plant, Tymko learned from Wasyl Fedyna that there was open land, at $10.00 per quarter section, northeast of Vegreville, in a Ukrainian district called "Farmilia" (family farms). Later the district was named New Kiew after the capital city of Ukraine, "Kiev".

One summer morning, Tymko walked from Ross Creek to old Vegreville, which was located near the Wah-

Tymko and Mary Yaremko, New Kiew, 1928

ski-was Creek, as it was known in those days. He and an unknown agent drove with horses and wagon to a heavy wooded parcel of land, the NE 16-53-13-W4th. This land was filed and purchased for $10.00. In 1903, arrangements for living accommodations were made with Peter Steblyk. With the help of the neighbors, Tymko erected a log house, a straw barn and broke a few acres. He also purchased a few chickens and a cow for $6.00. A small pig was received as a gift from Peter Steblyk when the Yaremkos moved into their own home.

In the winter of 1903-1904, Tymko returned to Fort Edmonton and worked at the brick plant until spring. On his return, he bought an ox, a horse, and some wooden machinery. A garden was planted and some grain was seeded by hand.

In the summer of 1905, Tymko helped to erect the first Ukrainian Catholic Church, one and one-half miles north of his homestead. It was a small log church plastered with chaff-mixed clay and water. Tymko was one of the first trustees of the Kiew School, a position he held for a number of years.

In 1915, Tymko and Mary Yaremko built a new home in which the Basilian Fathers from Mundare performed marriages, confessions, baptisms, and taught the Ukrainian language. Tymko was a cantor in church for over 30 years. Being a skilled carpenter, he helped to erect a new Catholic Church in 1918.

The Yaremkos had 12 children: Paul and Nick died in the Ukraine in 1899, and 1900; Ann, who died in 1907, is buried at St. Nicholas first Pioneer Cemetery in New Kiew; Nancy (Kitt) passed away in 1957, and is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Vegreville; Julia (Dulaba) died in 1961, and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery at New Buchach; Pearl (Moroz) died in 1975, and is buried at St. Michael Cemetery in Edmonton; Katie (Ewaschuk) passed away in 1981, and is buried in Vegreville. Cassie Gizowski has retired and lives with husband Mike in Edmonton. Anne and husband Harry Achtemychuk retired and live in Lamont. John has retired from farming and now lives in the Vegreville Nursing Home. Joe and his wife live in Vegreville after retiring from farming. Harry T. Yaremko lives on his father's homestead in New Kiew.

Tymko passed away at the age of 69 in 1935, and Mary passed away at the age of 65 a year later. Both are buried in the Ukrainian Catholic Church Cemetery at New Kiew.

YAREMKO, John and Kathy

by William J. Yaremko

John, the oldest son of Tymko and Mary Yaremko, was born in 1896, in Brody, Ukraine. He immigrated to Canada with his parents at the age of six. Growing up on his parents' homestead, John attended Kiew School. At age 14, he left school and helped his father to farm.

In 1918, he worked for the City of Edmonton. Four years later, with the help of his father, John purchased a quarter section of land, SW 17-53-13-W4th, from Mr. Wasylciw. The farmhouse, erected in 1890, by Mr. Wasylciw, still stands. It was built of logs, bound together with wooden pegs. Each log was fitted into a "U" shape groove.

Kathy, born in 1906, is the youngest daughter of Gregory and Alexandra Tarkowski of Plain Lake. She came from a family of five, three girls and two boys: Julia (Rurka), Mary (Oplinski), Frank and John. In 1912, at the age of six years, she immigrated to Canada with her parents from Sokal, Ukraine.

John married Kathy (Tarkowski) in 1924, at her family farm home. The newlyweds lived with John's parents at New Kiew for one year, before moving to her own quarter of land. Their son, Walter, was born in 1925, but passed away six weeks later and was buried in the New

John and Kathy Yaremko with their sons Harry (eight years) and William (five years), 1935

Kiew Ukrainian Church Cemetery. In 1927, John purchased power machinery and acquired additional land, SE 18-53-13-W4th. In 1946, he bought a threshing outfit.

John and Kathy Yaremko raised two sons: Harry of Edmonton and William J. of Vegreville.

The Yaremkos were members of the New Kiew Ukrainian Catholic Church for many years.

In 1957, Kathy passed away at the age of 50 and was buried at New Kiew Cemetery. John continued to farm until 1961, when he retired. He now lives in the Vegreville Nursing Home.

The Yaremko land was transferred to his son, Harry J. Yaremko of Edmonton.

YAREMKO, William J. and Elizabeth

by William J. Yaremko

William Yaremko, born in 1930, is the youngest son of John and Kathy Yaremko of New Kiew. William had two brothers: Walter, the oldest, passed away at the age of six weeks and was buried at New Kiew Ukrainian Church Cemetery. Harry J. and his wife Nellie, live in Edmonton.

At the age of eight, William entered school and completed all his public school education in New Kiew. His teachers were Mrs. Ann Kostash, Mrs. Mary Garsen and Mr. Nestor Chmilar. At the age of 15, William left school and helped his father to farm for a number of years.

From 1947-56, he was employed in the sawmill, owned by Chilibecki Brothers and Swanson Lumber Company. In 1952, William acquired one of his father's quarters, SE 18-53-13-W4th.

William J. and Elizabeth Yaremko, 1954

Elizabeth, the youngest daughter of Andrew and Sophia Kozicki of New Kiew, was born in 1939, at Vegreville. Elizabeth completed all her education in Two Hills. She comes from a family of 12.

William and Elizabeth Kozicki were united in marriage in a ceremony performed by Father Tarnawsky of Two Hills, in 1954. They were members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Kiew.

In 1961, the Yaremkos sold their land and moved to Vegreville where William was employed by the Prince Edward Hotel, for thirteen years, and is presently with Ezee-On Manufacturing Company.

Billy (nine years) and Florence (eight years) Yaremko, 1963

Elizabeth has been employed with St. Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville for 26 years, and is a laundry manager since 1977. She is also a member of St. Martin's Catholic Women's League, Alberta Institutional Laundry Managers of Alberta Association, and is involved with the work experience program of the Handicapped Association. William and Elizabeth are members of the St. Martin's Roman Catholic Church in Vegreville.

In May 1979, William and Elizabeth, marked their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

William's hobbies are restoring old machinery and building pioneer wishing wells. Elizabeth enjoys Ukrainian cross-stitching.

The Yaremkos raised two children: Bill, born in 1954, attended Lavoy and Vegreville Schools. He married Tracy Jones of Innisfree, and they live in Edmonton. Florence, born in 1955, took all her education in Vegreville Schools. She is married to Neil Putnum of Grassland and they were blessed with two children: Chantel and Trevor.

YAREMCHUK, Hren and Paulina (nee Ewanciw)

by Victoria Kuzio

Hren Yaremchuk married Pauline (nee Ewanciw) in the Village of Rekhtech, Drohobych, near Lviv, in the Western Ukraine.

The Yaremchuks had eight children: six were born in the Ukraine and two in Canada. It was customary for children in the old country to attend school for three years and then find employment on the farms of the landlords. With the Tsarist regime entrenched, taxes were increasing, as were the land prices; life in the Ukraine was difficult, indeed.

At this time, the Canadian government still had a campaign advertising for settlers. As well, there was information coming back from experiences in the new land.

In 1913, Hren and Paulina and their family decided to emigrate from the Ukraine. They boarded the ship, Willichad, in Hungary and were confined to small quarters. On arrival at Halifax the family was quarantined because there was an outbreak of scarlet fever. After receiving a clean bill of health the family journeyed by train to Edmonton and on to Mundare where they met the Lyschesyn family. Here they stayed for a few weeks and learned what would be expected of them.

Paulina Yaremchuk, circa 1923

They journeyed yet to another family, the "Mazurs", in Musidora. After spending winter with them, the Yaremchuks filed a homestead in the Buchach district.

Here the older son, Nick and his brother, Joe, worked on the farm. John aged 14, found employment as a farmhand in summer, and as a coal miner in winter.

The many years of heavy toil undermined the health of Hren Yaremchuk, and in 1917, at the young age of 47, he passed away. Son John, then returned to the homeplace to take over its operation.

In 1918, Antonia, the oldest daughter, married William Dolinsky. They were blessed with four children: Mary, Alex (who suffered from epilepsy and passed away at age 12), Marshall and Vera.

In 1919, Nick, the oldest son, married Mary Dudziak, and they settled on their farm where they raised two sons, Paul and Peter.

Pictured above are Joe and Katie Yaremchuk and their sons Anatol, Emil, Albert and Bill, 1945. Joe's father Hren Yaremchuk died shortly after settling in Canada, therefore no picture was available. Joe was the precise image of his father.

In 1920, John married Mary Stepanyk and the union was blessed with four children: Harry, Joey, Betty, and Lily.

Joe married Katie Yanchyshyn in 1926, and raised a family of four sons: Anatol, Emil, Albert, and Bill.

In 1928, Mary married Mike Sawchuk of New Kiew. They settled on their farm where they raised a family of three children: John, Victoria, and Victor.

Francis married Dick Kostinuik, and lived in the Hillock area. They have two sons, Arthur and Elgin.

Anne married Jack Kulmatyski of Ranfurly in 1937. They raised four children: Lily, Steve, Harriet, and Loucette.

Hren and Paulina Yaremchuk were brave, honorable, and hardworking pioneers. They made it possible for their future generations to have a better life here in Canada. We are thankful for their efforts and will never forget their sacrifice for us.

YAREMCHUK, Nick and Mary (nee Dudziak)

Nick Yaremchuk, the son of Harry and Paulina Yaremchuk, was born on May 19, 1897, in Rekhtech, Drohobych, Ukraine.

He married Mary, daughter of Paul and Rosie (nee Haniak) Dudziak. Mary was born on June 10, 1904 in Daliwa, Drohobych, Ukraine.

The Yaremchuks farmed in Stubno, Morecambe, and Lavoy areas. In 1953, they moved to Edmonton.

Three children, Paul, Peter, and Gladys (Rivet) are members of the family.

Paul married Mary (Boida) and they have one daughter, Linda.

Peter married Vicky (Semotuik) and raised three children: Kenneth, Elaine (Mrs. Tracy Boyda), and Debbie.

Nick Yaremchuk passed away on January 27, 1979.

YARMICHUK, Steve and Victoria (nee Stefanetz)

Victoria Stefanetz, who was born in 1923, married Steve Yarmichuk in 1942. They farmed in the Two Hills district, until 1972, when they moved to Vegreville.

Victoria and Steve Yarmichuk, 1977

The Yarmichuks had two sons: Edwin was born in 1943, and is now a power engineer in Calgary. He married Frances Taggort in 1967, and they have two children, Michelle and Jeffrey. Bernie Dale was born in 1959, and is now a construction engineer at Dawson Creek, B.C.

Victoria passed away in 1982. Steve is retired in Vegreville.

YATZKO, Nick and Ann (nee Temofychuk)

Nick Yatzko, son of Maria and Ivan Yatzko, was born in the Village of Staniwchiw, Province of Bukovina, Western Ukraine, in May, 1902. He served in the Romanian Army, and in 1927, immigrated to Canada.

Nick arrived in Canada when the Edmonton-Lloydminster railway was being built, and for two years, he worked as a laborer in Regina and Saskatchewan. In 1929, he hopped a freight train and came to Edmonton where he was hired as a railroad laborer during the summer months.

Nick moved to Smoky Lake to work for room and board, cutting logs and wood for farmers in the district. In spring, he helped with seeding and plowing.

In 1931, he met Ann Temofychuk, one of 11 children born to Kost and Zenichira Temofychuk of Smoky Lake. They were married in 1932, and moved to St. Michael, where Nick worked for farmers in the area.

In 1938, he was hired by C.P.R., to work on the St. Michael-Wostok line. Ann and their three children: Mary, William and Eunice, stayed in a rented farmhouse and helped raise hogs, chickens, turkeys, and geese. They milked a few cows and shipped cream.

Nick was then transferred to the Strathcona railroad

Nick, Anna, Eunice, Mary and William Yatzko, circa 1942

and later to Josephburg.

In 1948, he returned to work for the railway at Michael and Wostok. A year later the Yatzkos purcha and moved all their belongings to their farm, one m north of Kaleland. Nick then continued to work, for C.P.R. from 1950 to 1968, in the Hairy Hill and T Hills area.

Nick and Ann Yatzko, circa 1975

In 1971, Nick and Ann sold their farm and retired Two Hills.

In January, 1979, after a lengthy illness, Nick pass away at the age of 76. Ann still resides in Two Hills.

YERICHUK, Pentelay and Graffany (nee Orleski)

Pentelay Yerichuk and his wife Graffany were born Luzan, Ukraine. Because the prospects of making a livi in the Ukraine were very poor, they decided to immigra to Canada, file on a homestead and exercise th

esourcefulness and convictions.

In 1902, Pentelay and Graffany, with their three hildren: Helen, John, and Nick, left their home in uzan for the port of departure.

After the Yerichuks landed in Canada in the spring of 902, they boarded a train to Winnipeg and then to dmonton. Finally they arrived at their destination which as Pozerville. Here the family settled on their omestead. Their first post office was Pozerville. Later ail was picked up in Wattsford, and then Kaleland.

The family faced many hardships while improving eir homestead. In the first few years, all supplies and ther necessities had to be brought in from Vegreville and ort Edmonton.

In the following years, four more children were born to the family: Mary, in 1904; Dmetro, 1906; Bill, 1911; nd Mike, in 1914.

etro's family, circa late 1940s or early 1950s. Back row, (L to R) - ary, Orest, and Metro; front row - Marshall, Norman and Walter.

All of the family members made a lifestyle of their wn. Helen married Mike Torenko and farmed at Bruce. e passed away in 1973.

John and Anne (nee Porcena) farmed in Kaleland.

Nick married a girl in the Lakusta family and farmed Viking.

Mary married Sam Eliuk and they farmed at Hairy ill.

Dmetro, Bill, and Mike lived on the homestead.

Bill passed away in 1983.

The Yerichuk family remained on the original omestead for 33 years. Pentelay passed away in 1924, d Graffany in 1961.

YERICHUK, Dmetro and Mary (nee Zadimersky)

Dmetro Yerichuk married Mary Zadimersky and they ed in several locations.

In 1935, Dmetro and Mary purchased a grocery store Kaleland from Mr. Gewra and operated it until 1939. oving to Chipman, they operated a pool room and rber shop. During this time, three of their sons were

Metro's mother, Graffany (nee Orleski) Yerichuk, 1931

Metro, Mike, Bill, and Nick, 1930

born: Orest, Norman, and Marshall. The Yerichuks later moved to Edmonton, where the youngest son, Walter, was born.

Dmetro was employed by Swift Canadian for 23 years. During this time, the family lived in several parts of Edmonton. In 1965, Dmetro and Mary bought a hotel business in the Peace River district. Returning to Edmonton in 1970, they became involved once more in a hotel business. When the hotel was sold Dmetro and Mary retired. However, they find it busier now than when the family was growing up.

YOUNG (BUDNICK) Alex and Joanna (nee Goshko)

Alex and Joanna came to Two Hills in August, 1941; Alex to open a confectionery and snack bar, and Joanna to take a teaching position in the high school. They brought with them their nine-month-old daughter Dawn

and Joanna's mother, Maria Goshko, the widow of Tymko Goshko. Tymko was an aggressive pioneer in public affairs who immigrated to Canada in 1902 from the Village of Lanivci, County of Borshchiv, Ukraine, and settled near Vegreville.

Alex and Joanna on the balcony of the Palace of Happiness in Lviw, Ukraine.

Alex, son of John and Maria Budnick, was born near Krasne School in the Plain Lake district. His parents came to Canada at the turn of the century from the Village of Ilinci, County of Sniatyn, Ukraine. In 1925, they moved to Vegreville. Alex started out on his own in show business as a magician and hypnotist.

During their 14 years in Two Hills, Alex and Joanna saw many productive changes. Alex operated a confectionery and snack bar for a while supplying fresh fruit and ice cream all year-round. He introduced the installation and service of oil and propane heating in homes. He was one of the Board of Trade delegates to the Village of Alliance to study installation of waterworks. Alex helped in the campaign for a Municipal Hospital in Two Hills. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge. Not one for self-recognition, Alex did a lot in his silent ways.

Joanna, like Alex, was very active in the community. She was a member of the Two Hills Ukrainian Women's Association, Lesia Ukrainka Branch, from its inception in 1942. She served as its president for several terms. Joanna organized and conducted the Ukrainian Orthodox Church choir which became one of the finest in the province. It was a core of many delightful performances in the community and outside. Joanna was a member and historian, for some time, of the Order of the Royal Purple.

As teacher, Joanna contributed much to the school choirs, music festivals, spring plays and operettas. It was a rewarding experience for all when, under the auspices of the Home and School, the community with Joanna and her adult and school choir sang the Lord's Prayer to a large crowd gathered at the station to celebrate the war's end.

During Alex's and Joanna's stay in Two Hills, they were blessed with another daughter Myrna and son

The siblings, now as adults - Myrna, Dawn and Victor, in the Rose Garden in Vancouver, 1980

Victor. Dawn is now living in Vancouver enjoying an executive position with a trust firm and overseeing the progress of her two grown children. Myrna is making her home in Toronto where she is a general manager of one of the top restaurant chains. Victor is a professional actor and at present is an assistant professor of drama at the University of Regina.

The Youngs moved to Calgary in 1954, later to Vancouver. For the past 12 years they have operated a health food store in a delightfully scenic Buckley Valley of Smithers, B.C. In 1982 they visited their parents' birthplace in the Ukraine. Alex and Joanna are now retired.

YUSKOW, George Sr. and Anna
YUSKOW, George Jr. and Vera

by George Yuskow (Jr.)

In spring of May 14, 1900, George and Anna (Cwihula) Yuskow, with their family of four children - Mary, Mike, John and baby Fred, left their homeland Village of Kalnikow, County Mostiska, Province Halychina, Western Ukraine, and came to Canada. They sold their house and eight morgs of land to raise enough money for their trip. They embarked on the ship "Belanger", at Hamburg. The long and rough ocean voyage and the poor food (mostly horse meat and fish) caused people to become very seasick.

Arriving at Halifax, the family stayed overnight at the immigration quarters and the next day boarded the train for Edmonton and other western points. On arrival in

George Yuskow Sr. family. (L to R) - William, George, Harry, John, Mike, Mother Anna, Father George, 1924.

Edmonton, the Yuskow family stayed at the Immigration centre for a week. The place was infested with bedbugs, lice, and mosquitoes.

George and his younger brother, Jacob, left Edmonton to find a temporary residence for their families. They came to Mundare and found lodging with the Peter Olechow family (people from their own home village) who lived three miles north of the present town of Mundare. They stayed there during the summer. George, in partnership with his brother, saved enough money to buy one horse, one cow and a wagon.

The family bought a homestead, SE 12-53-16-W4th, about one and one-half miles northwest of Royal Park. There they built a house, dug a well and cultivated about one acre of land. During the summer, Mother Anna and her ten-year-old daughter Mary mixed clay and hay and plastered the two-room house. In the meantime, father left the family to survive for three months on half a sack of flour and wild game.

After staying there for two years, George cancelled his homestead and bought another one at New Kiew, (NE 20-53-13-W4th), nine and one-half miles north of Lavoy. This land was in the same section as his brother Jacob's, and had an abundance of trees for construction of buildings, and firewood. In spring of 1902, father built a frame-work house and moved his family there. Their neighbors included Senko Kitz, Peter Steblyk, Dmetro Samoil, Steve Pauk, A. Sokalski and a few others. On November 11, 1918, Fred passed away during the influenza epidemic.

Fred Yuskow, 1916, and Mary Yuskow (nee Chapelski), circa 1925

John and Harry took violin and dulcimer music lessons from John and Mike Serink of Chipman, Alberta.

Forming the first orchestra in the New Kiew district, the Yuskow brothers played at dances and weddings from 1916 to about 1928.

The youngest son William, born February 2, 1910, began school at the age of seven. Being very interested, he completed grade VI to VIII in one year. William was then promoted to grade IX by O. Williams, a school inspector. He attended Vegreville High School where in 1924, he passed Grade IX with Honors. In his third year of high school, William wrote an essay on Canadian history and in the 1926-27 school year won the Alberta Bronze Medal for very efficient study and knowledge of history. His essay ranked third in the Provincial rankings. After obtaining his Grade XII high school diploma in 1928, William entered the University of Alberta and registered in the Faculty of Medicine. Here he also completed C.O.T.C. course and qualified for the rank of Lieutenant Officer. In May 1931, after receiving his B.Sc. degree, he took ill and passed away on October 31, 1931.

George, second youngest in the family, started school and completed Grade VIII at New Kiew School. He attended Vegreville High School and completed his last year of high school in the Edmonton Separate School. In 1930-31 he entered the Edmonton Normal School and after obtaining his teaching certificate he taught in the following schools: Stony Rapid - three years; New Kiew - one year; Buczacz - nine years; Stony Rapid again - six years; Hamburg - seven years; Buffalo Coulee - seven years; and St. Martin's at Vegreville - eight years. He retired in 1972 but is still substituting (1984) in Vegreville, Lavoy, Hutterite Colony and Saddle Lake.

In 1949, George registered in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta, and received his B.Ed. degree in 1956. He then enrolled in the Graduate Faculty and obtained his Graduate Diploma in Social Studies, thus completing five years of university education.

Yuskow family. Standing - George and son Bill; seated - wife Vera, granddaughter Krista, and Margaret, 1980.

George married Vera Chmilar of Morecambe on November 24, 1934, They have one son, William Gary, teaching at McKernan School in Edmonton. He married Margaret Samoil of Lavoy, who is also a teacher. They have one daughter, Krista. Both William and Margaret

have B.Ed. and M.A. degrees.

After retiring from full-time teaching, George is involved with many different organizations in Vegreville. He was a member of the Recreation Board for three years and treasurer of the Holy Trinity Parish for four years. From 1979 to the present day he is a member of the Library Board, President of the Holy Trinity Parish Council, Chairman of the Vegreville Christmas Bureau, Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Nicholas Pioneer Cemetery at New Kiew, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood (Buk) of Vegreville, a member of the Lions' Club since 1968, and is treasurer of Vegreville Cultural Association.

At present George and Vera are living in Vegreville.

YUSKOW, Harry

by George G. Yuskow

Harry Yuskow was born in New Kiew in 1901, and attended Kiew and Krasne Schools. After completing Grade VIII, Harry worked on the Grand Trunk line at Ardrossan, east of Edmonton. Then, for a number of years he worked for the Canadian National Railway at Lavoy.

After quitting the railway job, he farmed on NW 21-53-13-W4th, for about 15 years. He then sold the land to his brother George and moved to Edmonton.

Harry Yuskow, 1955

In Edmonton, Harry worked for Fikett's Home Building Construction for many years, and later as watchman at Swift Packing Plant.

After reaching retirement age, (1984), he lives in an apartment on Jasper Avenue and 96 Street in Edmonton.

YUSKOW, John and Olga (nee Fedorkiw)

by George G. Yuskow

John Yuskow was a man of many trades during lifetime. After completing Grade XI, he took vio lessons and organized an orchestra with his brothe Mike, Fred, Harry, George and William. They played weddings and dances for about 15 years.

In 1928, John became postmaster at New Kiew. 1940, he married Olga Fedorkiw of Star, Alberta, w assisted him at the post office.

John and Olga Yuskow, 1979

When the post office was closed, he farmed for o year. Then he sold his land and went into business Warwick, operating a feed mill until retirement.

The Yuskows then moved to Edmonton, where Ol continued to work in a restaurant as pastry cook until h retirement.

John Yuskow family. (L to R) - Lawrence, Larry, Ingrid, David an Debbie Yuskow, late 1960s.

John and Olga had two children: Lawrence - marrie Ingrid Eckhart in May, 1962. They have three children David, Larry and Debbie, all living in Edmonton.

Adeline is married and living in Toronto.

John Yuskow passed away on October 9, 1982, an Olga, his wife, on March 22, 1983.

YUSKOW, Mike and Katie (nee Sadoway)

by Vera Yuskow

In the spring of 1900, Mike Yuskow at the age of six, rrived in Canada with his parents, George and Anna 'uskow. He attended Kiew School for two summers. As young man, he helped his father with farming in the ummer and worked in a lumber camp, west of Ed-ionton, during the winter. For about 12 years, he played violin in a family orchestra. During threshing perations he operated the steam engine.

On August 9, 1925, Mike married Katie Sadoway of Iundare, daughter of Jacob and Tatania Sadoway. They ved with Mike's parents for a year while building their wn home on SW 21-53-13-W4th.

Katie was born at Mundare and was the eldest of eight sters. Their home was located on SW 17-54-17-W4th, ree miles north of Mundare. She attended Vladymir chool, one-quarter of a mile south of their home.

Katie and Mike Yuskow, July, 1928

Mike and Katie raised six children: Mary, Jack, Peter, nnie, Nick and Walter. All the children attended Kiew hool, one mile south of their home.

Mary married Mike Mayko of Mundare. At present ey live in Edmonton. Their three children are: oseann, William and Katherine.

Jack and Peter live at home.

Annie married Mike Yakimyshyn of Plain Lake, and ey have two girls, Linda and Sharon.

Nick married Stella Lucyshyn of Two Hills and they e ten miles south of Two Hills. The Yuskows raised ee children: Audrey, Wayne and Tina.

Walter married Freda Kshyk of Mundare and lived on ir father's farm. They raised two boys: Kenneth and egory.

Katie passed away August 16, 1949.

Mike, who was sexton for 20 years in the New Kiew Catholic Church, lives in his own farm home.

YUSKOW, Jacob and Eva (Pawlyshyn)

by Steve Miskiw

"Little did they fear the challenges that they would have to meet as they arrived on this great Canadian soil."

My grandfather Jacob (Yakiw) Yuskow was born in 1867, in the Village of Sokolia, County of Mostiska, Western Ukraine. Yearning to seek adventure in the neighboring village, Jacob met a young widow, Eva Pawlyshyn, who had previously been married to Anton Hayduk. Eva was born in 1862, in the Village of Kalnikiw. As fate would have it she was left with two young daughters (Katie and Mary).

After Jacob and Eva were married, their dream was to immigrate to Canada. With promises of vast tracts of land, a freedom from oppression and poverty, the young couple bid farewell to their native homeland and in 1900, with their four children: Katie, Mary, Bill and Anne, set sail from Hamburg, Germany, to a new land of opportunity.

After arriving in Halifax, they boarded the train to Strathcona, (South Edmonton). From here, they proceeded to Mundare where they lived with some friends for one year. The following year, Jacob purchased a homestead (NW 20-53-13-W4th) in the New Kiew district.

With the few personal belongings that they possessed, the family set out to meet the challenges of the pioneer hardships - clearing the land, erecting buildings and continuing to subsist on the meagre returns that were typical of every new settler. The harsh reality of making a dream come true, demanded hard work from early morning to late at night. Their food supply was limited, often supplemented by nature. At least twice a year, Jacob and his brother George would trail their way to Strathcona to purchase the essential food supplies.

As the years went by, the family through sheer courage and perseverance prospered well. They were one of the first within the area to purchase a new car in the 1920s, when few people could afford a vehicle.

Jacob was also a community-minded person. He believed that in order to have strong family bonds, a person had to satisfy his spiritual needs. In 1908, Jacob and his close friends and neighbors were instrumental in

Jacob and Eva Yuskow, circa 1924

constructing the St. Nicholas Russo Greek-Orthodox Church of Warwick. Here Jacob served as a sexton for many years.

Every family believed in a better life for their children, a life of cultural expression and literacy. The three younger children, Pearl, Jessie and Steve, who were born in Canada were able to attend the New Kiew School where they continued their education as long as possible.

Despite the trials and tribulations of life upon this virgin soil, Jacob and Eva always showed concern for their family, friends and neighbors. Their home was open to many people who cared for and respected the Yuskow family.

Jacob and Eva were blessed with seven children.

Katie (deceased) married Herman Block of Edmonton. They had two daughters, Mary and Jessie.

Mary (deceased) was married to Dmetro Terlesky of Buchach (Innisfree) - see Dmytro Terlesky history.

Anne married Mike Melnychuk of Myrnam and they had five children: Bill, Jessie, Mary, Jacob and Peter.

Bill (deceased) was married to Jessie Geleta of New Kiew where he farmed on the SW 29-53-13-W4th until 1929, when they moved to the new Village of Two Hills. Here in partnership with his brother Steve, Bill acquired the International Harvester and the Imperial Oil franchise. They stayed in business until 1934, when Bill sold the share to his brother Steve.

While living in Two Hills, Bill was interested in the growth and expansion of the Village. In 1931, he was elected mayor and served in this capacity until 1933. Bill then moved to Vancouver, B.C. where he continued to engage in various business ventures.

William and Mary Yuskow, 1940

In his youth, Bill was called overseas to serve in World War I. His experience proved to be invaluable as Bill would often relate stories that there was no greater human sacrifice than the thousands of soldiers who fought to defend their country. Bill was very much dedicated to his four daughters, Elizabeth (deceased), Diane, Elsie and Wilma.

Pearl (deceased) married Harry Miskiw of Two Hills - see Harry Miskiw history.

Jessie is married to Mike Borris and they reside in Lodi, California, U.S.A. As a young girl, Jessie left home to pursue a career in nursing. After her marriage, she lived in Vancouver, Victoria, and now in the United States. Mike and Jessie have three children: Eller Jeanette, and Billy.

Steve (deceased) married Mary Sawchuk (see person history).

Jacob was laid to rest in 1935 and Eva in 1945. Ma their heritage be an everlasting memory to be cherishe by their family, friends and neighbors.

YUSKOW, Steve and Mary (nee Sawchuk)

Steve Yuskow, son of Jacob and Eva Yuskow of Ne Kiew, was born in 1905. He was educated in the Kie School.

In 1925, at the age of 20, he married Mary Sawchuk daughter of John and Malanka (nee Prochowniak). H was, perhaps, the first in the district to own a car, a 192 Chevrolet Touring.

After marriage, the Yuskows lived with Steve's paren for one year. In March, 1926, their first daughter, Olga was born. Later, they built a small house and establishe themselves on their own land, SE 29-53-13-W4th. I March, 1927, son Walter was born.

In 1929, Steve left farming and joined his olde brother, Bill, in the International Harvester machin agency and Imperial bulk station business in Two Hills.

In 1930, Steve encountered an almost fatal acciden One night as he walked into the oil warehouse with kerosene lamp his clothes caught on fire. Luckily though through quick-thinking and the action of Garnet English he was wrapped in a blanket and the fire was ex tinguished. Steve spent several weeks in the Vegrevil Hospital with second-degree burns.

Their two children, Olga and Walter, were educated i Two Hills. Walter attended the University of Britis Columbia and graduated with a degree in pharmacy.

Steve and Mary Yuskow in front of their first house in Two Hills, tak in the early 1930s

Walter (1942) and Olga (1942)

In 1944, Steve and Mary sold their business in Two ills and moved to Vancouver, where they owned and erated an apartment building and recreation centre.

In 1945, Olga married Mike Chyplyk, son of Bill and nnie (nee Babey) Chyplyk of Myrnam. They have two ildren, Billy and Cheryl, and all reside in Vancouver.

In 1951, Walter married Irene Hislop. They have two ys; Stefen and Kevin. Walter retired after spending me 25 years in the pharmacy profession.

After Steve passed away in 1951, Mary continued to erate the business. In the late 60s, she married Bill erbinan. Mary is still active in Vancouver. Her pride d joy are her four grandchildren and five great-andchildren.

YUZDA, Ignat and Anne (nee Marchak)

by the Yuzda children

On February 5, 1902 a son, Ignat, was born to Ivan d Cassie (Michielich) Yuzda in the Village of Bila, unty of Chortkiw, Province of Halychina, Western raine. He was the second youngest child followed only a sister Sofia, who still resides in the village of their rth. Older siblings in the family were Maria (1895-1953) d Steve (1898-1980).

When Ignat was eight years old, his mother died. Later s father remarried and they were blessed with three ildren: Lucena, Wasyl and Nikola.

Ignat was 11 years old when his sister, Maria (18) and other Steve (16), decided that the prospect of life in nada was more attractive than remaining in the meland. In 1914, they arrived in Canada and stayed th their uncle and aunt, Joachim Chmelyk, near undare. Unfortunately, Ignat was too young to venture t into the new land and remained at home for 15 more ars before his brother, Steve, sent him the fare for ssage to Canada.

In early June, 1926, Ignat arrived in Quebec. He was rtunate to have the company of Father S. Diakovich, other Adrienne Karpa and Brother Passiw Stadnyk, o were also aboard the "Alaownia" for the two week yage and enroute to Mundare. The train trip from ebec lasted slightly over a week with a two-day stop in innipeg.

In Mundare, he worked in his brother's butcher shop for approximately one year and then obtained work at Warshawski's butcher shop for a short time. At this time homesteads were being sold for $10. in the Hines Creek area, so Ignat decided to try his hand at farming. The new venture proved a bit much with the gruelling work and long hours of loneliness, and therefore lasted only about nine months. When he returned to Mundare, his brother advised him to purchase a light delivery truck and pick up cream from rural farmyards.

While working in Mundare, Ignat met Anne, who came from the New Kiew area and was attending high school in Mundare.

Anne, oldest child of Dmetro and Mary (Samoil) Marchak, was born in December, 1915. She attended primary and junior high school at Wolia. Upon completing Grade XI in Mundare, Anne worked as a nanny and housekeeper.

On November 1, 1938, Anne and Ignat took their marriage vows at the Holy Ascension Church near Anne's home. They began their life together on an acreage in Beverly. Ignat worked as a night watchman at Capital Packers and Anne minded the huge acreage garden. As Ignat worked his way up through the ranks of the meat packing business, he saw the opportunity for advancement and took a job as meat cutter for Canada Packers.

In the six years that the Yuzdas lived in Beverly, they were blessed with three children: Lawrence (1940), Elizabeth Marie (1941) and Eugene (1942).

Early in 1945, the family moved to Two Hills where they purchased a large business building next to the Bank of Montreal. The building housed a small cafe on one side and a butcher shop on the other. The family's living quarters were at the rear of the building and the upstairs was used as boarding rooms. On November 1, 1945, their third son, Orest was born.

Anne and Ignat, 1938

In 1947, Ignat found employment on the C.P.R. and gave up the butcher shop and cafe business.

In September, 1948, their youngest child, Sonia, was born.

In the years that followed, the building was rented to two businesses. The following were some of the renters: Public Health Unit, Zalesky's Dry Cleaners, Prokopuik's Grocery, Olga's Hair Salon and Horon's Barber Shop.

The children attended and graduated from the Two Hills Schools. Lawrence, a lawyer, obtained his B.A. and LL.B. degrees at the University of Alberta. He met Kathy, daughter of Fred Rusnak, who graduated from the Medical Laboratory Sciences Degree program at the U. of A. and they were married in August, 1965. Lawrence and Kathy live in Calgary where Lawrence is a senior partner of the law firm of Yuzda and Bolten. They have two children, Marian (13) and Paul (11).

Anne Yuzda (1965) and Andrea (1983)

Elizabeth married Michael, son of Peter M. Samoil of Lavoy in 1963 and they reside in Fort Saskatchewan where Michael is employed as a process supervisor for Dow Chemicals. In 1977, Michael supervised the start-up of Dow Brasil, South America. Elizabeth and the children joined him for three weeks and toured the country. Elizabeth earned a B.Ed. degree at the University of Alberta and teaches in Sherwood Park. They have three children: Peter (19) enrolled in a telecommunications program at N.A.I.T.; Christine (16); and Gregory (14).

Eugene took chemical technology at N.A.I.T. after high school and acquired a position as a research technologist at Sherritt Gordon in Fort Saskatchewan. In September, 1965, Eugene married Shirley, daughter of Steve Chernecki, of Vegreville, and they live in Fort Saskatchewan. Shirley is employed as head secretary of Jean Paul II High School. They have two children, Garrett (14) and Melodie (12).

The Yuzda family, 1976. Back row, (L to R) - Eugene, Michael, Sonia, Orest, Lawrence and Peter; middle row - Shirley, Garrett, Elizabeth, Gregory, Roland, baby Curtis, Renatta, Ida, Annalise, Marian, Dido (Ignat) and Kathy; on the floor - Melodie, Christine, Kelly, Jason and Paul.

Upon graduating in baking technology at N.A.I.T., Orest received a journeyman's baking certificate which enabled him to procure a position of foreman and eventually bakery manager of the Safeway Store in Beverly. In 1967, he married Ida, daughter of John Morgan of Willingdon. They live in Fort Saskatchewan. From 1975-78, Orest and Eugene opened and operated Beneda's Bakery in Fort Saskatchewan. He also worked as a car sales manager and is presently employed as an accounts executive for Ogilvie Mills Ltd. Ida is employed as an Assistant Manager of the local Sears order office. They have three children, Renatta (16), Annalise (14) and Jason (10).

Sonia attended secondary school in Two Hills and completed high school in Edmonton at McNally. She chose to work at Safeway and in September, 1970, married Roland, son of Fred Perrott of Westlock. Roland was a laboratory technician and a graduate of N.A.I.T. He also obtained a pharmaceutical degree at the University of Alberta. In 1980, the family settled on an acreage near Tofield and presently manage the Owl Value Drug Mart in Tofield. They have three children, Kelly (13), Curtis (10) and daughter Andrea (5).

During their 30 years in Two Hills, Anne and Ignat were parishoners of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of St. Vladimir and Olga. They were very instrumental in the fund-raising and building of the new church. Ignat was, also, the church cantor for about 25 years and both he and Anne sang in the church choir.

Ignat retired from the railroad in 1967, and helped Anne to run Beneda's Bakery which Anne had operated in their building since 1960. The bakery business flourished until Anne passed away suddenly in 1970.

Ignat moved back to Mundare in 1974, after selling the business, and spent his last five years there. He passed away in 1979.

ZALESCHUK, Bill and Katherine (nee Zaich)

by Nickolas Zaleschuk (son)

Bill and Katherine (nee Zaich) came to Canada in 1910, from Brody District of Korsiw, Ukraine. My grandmother, Helen Zaich, came with them, with the hope of

Bill and Katherine Zaleschuk, circa 1937

having a better living standard.

The family finally arrived at Beaver Lake, in the Inland district, where my grandmother's brother, Marko Tymchuk, was living. They remained there a couple of months until my parents bought a homestead, SW 56-28-12-W4th, in the Plain Lake district. The work was tedious, especially the putting up of log buildings and plastering them with clay.

Dad did extra work elsewhere to earn money, while my mother and grandmother took care of the children, chopped and sawed wood and planted a large garden.

In 1926, my parents bought another quarter of land covered with bush. They worked very hard from early morning till at night clearing the land, for a better future for us.

In 1929, we moved to the other quarter and set up a house and all the buildings that were needed.

Dad had a fair amount of education and spoke and read English well. He was chairman and trustee for the Plain Lake School for many years, and president as well as cantor of the Plain Lake Church.

Mother worked very hard as a devoted wife and looked after the children.

Annie married John Golinowski and the family was blessed with two children, Mary and Steve. Mary married Ernie Althur and they have three girls: Sylvia, MaryAnne, and Heidi. They also have two grandchildren, Jacob and Jessica. Steve, a bachelor, is still looking for the right partner. He is farming on the home place with his mother.

John passed away in June, 1976.

Nancy Zaleschuk, Bill Zaleschuk (father), and Mary Zaleschuk, circa 1946

Nick married Nettie Dulaba and they have six children and 13 grandchildren.

Mary married John Dacyk and raised two boys, Larry and Allan. They also have two grandchildren, Chelsie and Elana.

Mary passed away on February 11, 1972.

Nancy married Gustave Driechel and they have three children: Kathy, Clifford, and Rose Marie. They also have one grandson, Jason.

Grandmother passed away in October, 1945, at the age of 86.

Mother, Katherine Zaleschuk, passed away six weeks later, in November, 1945, at the age of 57.

Dad passed away in November, 1951, at the age of 63.

ZALESCHUK, Nick and Nettie (nee Dulaba)

Nick, the second oldest of Bill and Katherine Zaleschuk, was born and raised in the Plain Lake district. Being the only boy, he was his dad's helper and assumed many responsibilities at a very early age.

Nick attended Plain Lake School, after which he farmed with his parents and sisters, Mary and Nancy. When his sisters left home, Nick decided to get married.

Nettie was the youngest daughter of Alex and Maria Dulaba of Innisfree. They lived on the family farm with Nick's parents, and grandmother Zaich. Nick was cantor in the Plain Lake Ukrainian Catholic Church for many years.

In February, 1945, Nick and Nettie were blessed with their first daughter, Sonia. In October, 1945, Grandmother Zaich passed away, and six weeks later, Nick's mother became ill and passed away.

Nettie and Nick, Nov., 1943

Father remained with Nick on the farm, and occasionally with his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and John Dacyk, or his other daughter, Nancy, who was working in the city. Father passed away in November, 1951.

In the fall of 1960, Nettie's mother, Maria Dulaba, came to live with Nick and Nettie. Because the two-room house was too small for the large family, a new home built by Joe Marchak, was completed in 1961.

As the children grew up, they milked cows, picked stones, and stooked. Borden drove the tractor for his father at the age of 11. Grandmother Maria Dulaba passed away in May, 1966, after a long illness.

Nick and Nettie Zaleschuk with their family, 1983

The Zaleschuks raised six children: Sonia, Marie, Patricia, Borden, Irene, and JoAnn. Sonia married Edward Tatarin and they have three children: Joseph, Elaine, and Terrance. Marie married Ken Yakimovich and they have two girls: Lori and Kimberly. Patricia married William Kotowich and they raised one girl, Valerie. Borden married Debbie Fedoruk and they have two girls, Jennifer, and Nicolyn. Irene married Jerry Palsatt and they were blessed with four children: Yvette, Geri-Lyn, Jason, and Kerri. JoAnn married Don Yurko and they have one son, John Nickolas.

In 1967, the family farm was sold to the Hutterian Brethren of Plain Lake.

Nick and Nettie moved to Vegreville in the spring of 1968. Nettie worked at the Auxiliary Hospital as a kitchen aide, and Nick at the St. Joseph's General Hospital as caretaker. Later he also worked at the Vegreville Auxiliary Hospital as a ward aide.

After 14 years of hospital service, Nick and Nettie are retired and enjoying their life with their children, grandchildren, and friends.

ZAPARNIUK, Allen and Mary Anne

Allen, born on June 6, 1947, is the son of Mike and Julia Zaparniuk of Myrnam. He has one sister, Gail Tricker, who was the Director of Nursing in the Two Hills Hospital.

Allen started his first grade in the Fidelity School, and then continued his education in Myrnam and Andrew.

Allen, Mary Anne, and their children Lorna and Kevin after the Lio Parade in Two Hills, 1979

While attending school in Andrew, he worked in hi uncle's M and M grocery store. Upon moving to Ed monton, he found employment at Renn Sales where h worked for two years.

It was at this time that he met Mary Anne, daughter o Dan and Sophie Babiuk of Two Hills, who was born o January 11, 1947. After graduating from Two Hill School, Mary Anne worked in Hinton for the summe and then moved to Edmonton, where she worked a Burger King for two years. After leaving his job at Ren Sales, Allen worked for M.E.L. Construction as a bugg operator. When this project was completed Allen foun employment with his uncle's company, Corvet Oilfiel Services of Veteran.

On August 19, 1967, Allen and Mary Anne wer married and settled in Edmonton where Allen foun employment at Master Feeds driving a truck an delivering feed. Because there was no future in this job he went to work for Barber Industries where he was abl to apply the trade he learned while working for Corve Oilfield Services.

After several moves, Allen and Mary Anne purchased a home in 1972. By this time, their two children, Lorna and Kevin, were born. Working for Barber Industries required being out of town most of the time, so afte

Kevin and Lorna Zaparniuk in their Ukrainian dancing costumes, 1980

even years, Allen found work with Brascan Resources td. in Hairy Hill, and in 1976, moved his family to Two Iills, where they purchased an acreage from Peter ybak.

Allen and Mary Anne are both very community inded. Allen served as President of the Agricultural ociety for five years, coached hockey for two years, was resident of the Ukrainian Dancing Club and is presently hairman of the Advisory Board. As President of the gricultural Society, he instigated the building of the ace track and ball diamonds. Mary Anne has been inolved with such clubs as Brownies, Beavers, Figure kating Club, Ukrainian Dancing Club and the gricultural Society.

Their two children, Lorna (16) and Kevin (12), attend wo Hills School. Lorna, like her dad, has great interest horses. Allen trains saddle and harness horses. The aparniuks have entered horse shows and parades.

Kevin, who is very sports-minded plays hockey, aseball, soccer, and tennis. He also takes Ukrainian ancing lessons. Lorna has also been taking dancing ssons for the past nine years.

Allen is presently working in Willingdon for Merland xplorations Ltd.

ZAPLACHINSKI, Steve and Katherine (nee Lebitko)

by Mary Upton - daughter

Steve was the son of Steve Sr. and Eva (nee Wusyk) aplachinski, who had seven children: Steve, Peter, ohn, Anne, Katie, Pearl, and Mary.

atherine Zaplachinski with her daughter Mary (four years) and son even (one year), 1929

Katherine was the daughter of Harry and Anna (nee Grabas) Lebitko and came from a family of seven children: Katherine, Mary, Effie, Pearl, Annie, Peter, and Jack.

Steve and Katherine left home to fend for themselves as the conditions in their respective homes were meagre at the best of times.

When World War I started, Steve was drafted into the army, but before he left he entrusted his loving sweetheart Katherine with the money he had earned. Katherine invested the money in land and on his return, they were married on August 24, 1924, and settled on the land she purchased. Their dowry consisted of a cow, a pig, and some chickens from the parents.

In 1925, Katherine gave birth to their first child, Mary. Steve, who was in communication with friends and relatives in Canada, decided to emigrate from the Ukraine and left a month before his son Stephen was born on December 27, 1927. He arrived at Innisfree in the spring of 1928, where he was greeted by friends and relatives. By working at several different jobs he tried to accumulate enough money to bring his family to Canada. In 1933, arrangements were made for his family to emigrate.

Katherine sold her possessions, boarded a ship of the Cunard lines and landed in Halifax in August. The voyage across the Atlantic was rough, and everyone was seasick, and confined to quarters.

At Innisfree, they were greeted by Steve, his friends and relatives. For the next couple of years they lived with relatives, the Tarapackis and Balas. They then moved to live with Sophie Lukasewich, who had lost her husband. Steve rented her land and the family was well received by this kind old woman. Later they purchased land and necessary equipment of their own and with the help of neighbors and time, their farm setting was on its way to prosperity.

Katherine gave birth to more children: Eddie, in 1934; Tommy, in 1935; and twins Billy and Fredrick, in 1935. Fredrick died shortly after birth.

Steve and Katherine were religious people who never worked on Sunday or religious holidays and attended church conscientiously. Steve was a cantor for many

Steve and Katherine (seated), with their children. (L to R) - Bill, Mary, Tommy, Stephen, and Eddie, 1947. This picture was taken in the old log house.

Steve and Katherine Zaplachinski with their children and their spouses, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, 1974

years. They had memories of the Bishop who visited their church with Steve leading the procession on a white horse.

Katherine spent many hours with her husband in the fields and at the same time looked after the children, who also helped as they grew up. Steve, who had veterinary skills, helped his neighbors and friends whenever the need arose. They were hospitable to anyone who came around, always offering what little they had to share with them. At the same time their children were exposed to this attitude, which was the greatest lesson any parent could bestow upon their offspring.

In his many farming operations, Steve once broke his arm while belt dressing on a threshing machine, and broke it again while hauling hay when the load overturned. Steve was also hospitalized when he had most of his stomach removed due to cancer. With faith in God and the help of his neighbors, all these misfortunes came to pass.

The Zaplachinskis improved their equipment and when the boys were capable of operating the farm, Steve and Katherine retired to Vegreville.

Their daughter, Mary, married John Uniat, in 1946. They had four children: step-daughter Elizabeth, Victor, Anna, and Janet. Mary remarried to Gerald Upton in 1973, after the death of John.

Stephen Jr. married Alice Berard and the union was blessed with three children: Shirley, Wayne, and Janice.

Eddie is married to Victoria Dudziak and they have six children: Rick, Janet, Sharon, Donnie and Donna - twins, and Patrick.

Tommy married Joanne Petrychyn. They have four children: Cindy, Stephen, Kevin, and Thomas.

Billy married Elaine Strychun and raised four children: Warren, Jimmy, David, and Sherry.

In 1972, Steve was hospitalized and eventually ended up in wheelchair. He was later transferred to the auxiliary hospital.

Steve and Katherine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1974. Katherine tended to her husband daily, until his passing on May 24, 1976.

She kept busy with her gardening and visited with her grandchildren. On her return home from church one Sunday, she was hit by a truck. She was bruised badly and was hospitalized for two weeks. At the age of 89, she passed away, February 24, 1982.

ZAWADIUK, Mike and Mary (nee Chomik)

Mike Zawadiuk was born in Chernivci, Ukraine, in 1900. In 1921, he immigrated to Canada, landing in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mike worked his way across Canada, picking up odd jobs.

Mike and Mary Zawadiuk on their 25th wedding anniversary, 1951

For two years he worked in Yorkton, Nokomis, and Watrous, Saskatchewan. He would work for farmers in the fall and for the Canadian National Railway in the spring and summer. During the slack winter months, he would pick up odd jobs. After arriving in Alberta, he worked in the coal mine at Wabamun for a couple of years.

Arriving in Two Hills in 1926, Mike settled on a farm, SE 1-55-12-W4th, four miles east of town. He married Mary Chomik of Musidora and farmed, until his death in 1977. Mary is retired but still resides on the farm.

Edith R. Zawadiuk, B.Sc. - Home Economics, University of Alberta, 1957; University of Alberta Senate- 1985 ...

Mike and Mary had one daughter, Edith, who graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. Edith is employed as a home economist with Alberta Agriculture.

ZAWALUSKY, Wasyl and Veronia (nee Popowich)

by Jean Arychuk (daughter)

Wasyl, son of Marko and Maria Zawalusky, was born on February 27, 1890, in Chernivci, Bukovina, Ukraine. He was one of six children: Kost, Wasyl, Petro, Metro, Erena, and George. In 1907, at the age of 17, he came to Canada. Wasyl worked in mines and railways until 1915. That year, he purchased a homestead at Lake Eliza, Alberta. On August 3, 1915, he married Veronia, daughter of Wasyl and Raifta Popowich of Lafond. The Zawaluskys farmed in Lake Eliza until 1928. Because times were hard and crops were poor, they sold their land to a Mr. Johnston.

Wm. and Veronia Zawalusky, 1950

In February of 1928, Wasyl and Veronia bought a farm at Beauvallon from Adam and Martin Zaic, where they farmed until 1945. The same year, Wasyl bought a farm which was located six miles from Vegreville from Harry Aronitz, and here they farmed until 1960. Because of Wasyl's failing health the farm was sold to a Mr. Baran, and the Zawaluskys retired to Vegreville.

Wasyl and Veronia had a family of five girls and three boys:

Jean married Mike Arychuk on October 22, 1936 (see Mike and Jean Arychuk History).

Ruth married Bill Rudkowsky on November 3, 1938. They have one boy Victor, and live in Edmonton. Bill passed away suddenly on December 30, 1975.

Bill Zawalusky married Helen Kurelik on June 16, 1944 and lived in St. Paul. They have two girls and one boy, Vivian, Peggy, and Richard.

Olga married Bill Borchuk on July 22, 1944. The Borchuks live in St. Paul and have three boys and two girls: Patricia, Ronnie, Connie, Garry and Lynn.

Zawalusky family, 1983

Vicky married Bill Topechka on August 20, 1949. They live in Fort McMurray. They have two boys, Brian and Barry.

Their other children, Mary, Metro and Orest died at a very early age.

Veronia passed away on March 21, 1971, at the age of 74 and Wasyl on December 17, 1977 at 87. Both are interred in the cemetery in Vegreville. The Zawalusky's family have five children, 13 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

ZAYAK, Walter and Esther (nee Saganiuk)

Walter was born in 1933, to Alex and Annie (nee Sawak) Zayak, of Angle Lake. He was one of a family of two brothers and three sisters. Walter attended Brierfield School to Grade IX, then completed his high school in Myrnam. In the fall of 1954, he attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary, studying industrial electricity I.

In February, 1952, he began courting Esther, daughter of Peter and Maria (nee Sorochan) Saganiuk of Musidora. She had three brothers and three sisters. Esther attended a two-room school where Mrs. Mary Kindrachuk taught Grades I to V, and Bill Kindrachuk Grades VI to IX. Then she attended Myrnam High School.

Walter and Esther were married in 1955, in a little church at Angle Lake. They lived in Myrnam for a year, before moving to Two Hills. In 1956, Walter worked as an electrician, and later opened his own business.

The Zayaks were blessed with four children: Linda, born in Calgary, graduated from Two Hills High School, and completed a two-year course in Business Administration, at N.A.I.T. In 1984, she was employed at Shell Canada, in Edmonton. Linda married Gary, son of Rose and the late Steve Rosko, of the New Kiew area. They have two children, Spencer and Sheena.

Miles and Amanda's wedding - June, 1983. (L to R) - Walter and Esther Zayak, eldest son Miles and wife Amanda, grandfather Peter Saganiuk, youngest son Terry, son Brian, son-in-law Garry Rosko; seated - daughter-in-law Debbie, grandson Spencer, daughter Linda and her daughter Sheena.

Miles, the oldest son, was born in the Myrnam Hospital under the excellent care of Drs. Cholod, Kaye, and Chonko. After Miles graduated from Two Hills High School, he worked for his father, except for a short period, with Sunlite Electric of St. Paul. While working at Slave Lake, he met his wife, Amanda Bittner. They reside in Two Hills and have a son, Jonathan. Amanda is an activity aide at the Eagleview Nursing Home.

Brian, born at the Two Hills General Hospital, graduated from Two Hills High School. He worked for his father, until he moved to work for St. Paul Sales and Service, while playing Junior B Hockey. In St. Paul, he met and married Debra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cortier. They moved to Two Hills where Brian worked for his father, until the spring of 1984, when they began construction of the Burger Palace, which they opened in August. On May 24, they became the proud parents of a son, Cody.

Terry, the youngest, was born at Two Hills General Hospital. He apprenticed under his father for two years, and at Highline Electrical for another two years. Terry received his electrical ticket in July, 1984, and continues to work for Highline Electric, and for his father in his spare time.

Walter and Miles are still operating the 22-year-old family business, Zayak's Electric.

In January, 1970, Esther graduated as a Registered Nursing Assistant, and is employed at the Two Hills General Hospital. During their 29 years in Two Hills, they were involved in various clubs, and in Minor Hockey.

Spencer and Sheena Rosko, Jonathan and Cody Zayak, 1985

ZENIUK, Wasyl and Sophia (nee Pawliuk)

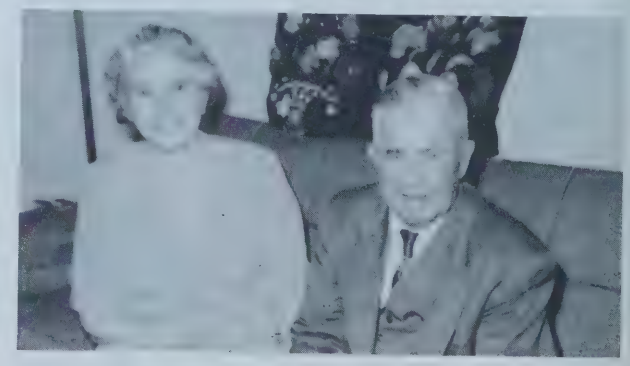
Wasyl Zeniuk was born in 1887 in the small Village of Zwinack, Province of Chortkiw, Ukraine. After serving in the Austrian army he immigrated to Germany where he worked on the railroad. In 1909, he arrived in Calgary and worked as a labourer staying with his good friend Steve Mudryk. During the winters he worked on farms at Plain Lake for the Zurawell and Krysak families. From the sundry jobs, he was able to save enough money to purchase some land in Calgary where the Holy Cross Hospital is located today. In 1913, Wasyl sold this property to purchase a train ticket and acquire a homestead in Plain Lake which is still in the family.

Wasyl married Anna Slabudnek at Lavoy, Alberta, in 1913, and to them was born a daughter, Mary. Anna passed away in 1918, leaving Mary as a small child. In 1920 he was remarried to Sophia Pawliuk of Mundare.

During the early days of farming, Wasyl built a blacksmith shop and repaired the equipment of neighbouring farmers. He was also successful in arranging immigration for several people from the Ukraine whom he assisted in Canada upon their arrival. A good marksman, Wasyl was able to supplement farm food with deer, rabbit and wild ducks.

Wasyl and Sophia raised nine children including Mary who was born to Wasyl and his first wife Anna (see Kruk History). Two of the children died in infancy. A son Steve passed away at the age of 16 in 1936.

Nick married Susan Rurka of Holden in 1948 and farmed the homestead until 1979 when he passed away accidentally. Susan has since moved to Vegreville. They had three children, Barry, Marvin and Terrance. Barry, a Bachelor of Commerce graduate, and his wife Patricia (Carter) live in Edmonton with their two sons where he is employed with the Bank of Nova Scotia. Marvin is working with Pacific Western Transport in Lake Louise. Terrance, a University graduate in education, has made application with the R.C.M.P.



Sophia and Wasyl Zeniuk, in the early 1960s

Anne Zeniuk who was married in 1944 to Nick Pichach, farmed in the Plain Lake district until 1975, when they sold their farm and moved to Edmonton. Pichaches have four children: Bill, Bob, Gary and Connie. Bill is married to Mary Anne (Yakiwchuk) and they are parents of two children. The family lives in Devon, Alberta. Bob, who married Barbara Rechney, raised four children. Bob and Barb live in Stony Plain. Gary and his wife Betty (Stecyk) live in Calgary with their two children. Connie, a teacher, lives in Edmonton.

Nancy Zeniuk is married to Nestor Myskiw, a farmer in Morecambe. They have two children, Daniel and Denise who are both married and live in Edmonton. Daniel is married to Gloria (Mizier) and they have two children. Denise is married to Dennis Whitney and they have one daughter.

Bill Zeniuk entered the banking profession in 1948. He married Olga Kostek in 1952 and the family presently lives in Edmonton. Bill and Olga raised two children. Linda and Douglas (see Kostek history).

Nadie Zeniuk, who was married to Nestor Hyska (since divorced), lives in Edmonton. Two daughters Leslie and Donna are married and live in Toronto and Edmonton respectively. Two sons, Daryl and Greg also live in Edmonton.

Wasyl and Sophia moved from the farm to retire in Vegreville in 1949. Wasyl passed away in 1968 at age of 82 years. Sophia who celebrated her 82nd birthday in March, 1985, continues to live in Vegreville - presently in the Homestead Senior Citizens Lodge.

URSULIAK, Nick and Mary (nee Mandryk)

(as related to L. Basaraba by Mary Ursuliak)

It was our parents destiny to leave their native homeland and seek fortune in a far and distant land. Little did they realize the harsh adversities that they would have to face on this vast Canadian prairie. With mixed emotions they left their little villages and set sail for a country that would bring them freedom, adventure and new experience. Amidst the rigors of pioneer life, their sturdy constitution enabled them to accomplish their dream and thus, provide a better life for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nick Wasyl Ursuliak was born on May 24, 1898 in Shypynci, Bukovina, Ukraine. In 1901, he immigrated to Canada with his sisters Odokia and June, and his parents Wasyl and Marafta Ursuliak who settled in the Hairy Hill district. Like most pioneer children, Nick experienced very little leisure time. As a growing boy he worked alongside his parents up-rooting trees, plowing the land and planting grain. There were no luxuries to indulge in and the meager existence was typical of a way of life for many people.

Although Nick valued education greatly, he was not able to attend school regularly. It was the joy of his life when at the age of eight and one-half years he entered Grade I during the summer months. However, his school days were short-lived. Nick would often dream of the Berhomet School, of his teachers: Mr. Tritye, Eta Smolee, Mr. Cook and the three years of education that he received.

The call of duty was on the farm, however. This is where Nick spent his younger life except for a few months when he worked for his uncle in Edmonton.

Mary Mandryk was born on November 11, 1899 in Berhomet, Bukovina, Ukraine. In 1901, she immigrated to Canada, with her parents Ilarion and Domka Mandryk and sister Irene and brother John. She settled in the same location as her husband's parents.

During her youth, she likewise had to help in the field and with household duties. At an early age, her mother taught her to prepare delicious meals and to bake fantastic bread in an out-door oven called a peech. In those days there was no refrigeration and food was preserved through canning, salting or drying most of the vegetables and meats.

At the age of eight, Mary was delighted when her parents allowed her to attend the Berhomet School for six months. Even though she received only three years of formal education, she will always cherish this experience.

On August 9, 1917, Mary's girlhood dreams were fulfilled when she married Nick Ursuliak. It was a memorable occasion. Dressed in a traditional Ukrainian costume, she enjoyed the reception which was held at both parents' places. Wedding gifts consisted of $88. in donation, some towels and a few yards of material - a dowry that any young bride at that time was glad to receive.

The young couple lived with Nick's parents for one year, then moved to their own farm, SE 35-55-13-W4th, in the Szypenitz area. Here they brought their worldly possessions to start a life togther. Their first home was a mud-plastered one-room shack. The Ursuliaks lived here for six years until a three-room dwelling was constructed.

Life on the new land was sometimes a nightmare. With four young children and a bed-ridden mother to care for, Mary very often found herself exhausted from the daily drudgery of maintaining a family as well as helping out in the field.

Very often she reminisced about the past - the conditions lived in; the problems faced; and quite often she thinks, "Though we were poor, somehow we found contentment with our way of life. We may not have had time to socialize in the neighboring community hall but there was always time to attend the Szypenitz Ukrainian Orthodox Church."

Nick & Mary Ursuliak, 1955

Ursuliak family - July 7, 1955. Front row, (L to R) - Gertie Ursuliak, Verna Ursuliak, Irene Kereliuk, Odokia Rosychuk, Mary Ursuliak, Grace Ursuliak, Mary Wennechuk, Nellie Ursuliak; back row - Bill Ursuliak, Steven Ursuliak, Harry Kereliuk, Nick Ursuliak, John Ursuliak, Metro Wennechuk, Dennis Ursuliak.

Nick and Mary retired from active farming and moved to Two Hills in 1966. Just at the time when they were starting to enjoy some leisure, Nick passed away in 1976, at the age of 78.

Nick and Mary were blessed with four children:

- Rose married Mike Werenka of Two Hills and they had five children. (See family history.)
- Alex married Molly Stavley and they live in Edmonton. Their children are Dion, Michael, Nicholas, and Susan.
- Michael married Virginia Hlushak and resides in Edmonton.
- George died tragically in a car accident at the age of 28 years.

Mary continues to live in her own home, keeping herself busy with gardening, needlework and entertaining close friends and relatives. It gives her great pleasure to be a proud grandmother of eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Canada has been a good place to live for the Ursuliaks. As Mary trods into her sunset years, she wants to bestow her blessing upon her family to live in peace and contentment and to enjoy the fruits of labor of their predecessors.

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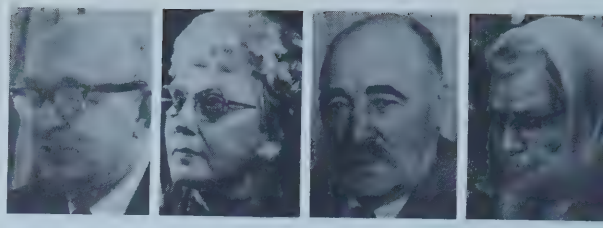
Katerina and Wasyl Denys and their son Nick, 1924



Bill, Jean, Gregory and Dora Geolick

Jack and Katie Solovenko, Mr. & Mrs. Marianych (Sr.) - early settlers (parents of Mrs. K. Solovenko)

Roland & Irene Theroux family. Back row (L to R) - Ilene and Nick Chrapko; Eric, Diane and Nadine Theroux; front row - Nicole, Rick and Shawn Chrapko; Irene, Roland and Tyson Theroux.

Henry Haag family, 1986. (L to R) - Natalie, Lindsay, Jamie, Gladys, and Henry.

Dmytro and Ewdokia Gregory, 1950. Much of present-day town of Two Hills is located on their land.

Mel and Jane Glazerman, daughter Kerri and son Michael - 1978

Typical harvest scene, October 1946. (L to R) - William, Sam, Nick and Adam Andriowski at threshing site on Sam's farm

William and Lucy Kalynchuk - 1945

Left - Panko Fedorchuk - The first Two Hills druggist with brother-in-law John Andriowski - listen to gramophone, 1920

KERELIUK, Ostafy (Steve) and Mary

After their marriage Ostafy and Mary farmed in Two Hills where their eldest three children, Sofie, Lilian, and Ernest were born. Later they moved near Hairy Hill where Stanley was born. They farmed there for three years.

In March of 1943, Ostafy and Mary bought his father, Hrehory's homestead two miles north and 1/2 mile east of Szypenitz School and Hall. In April of 1943, their fifth child Lorraine Dianne was born and in April of 1947, a son, Terrance Steven arrived.

The eldest five children drove by horse and buggy or sleigh to school where most of the children were taught by John and Sandra Chepeha. The horses were sheltered and fed in a barn until the children were due to return home. During a blizzard some of the children could be found comfortable and warm in the teacherage with John and Sandra. Sandra was not only an excellent teacher but a fine artist as well.

In 1952, after Sofie completed Grade IX, all the children in the area were driven by bus to Two Hills.

Those who knew the family well, will remember Ostafy for his love of his violin and music, and Mary for her exquisite artistry in decorating the walls of their humble home. The nephews and nieces can remember the excitement, enjoyment and love of spending their summer holidays with "Auntie Mary and Uncle Steve".

The family sold the farm in 1956 and moved to Egremont, and in 1957 to Edmonton where Steve and Mary owned and operated an apartment complex. During this time they continued farming north of Two Hills.

In 1962, Ostafy, Mary, son Ernie and wife Connie purchased a farm near Gibbons where most of their grandchildren experienced their enjoyment of "the farm" and the deep love and affection of "Baba and Gid". They remember dancing and singing Christmas carols to the accompaniment of Gid and his violin, th "Best Food in the World" made by their Baba, th teachings of the Ukrainian culture and tradition and be of all, being fortunate to be able to celebrate tw Christmases and Easters. They fondly remember the rid with Gid going to Gibbons "in the Big Truck". They als remember Baba teaching them to make bows and arrow willow flutes and sling shots. These treasures an memories will live on with them forever.

Ostafy passed away from cancer on August 1, 1971 an Mary lives with her daughter Sofie, in Port Alberni, B.C

The Ostafy Kereliuk family, circa 1952. Back row - Sofie, Ostafy, Mary, Lilian; front row - Stanley, Ernie (holding Terry, Lorraine).

Summer holidays, circa 1953. Back row - Tim Boshak, Iris Kereli Lorraine Kereliuk; front row - Terry Kereliuk, Don Yurchuk, Mich Yurchuk, Eunice Yurchuk.

Ostafy (Steve), born January 9, 1909 (Shtefana) Szypenitz, Alberta
Deceased: August 1, 1971
Parents: Hrehory (Harry) and Mary Kereliuk
Mary Kereliuk (Slevinsky), born December 14, 1914, Musidora, Alberta
Parents: Dmetro and Katie (Odokiya) Slevinsky
Married: February 19, 1933
Children:
Sofie, born July 26, 1934, married Sylvester Gordichu June 1, 1955. Divorced.
Residence: Port Alberni, B.C.
Children:
Gayle Sylvia, born November 12, 1955
Garry Robert, born January 29, 1960
Tamara Lynn, born February 14, 1970
Lilian, born September 6, 1935, married Richard Tom October 10, 1957
Residence: Edmonton
Children:
Jacqueline Francis, born May 11, 1958
Joy Anne Florette, born September 10, 1960
Janet Wynne, born May 23, 1963
Ernest born October 28, 1936, married Constan

Elizabeth Glenn, December 23, 1961, divorced.
Residence: Edmonton
Children:
Keith Ernest, born February 28, 1963
Marion Jean, born October 26, 1964
Barbara Ann, born January 18, 1966
Stephen Edward, born January 20, 1969
Stanley: born August 19, 1938, married Janet Elizabeth Lee, July 31, 1960.
Residence: Ottawa
Children:
Brent Stephen, born January 17, 1961
Lee Murray, born July 7, 1963
Lorraine Dianne, born April 12, 1943, married Fred Oberg, February 15, 1963.
Residence: Edmonton
Children:
Monica Lynne, born November 27, 1962
Kim Michelle, born April 24, 1965
Grandchild:
Katlin Darnel, born October 28, 1985
Terrance Steven, born April 2, 1947, married Donna James, October 1, 1966, divorced, married Linda Rocque May 24, 1986.
Residence: Pender Island, B.C.
Children:
Trevor Michael, born April 18, 1968

SLEVINSKY, Dmetro and Katie (Odokiya)

After their marriage in the fall of 1912 Dmetro and Katie farmed in the district of Two Hills. During this time their children Mary, Mike, Nellie and Anne were born. Dmetro, then moved his family to Rosedale (known as Drumheller today) where Fred was born in 1921. In the spring of 1922, the family moved to a farm five miles north of Two Hills and the children attended Duvernay School. During this time, Steve, Rose, Elsie, Catherine and Adeline were born. In spring of 1939, the family moved to Fort Kent, 11 miles northeast of Bonnyville, with the exception of Mary who married Ostafy Kereliuk and remained in the Two Hills area.

During the years of hard times, Dmetro and Katie were able to mold an environment that would dictate to their children the success and accomplishments they experience today.

In 1957 Dmetro and Katie retired from farming and moved to Bonnyville.

Dmetro, born November 6, 1889 in Yaseniw, Hordanka, Galicia, Ukraine

Deceased: March 7, 1973

Parents: John and Maria Slevinsky

Katie (Odokiya-Chomik) born March 3, 1895 in Hordanka, Bukovina

Deceased January 4, 1983

Parents, Thomas and Frozena Chomik

Children and Marriages:
Mary - Ostafy Kereliuk
Mike - Teresa Tverdoclib
Nellie - Sam Burak
Ann - Emile Olson
Fred - Teena Yarama
Steve - Claire Letourneau
Rose - Jack Styles
Elsie - Wallace Hallwachs
Catherine - Victor Hallwachs
Adeline - George Woloshynuik

Dmetro and Katie (Odokiya) Slevinsky, circa 1962

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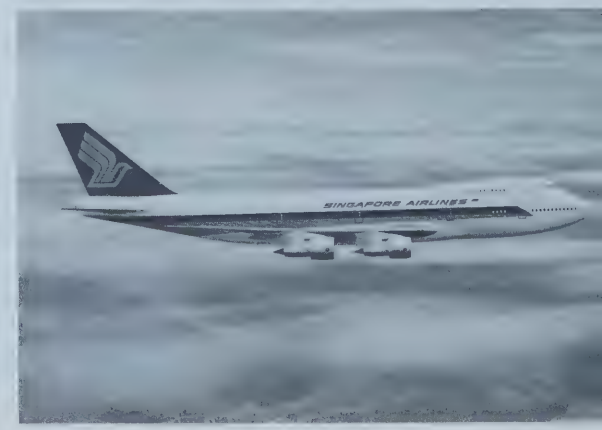

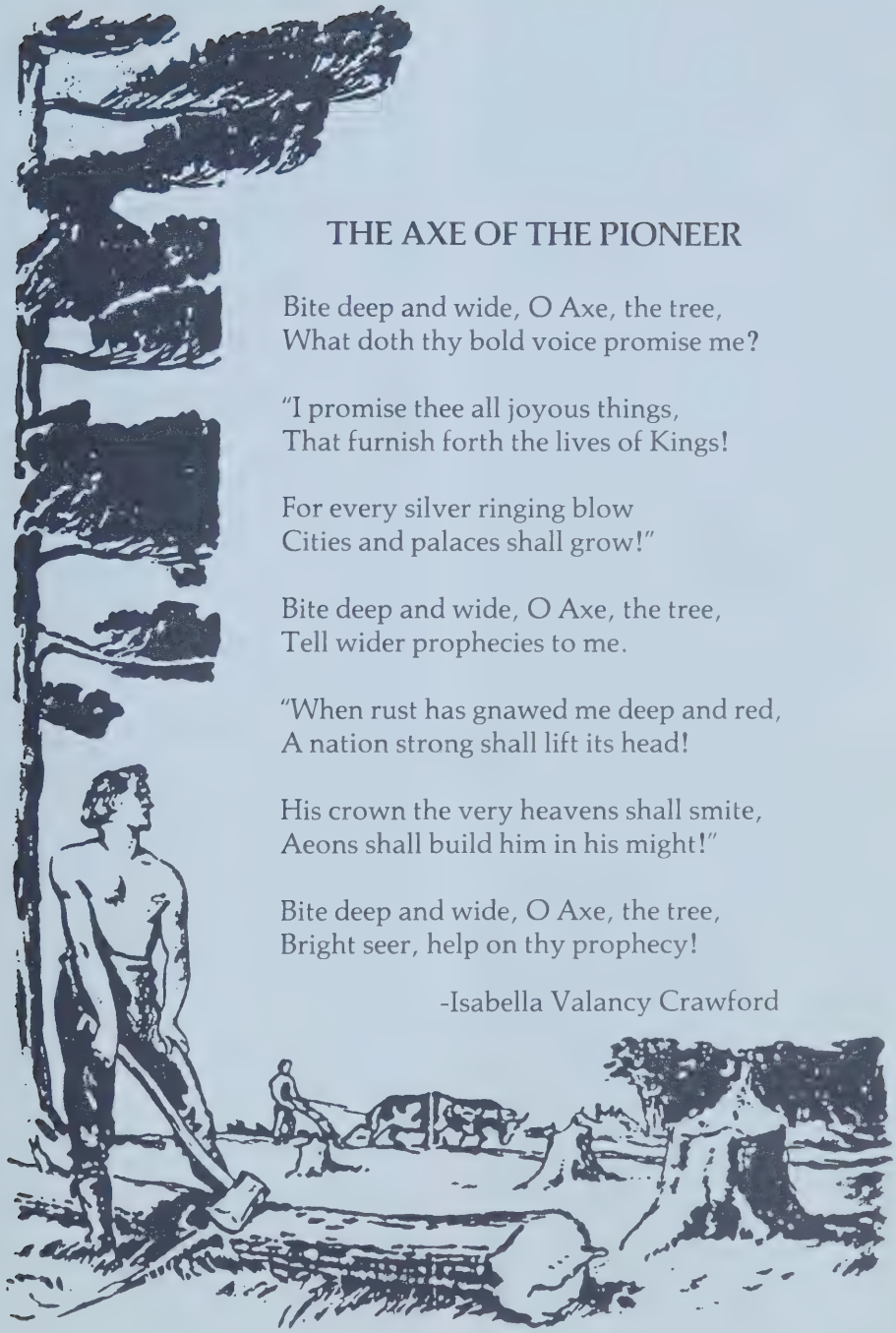

THE AXE OF THE PIONEER

Bite deep and wide, O Axe, the tree,
What doth thy bold voice promise me?

"I promise thee all joyous things,
That furnish forth the lives of Kings!

For every silver ringing blow
Cities and palaces shall grow!"

Bite deep and wide, O Axe, the tree,
Tell wider prophecies to me.

"When rust has gnawed me deep and red,
A nation strong shall lift its head!

His crown the very heavens shall smite,
Aeons shall build him in his might!"

Bite deep and wide, O Axe, the tree,
Bright seer, help on thy prophecy!

-Isabella Valancy Crawford

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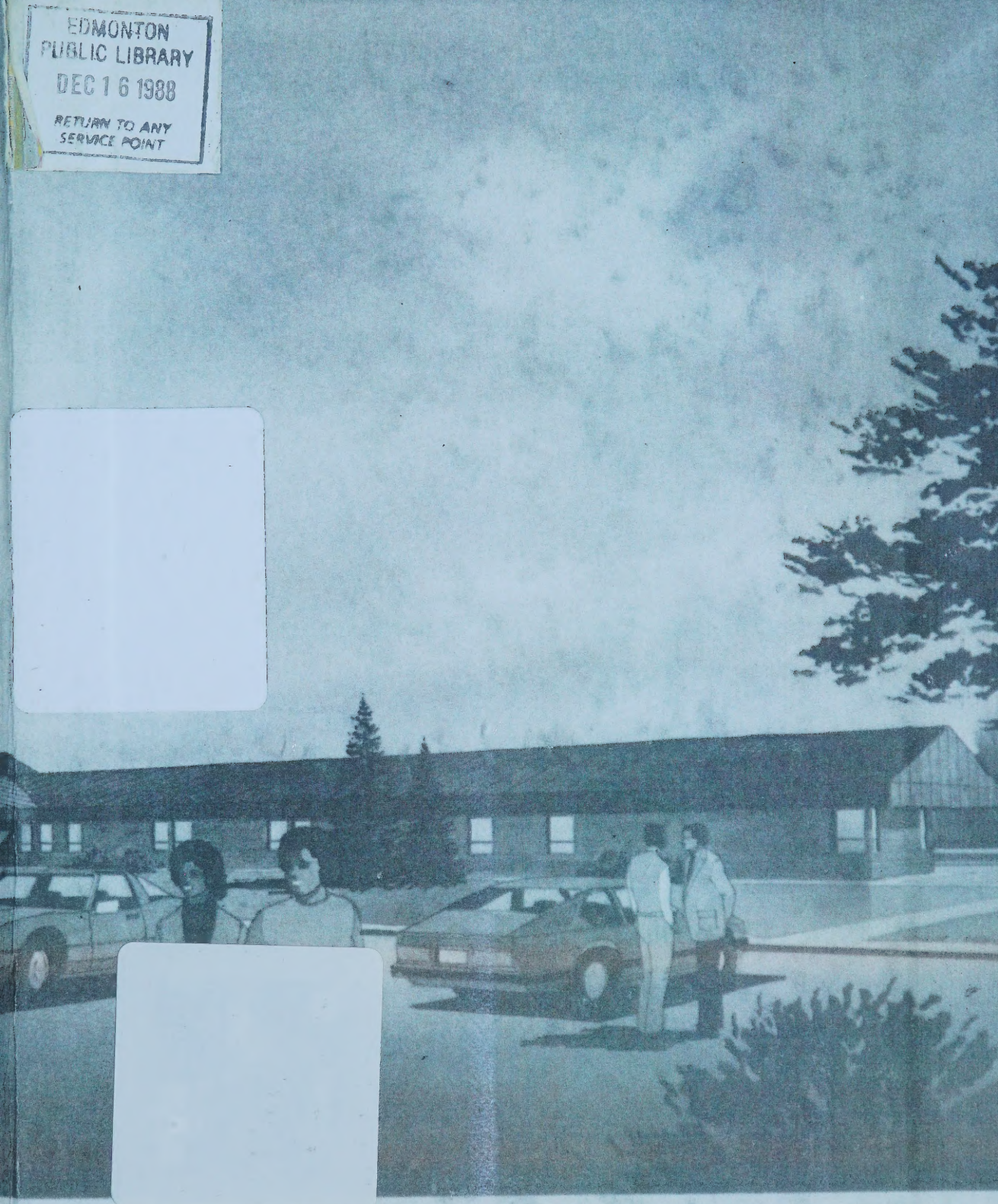
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